

**HERON LAKES WOMEN'S GOLF CLUB  
MINUTES OF BOARD AND GOLF COMMITTEE MEETING  
JANUARY 10, 2015**

Minutes taken by Tracy Bardell in the absence of Secretary Beverly Bollinger. In attendance: Julie Gish, Hollis Brown, Luan Penner, Penny Wolsky, Tracy Bardell, Marsha Cutter, Nikki Jones, Pamela Bartlett

Meeting was opened by Julie with Introductions and review of By Laws. Julie shared her vision for this season is essentially the same as By Laws **Article 2 -Purpose** and to have the golf committee infuse some new ideas and fun.

**Treasurer Report** - Pamela Bartlett. Upon Julies suggestion Pamela went down through each section of the 2014 budget and the committee discussed, voted and revised for 2015

- Committee agreed that 70 members was a fair number to estimate (base) the budget on for 2015
- Team Captains fund was raised from \$150.00 to \$200 for Tuesday and from \$50.00 to \$75.00 for Saturday
- Memorial Event Fund was raised from \$100.00 to \$150.00
- Trophies / engraving fund determined to be sufficient and left unchanged. Note discussion about going to Plaques with Saturday & Tuesday Champions on them instead of trophies was unanimous in favor.
- Handicap and Rules were left on unchanged. Note there was \$0 budgeted in 2014 and since the rule books are good until 2015 and Heron Lakes Golf Course has been taking care of the computer, providing paper, and will be replacing printer Luan as well as other committee members saw no reason to budget funds in 2015
- OGA Dues would not be increasing nor would our Licensing so those line items will remain the same
- HLWGC Kickback check is expected soon. This is small percentage based on amount of online members.
- Hole in one reserve was raised from \$100.00 to \$200.00
- Publicity fund determined to be sufficient and left unchanged. Sidebar discussion on what is the best way to publicize the club. Nikki brought up Face book and all agreed; Julie proposed Large poster in the outdoor Kiosk on the deck and possibly a smaller one in the ladies room.
- US bank plans to start charging for mailed paper statements (\$14.00) so Pam and Julie will work together to get online statements set up to avoid a monthly cost of \$14.00
- Pam and Penny will coordinate a time to go to US bank to become the 2015 signers of HLWGC checks

**Review** of the Minutes from 2014 Annual Membership meeting. Marsha motioned to accept, Luan second and all were in favor.

**Secretary / Membership Report** : Julie Gish filling in for Bev

- Last year HLWGC budgeted on (estimated) 65 members and we had 73. This year we are budgeting for 70.
- Last year there were 8 members who handicapped elsewhere and this year expected to be 6
- Paid members as of today are 28 for Tuesday and 3 for Saturday
- Luan mentioned an idea of changing the drop day (inactive in the OGA handicap system) of 1/15 instead of 2/15 as this would help those that live in dual states to remember to pay their HLWGC dues. Some discussion ensued however since this date of 2/15 is in the by laws no action was taken.

### **New Programs:**

- Julie would like to make sure all new members are welcomed personally with a call or letter. Some attendees at meeting thought that this was already in place and that Barb Sincere was sending a welcome letter out. Julie would like to be sure that Bev knows about this or that Julie is informed about any new member and she will follow up with a welcome.
- Julie recommends having several Tuesday and Saturday Ambassadors. These would be congenial members who would help new members understand and acclimate to being a member of an organized golf club. This would include such things as assisting with etiquette, rules, explain ringer book, introducing them around the club etc.
- Marsha mentioned how important placing them as well as any guest in pairing that is fun. It is something the Tuesday and Saturday VP should be in tune with.
- OGA Interclub play will be back with some changes. There will be more divisions and those flights will be based on the results of year one. The scoring is expected to be different; the season will run May -October as it did last year. After brief discussion the committee voted to support / Join Interclub play in 2015. Janet Elliott will bring information to the club as it is available.
- Website review yielded a couple of concerns, Marsha noted that it would be nice if the Women's Club had a quick Link like the mens club does. Also it would be good to have a different photo when one does click on the Women's club page. Maybe one that shows a foursome on the green or somewhere on the course instead of a group of women inside (note: current photo is from Memorial Event 2013). Julie Suggested removing financial report as well as News letters from 2 years ago (maybe just have current year or previous plus current). The website needs to be revised to reflect what current sign up for days play procedure is (No longer do we use a voicemail system). Julie to work with the VP and club to make revisions
- Tuesday and Saturday VPs will talk with Men's club about having a combined event
- It was discussed and decided that the Birdie board was not Inclusive and that something else could be created. Julie asked for ideas and to follow up with any by emailing her. Penny suggested having a Milestone Board or goal board. It would reflect when a person with in a certain handicap range / flight breaks 110, 100, 90, 80. Everyone seemed to like this idea. In any event Birdie board was voted out.

### **Team Captains Report** (Tuesday / Saturday Vice Presidents)

- Hollis will be working with Tracy and Kylon to nail it down ASAP
- Nikki will be touching base with Janet about Tuesday schedule

### **Tournament Report** (Tuesday Team Chair was not present)

- Question - if or why is Saturday and Tuesday not conducting tournaments the same. Tracy reported Saturday conducts the Club Championship the same (two day event with a gross champion and then a winner in each flight) but the Spring and Fall Handicaps are a single day tournament and have not been a partnered event in a few years. The reason for this is directly related to the low participation and if they are two day events the number of participants would drop even more. There is nothing in the by laws that states the Tuesday Team and Saturday Team Handicap tournaments need to be identical so until the Saturday numbers go up the Handicap tournaments will remain one day.
- There was discussion about Tuesday tournaments being held on a Monday Tuesday or on Consecutive Tuesdays. There apparently have been several complaints and concerns with the Monday/Tuesday format and the consensus was to have it be Tuesday / Tuesday. *PLEASE CHECK WITH JULIE ON THIS*
- Tracy to Contact Pam Smith to propose a date of June 27 for the Memorial Event
- Reminder that Tournament Chairs should contact the Greens Crew one to two weeks before tournaments so the course can be marked and in good shape.

**Local Rules**

- Committee voted to add being able to remove a stone from a bunker into the local rules. USGA something in writing on this and Marsha Cutter to follow up with getting it

**Standing Rules**

- The committee voted to revise the Standing rules to adopt the OGA handicap policy verbatim as our (HLWGC) handicap policy in section 5.0 of the standing rules and to delete 5.7 and 5.8 of the HLWGC Handicap policy as these are already stated in our by laws.

**Discussion on Annual Luncheon** yielded positive feedback about Riverside and Penny will follow up with them with the likely date of October 10.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM