



March 6, 2010
Mt. Si Golf Club

SPRING TRUSTEE MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by President Mary Owen at 10:35 a.m.
2. Roll Call:

Roll call was done aloud and packets were handed out at the same time.
Member clubs with representatives present were as follows:

Alderbrook, Auburn, Camaloch, Capitol City, Cascade, Cedarcrest, CSR Business Women, Foster, Gold Mountain, Hawks Prarie, High Cedars, Jackson Jills, Lake Padden's Twilight, Lake Paddens Women, Lake Wilderness, Lynnwood, Madrona Links, Maplewood, Meadow Park, Mt. Adams, Port Gardner, Snohomish, Snoqualmie Falls, Sun Country, Suntides, The Home Course, Wayne and West Seattle

3. Prior Minutes:
 - a. Trustees approved waiving a formal reading of the minutes from the Fall 2009 meeting.
 - b. Mary Owen called for any corrections to the Fall 2009 minutes. None were noted.
 - c. Trustees approved the Fall 2009 meeting minutes as presented.
4. Updates and Executive Board Reports:
 - a. President Mary Owen introduced the board members and thanked the trustees for coming. She then invited the board members to provide reports as follows:
 - b. Treasurer Sue Shields provided the "2009 Actual" report (scanned and attached to the minutes). The report showed \$4,614 of income and \$5,879 of expenses. The expenses included just over \$900 in subsidizing the fall luncheon. The income is less than usual due to an error of paying out as tournament winnings the portion that is normally attributed to trophies.



The 2009 season was the first year that “Bill Pay” was used for tournament checks. Sue reported that this worked really well and that there was only one check that was delayed/lost by the post office.

Sue indicated to Trustees that they should expect their checks within a few days of the tournament and that it is a perforated paper check sent out of San Francisco. It can easily be assumed to be a “junk mailing” so watch carefully for it... If Trustees do not get it after three days, they should contact Sue Shields.

Action Item:

Trustees to look for perforated paper checks in the mail a few days after each tournament. If not received, contact Sue Shields.

Sue also provided a 2010 Proposed WSWPLA budget showing estimated revenue of \$5,400 and expenses of \$4,260 (see budget scanned and attached). The revenue will likely be less because the budget is based on 50 member clubs but we are probably only going to end up with 45. Also, the board added a \$200 budget for the rules chair.

If there is a surplus this year, Sue mentioned that she would probably recommend that the dues be lowered to \$50 next year.

One Trustee questioned if we should consider paying out cash or prizes in lieu of trophies since they are so expensive. The Board indicated that we are not allowed to pay out in cash and that people do like to have the trophies.

Another Trustee asked if they could pass on the payouts to their members in cash and the answer is no. Usually Trustees turn the checks into their pro shop to provide credit to their members with winnings.

A motion was made to approve the budget as presented with changes noted above. The motion passed unanimously.

- c. Vice President Sharon Caldwell asked for any leads for recruiting new members. Sharon said she will be contacting Willows Run.



Action Item:

Trustees to provide information to Sharon Caldwell with regard to potential member clubs for her to contact.

- d. Secretary Stacy Minnig reported that there were 42 member clubs paid to date. There were 49 members in 2009. Two new clubs have joined in 2010 (Mt. Adams and N. Bellingham) and six clubs have dropped due to low participation (Brookdale, Downriver, Lake Chelan, Meadowmeer, Rolling Hills and Tumwater Valley). Three clubs have yet to respond to renewal notices.

Stacy contacted the Brookdale ladies club to let them know that one of the events this year is being held at their home course in case that may generate enough interest in staying in the WSWPLA one more year. They thanked us for the invitation but still decided not to rejoin.

- e. Tournament Director Rita Wilson discussed the contents of the packets. In each packet is a contact sheet for the Trustees. One update was noted for Jackson Jills. The Trustee will be Cathy Woodburne. The Trustee list will be updated and the updated version will be posted on the website.

Rita discussed this year's Championship at Gold Mountain. Gold Mountain has two 18 hole courses and currently we are scheduled to play the Olympic course for two days and the Cascade course for one day. If this is switched so that the Cascade course is two days and Olympic one day, it would be a significant reduction in the cost. Rita also mentioned that the Cascade course is walkable but the Olympic course is more difficult and people would likely want carts.

Last year, the payout checks that Trustees received had a memorandum that broke out the winnings by player. This is time consuming and Rita told the Trustees that she will not be providing this information on the checks this year. Trustees will be able to obtain this information from the results as posted on the WSWPLA website.

Action Item:

Trustees to obtain payout information for their clubs from the results posted on the WSWPLA website after each tournament rather than receiving this information on the payout checks.



Another change for this season is that the checks going out will be slower as Rita needs to wait for all the information to come in such as somebody disqualifying themselves. This will alleviate the need to redo the payout calculations and adjust the checks.

Rita emphasized that when Trustees sign up their players for tournaments this season to be sure to indicate whether each player plans to ride or walk. This information is necessary for pairings and it also gives the course advance notice to have enough carts available. Players will continue to call the course directly to reserve their carts.

Action Item:

Trustees to indicate whether each player they sign up plans to ride or walk.
Players still need to reserve their own carts with the courses.

With regard to the turnaround time on the results for the Championship, Rita noted that they do everything they can as fast as possible but it is simply a time consuming effort. Rita suggested that perhaps we could provide some sort of organized games or activity to pass the time while the results are being tabulated.

A Trustee wanted to know if the payout checks could be made payable to the member club's treasurer instead of to the Trustee. The answer was no because the WSWPLA doesn't have this information and it would be too confusing.

Another Trustee asked if it was the Trustee's responsibility to get refunds for members who drop out. The answer was no.

Another question from a Trustee was for clarification on whether the deadline date on the tournament flyers was the deadline for players to sign up or the deadline for Trustees to have submitted their clubs' sign ups to the WSWPLA. The answer was that the deadline date is the date for Trustees to submit the roster via email to Rita. Checks can be mailed subsequently.



Action Item:

Trustees to email Rita their player registrations by the deadline date. The corresponding check can be mailed subsequently.

Mary reinforced to the Trustees that it is their responsibility to make sure the people signed up for their club know the rules and are eligible to compete.

Rita also mentioned that when players are members of more than one club, they need to choose which club they are playing under and play through that club the entire season.

The venue for the 2013 Championship is yet to be decided. Mary Owen is considering Sun Country as the feedback she received from ladies last year is that it was a nice course and a good location. Mary indicated that this course doesn't have a driving range and wondered if this would be a problem for the players. Mary stated that Suncadia is a 10 minute drive and has range facilities that player could use. The Trustees were asked to take this question to their members and provide feedback.

Action Item:

Trustees to ask their members whether holding the championship at a course that does not have a driving range would be an issue and email Mary with feedback. Mary's email is mowen@cablespeed.com.

- f. Rules Chair Judy Wolinski reminded Trustees to let their players know that if they are aware of someone violating the rules and allow that person in violation to carry on, then potentially both players could be disqualified. Judy recommended that if there is a disagreement, then simply do not sign the card and bring the matter to the attention of the rules chair.

July told Trustees that all of the rules are online at the usga.org website. The website also includes interactive rules quizzes.

- g. Historian Committee Chair Evie Nastos indicated that she was hoping to get pictures this year of all of the Trustees and is open to other suggestions for this season.



- h. Social/Ways and Means Committee Chair Sue McKinney discussed the Fall meeting and indicated that the date is tentatively set for Saturday, November 6th, 2010. She indicated that we may want to find a different location than Mt. Si as the venue at Mt. Si was very challenging in terms of being heard due to the noise levels. Sue would like suggestions of places that would not charge for a room but simply charge us for food.

Action Item:

Trustees to email Sue McKinney with suggestions for the Fall luncheon venue, preferably a place that does not charge for the room rental.

Sue asked for a show of hands as to whether Trustees cared if they dispense with the \$100 raffle (the raffle is difficult to coordinate). Sue indicated that they would still have the basket raffles. There were no objections from any of the Trustees.

- i. Trophies Committee Chair Cathy Woodburne indicated that she would look into what sales might be coming up and possibly order trophies early to get better pricing. In order to get any trophies early, she would need an idea of the number of flights for the Championship. Rita requested that Trustees provide a preliminary headcount for their participants.

Action Item:

Trustees to provide a preliminary head count for the Gold Mountain Championship.

5. New Business: President Mary Owen asked for any new business.

- a. Mary invited Barbara Chiado of Gold Mountain to provide an update for the initial plans for the 2010 championship. Barbara explained that this is going to be a simple, golf-oriented tournament with a buffet luncheon. The theme will be finalized shortly and will have a mountain focus. Hotel sheets are to come on the website in the next few weeks.

President Mary Owen noted that Gold Mountain ladies have been gracious to take this on without much notice. Mary also updated the Trustees concerning a written apology that she sent to the ladies of Gold Mountain which they accepted.

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- b. Mary requested volunteers to join the nominating committee to gather up officers for 2011. Trustees will check with their participants.
6. Adjourn: There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by President Mary Owen at 11:30 a.m.