

NWGA BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Fairvue Country Club

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Old Hickory Country Club – June 12, 2014

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ROLL CALL

Officers:

President Joanne Walker (FP & FH)

1st Vice President Mary Ruth Geny (H)

2nd Vice President Rhonda Manous (FO & FH)

Secretary Marion Howard (TH) absent

Treasurer Sharon Aylor (L)

Past Presidents: Committee Chairs:

Debbie McDuffie (FH) Jr. Golf, Gena Ridings (L)

Mary Kelly, (FO) Nominating, Sandy Hayes (GC)

Beverly White (OH) Historian/Publicity, Debbie McDuffie (FH) Handicap, Cathy Wedekind (OH)

Club Reps:

Bluegrass, Catherine Sutton

Brentwood, Malene Grant

Fairvue, Janet Vaden

Five Oaks, Traci Peel

Foxland Harbor, Debbie McDuffie

Governors Club, Jean Acton

Hillwood, Marty Jordan

Legends, Gena Ridings

Nashville Golf

Old Hickory, JoAnn Pence & Geneva Pugh

Old Natchez

Richland

Temple Hills, Shirley Boswinkle & Shawn Anderson

Westhaven, Judy Boscamp

WELCOME – President Joanne Walker called the meeting to order by welcoming everyone to our 2014 Summer Meeting of NWGA activities as we continue to celebrate our 90th anniversary! She thanked the board members for their dedication to NWGA and their support in securing our play days and special events for a FUN 2014 season. She reviewed the NWGA purpose and stressed that it should impact all actions and decisions of both the Board and membership during the 2014 NWGA play season.

REMINDERS Joanne shared a general reminder regarding pace of play, appropriate golf etiquette and dress code. A USGA handout, previously given to each club representative to pass along to members reminding them of these points, was referenced. She made one suggestion to Club Reps that can be used as gentle reminders each week with our weekly play. Each group can make a notation of their end time from their golf round on their score card before returning in the Pro shop. Although dress code suggestions were on the website, Joanne asked each board member to help set good examples for our organization.

WAYS OF WORKING ANNOUNCEMENTS NWGA HISTORY: A summary of our 90 years of NWGA history is in progress to be placed on the website later this year. All Past Presidents have been requested to please submit their memories and significant priorities during their tenure and/or special memories of NWGA. These will be captured as part of the history. Joanne also asked for

any board members who are friends with some of our elderly Past Presidents to assist in capturing information from them that can be included.

COMMUNICATION METHODS TO MEMBERS: Board members requested at the beginning of this term for communications to go through the Club Reps to members. Most Club Reps have affirmed this as a preferred process, however, a question has been raised regarding any time sensitive communications; i.e. Sunshine emails. Joanne has sent direct communications to all individual members on specific issues; i.e. Invitational date change. After discussion from the group, it was agreed to continue general communications through the Club Reps to members with direct communication to members with discretion from the President. Joanne will work with Sunshine Chair to incorporate direct member communications for Sunshine emails.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER RECOMMENDATION: Joanne Walker presented the attached recommendation from the 2014 Membership Committee to recommend Mary Bush as an Honorary Life Member of NWGA. Sandy Hayes made the motion to accept the recommendation, and Mary Kelly seconded. The motion passed.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES, January 2014 – Joanne thanked Marion Howard for serving as Secretary, and asked everyone to keep Marion and Tommy in their prayers as Tommy recuperates from eye surgery. Joanne made notation of 'roll call'. As the minutes were posted on the website for review from the January Board Meeting, and no corrections or additions were identified, a motion to approve was made by Debbie McDuffie and seconded by Marty Jordan. The minutes were approved.

1st VP REPORT - Joanne thanked 1st Vice President Mary Ruth Geny for her hard work and efforts in managing the 2014 schedule. Mary Ruth provided an update on weekly play: 106 sleeves/26.2 cases of balls have been earned through May 29, 2014 play day. Reps can pick up the balls for their club today. We have had an average of 44 players per play day this season (33 low due to weather and a high of 50). Mary Ruth asked all board members to encourage participation from their local members.

Major tournament updates were provided:

Pro Lady @ Hillwood – May 15: Marty Jordan provided a summary report (attached). A great turnout of 29 teams participated in the event. A discussion was held regarding the financial template for this event as entries cover NWGA member players but not the Pros.

Invitational/Championship @ Foxland Harbor – June 4-5: Debbie McDuffie reiterated that the event has been rescheduled for August 5 & 6. All prizes have been received, and she encouraged everyone to participate for a FUN event at the new club house at Foxland Harbor. Joanne Walker and Cathy Wedekind both made encouraging remarks to increase participation for our signature major event of the season.

Handicap @ Five Oaks – July 16-17: Traci Peel announced upcoming plans for the Handicap Tournament at Five Oaks. There will be a 9 a.m. shotgun start each day for this two-day event. Mary Ruth stressed the need for Club Reps to encourage play in all tournaments. Joanne suggested that the Future Policy Committee review the last 6-10 years of our major events for trends in participation, cost, format, etc. in order to develop viable financial and participative interest in all of our events and make recommendations to the Board at a future meeting.

2nd VP REPORT – Joanne thanked Rhonda Manous for serving as 2nd Vice President. Rhonda had no new information for reporting, but requested that any contact information updates be provided so that the Master Listing can be maintained throughout the year as we use this information for contacting members. **TREASURER REPORT-** Joanne thanked Sharon Aylor for serving as Treasurer. Sharon presented the Treasurer's report (see attached) which showed a balance of \$16,642.10. All Pro Lady expenses have not been posted. The current 240 members is slightly below the 248 in the original 2014 budget. With this reduction in dues income and a slight increase in expenses for Directory and Pro Lady, the year end estimated balance could be approximately \$1,000 less than reviewed in January. However, many activities are still on the slate through the year to monitor expenses. Shirley Boswinkle made a motion to accept the Treasurer Report and Rhonda Manous seconded. The report was accepted as presented. Joanne reviewed the January board meeting agreement regarding stipulated funds from our

Junior Golf donations. The 2013 funds were donated for 2014 First Tee requested scholarships/sponsorships for attendees at TGA events. The current \$1,615 from 2014 will need to be designated for 2015 contributions. It was agreed that this discussion will be placed on the September 2014 board meeting agenda to designate allocation of funds. The example areas discussed where the money has been requested by First Tee and TGA is for Bonnie Blackburn Golf Camp attendees, Girls Jr Amateur Championship sponsorship, and Girls Jr Amateur Championship sponsorships for participants from First Tee.

OLD BUSINESSNWGA SHIRTS: Joanne shared that two (2) NWGA shirts are available for \$28 each in size M. One shirt was sold with one remaining.

ELECTRONIC SIGNUP: No new information has been received for consideration for weekly play day electronic sign up. Traci Peel shared that of the systems that are available, none have been identified which meet the current needs of NWGA. Joanne also shared that a technology grant opportunity had been investigated, but NWGA is not eligible as we are not a 501 (c) 3 organization. She shared that this item will be removed from the agenda at this time, but can be revisited if pertinent options become available in the future.

COMMITTEE REPORTSHandicap Chair Cathy Wedekind presented one (1) New Member Application for membership: Hollie Jackson from Old Hickory. Judy Boscamp seconded the motion, and the membership was accepted by the board's vote. JoAnn Pence should have this new member to send their dues to Sharon Aylor, Treasurer. A question was raised regarding age limit for NWGA membership. A review of the NWGA membership requirements indicates an individual who is a member of a member club as well as a member of their club's ladies 18 hole golf association.

Cathy also reminded everyone to report their scores from any time you play. Historian Debbie McDuffie had no news to report. Rules Chair Libbey Hagewood could not be with us today. Jr. Golf Chair Gena Ridings shared that next equipment collection date for First Tee will be the Legends play date. Gena also shared her overwhelming support and recognition that our Jr. golf donations are a worthwhile contribution to the Bonnie Blackburn Golf Camp. First Tee play days are today, June 12th and July 12th. Gena also announced a volunteer opportunity for AJGA. Sunshine Chair Cathy McIntire could not be in attendance, but thanks to her for sending our sunshine notices. Please contact her with any news that should be shared with our membership. Website Chair Nancy Schenk could not be with us today, but thanks to Nancy for her efficient management of our NWGA website. Mary Ruth reminded all Club Reps to send their information for the website to Nancy in 'word format'.

Adjourn - Joanne asked for further new business. There was none. She thanked everyone again for their support, and the meeting was adjourned.
Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Walker scribe for Marion Howard, Secretary

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ATTACHMENT TO JUNE MEETING

2014 NWGA Pro/Lady

Hillwood Country Club

Thursday, May 15th was the date of play at Hillwood.

We started accepting applications a few weeks before the event date. I would suggest you set the rules for accepting applications early, because one club sent a check for 3 teams with no names

or entry forms, which made matters confusing.

Each team gets 2 teams of one pro and three NWGA members and if space is available and your club pro agrees, you can add third teams to fill the field. Twenty-eight teams is what I had considered a full field. (14 clubs X 2 teams each).

We wanted to make sure everyone who wanted to play got to play, but I would say to have a plan in place about how you will decide how to cut off the entries, if needed. Also, I would recommend that each club keep a waiting list of any members who are not on the first teams, because there were calls at the very last minute trying to find subs because of cancelations.

Our pro, Mike Lathrop, Kim DeMoss and I worked on the details of the day of play, like local rules, rain/weather alternatives, etc. To decide on a price, we looked at past years at other clubs, so be sure your pro agrees to your price for cart fees. From there, we figured what we could afford to plan our lunch menu and prizes.

I met with our catering director to make arrangement. NWGA gives \$200 towards breakfast items to use at your discretion. The most important thing I learned is to be sure when pricing lunch and cart fees, you include tax and gratuity in your price per person. Also, it may seem obvious, but remember that for every three people paying, four people are eating, because our entries cover our pros' lunches.

I think, with the exception of the inclement weather, the day went well. It was unusually cold and drizzly for the middle of May, so the club brought us hot chocolate to help us keep warm.

We had 29 teams, which meant 11 tee boxes had 2 teams to begin, but even with a full field, we finished in about 4 hours and 45 minutes. Because of weather, we were on cart paths only.

The remainder of the entry money was divided for prizes listed on another page.

Respectfully Submitted by

Marty Jordan

Hillwood NWGA Representative

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NWGA OPENING DAY - APRIL 10, 2014

The Club at Fairview Plantation

NWGA 90th Anniversary Celebration

Members present: 86 players (see attached)

President Joanne Walker called the meeting to order following a delicious lunch provided by the Chef at Fairvue Plantation. She thanked everyone for attending, as there were 86 members playing. She reiterated that this was a special welcome as well to the 90 year celebration of NWGA. She then gave a very sweet and timely blessing (see attached).

Next, the opening day Bramble results were announced.

Guest Team (121)*: Joanne Walker, Maggie Scott, Mary Frances Evers, Mary Ruth Geny

1st place (124) Team of Carlton, Pearce, Parkinson and Mathis

2nd place (127) Team of Hamada, Gregory, Epley and Spears

3rd place (128/61) Team of Demoss, Hoot, Aylor and**

4th place (128/67) Team of Crawford, Hillemeier, Mowery and

5th place (128/(69) Team of Sels, Wedekind, Howard and Cline

***Honorable Mention Guest Team**

****Won scorecard playoff**

Closest to pin Debbie McDuffie

Longest Putt JoAnn Pence

Joanne then welcomed eight (8) new members who have joined NWGA this year:

Deanne DeWitt, Pam Ogden and Jan Spears from Fairvue Plantation

Linda Adcock from Brentwood Country Club

Sharon Mulloy from Hillwood Country Club

Susan Parsons from Legends Club

Kim Shallcross from Richland Country Club

Lucia Hillenmeyer from Westhaven Country Club
There were also two (2) member re-instatements brought to attention:

Billie Belew from Five Oaks Club

Rhonda Nadasdi from Governors Club

Joanne then gave a short review of the previous board meeting in which emphasis was placed on continuing to reinforce our commitment to the purpose of NWGA, as stated in our by-laws. She also mentioned reminding players of proper etiquette, dress code and pace of play. Also, the board had been asked to pass on to membership the availability of information on our website and to encourage the perusal of it often. She shared that our bylaws allow us to accept new members at all board meetings: Winter, Summer, and Fall.

Next, Joanne recognized the past presidents who were in attendance and asked that they come forward for a photo:

Sis Cohn (who served two separate terms), Beverly White, Gen Williams, Linda McDugald, Kay Lunsford, Gail Smothers, Mary Kelly, and Debbie McDuffie. She called special attention to Sis, who has been a member of NWGA for 60 years.

Thank you's were also given by Joanne to Cary Collins and staff for the excellent coordination of the opening day scramble. Also thanked were the Chef and food staff, club reps Janet Vaden and Sonja Castleman, and to Debbie McDuffie for help with the anniversary celebration banner.

A special birthday cake was then brought out and the entire group sang Happy Birthday to NWGA for 90 years of golf. Joanne gave some interesting historical facts regarding the past years and reminded everyone to peruse the memorabilia from our long history that was displayed for everyone. (see attached)

Secretary Marion Howard asked for any input on the minutes from last year's closing luncheon which were placed on each table for reading. She also reminded everyone that all minutes from meetings, board meetings and executive committee meetings were posted on the website for everyone to see. There were no additions or corrections. Gail Smothers Smith made a motion to accept, Kay Lunsford seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer Sharon Aylor then gave the 2014 financial report (see attached). We have 238 members this year, which is down 10 from last year. Of those 238, 154 members made a contribution to Junior Golf. A thank you was read from TGA in regard to our donations and an explanation of the giving was made to show that we are committing to sending 10 junior girls to this year's Bonnie Blackburn camp and to sending 2 junior girls to the 2014 Amateur Championship.

1st Vice President Mary Ruth Geny reviewed the 2014 schedule and highlighted the major tournament events. She thanked club reps for their hard work and reminded them to pick up prize balls to take to their respective members. Mary Ruth also highlighted the TGA events and said that Joanne had copies of the 4 Ball and Senior Tournament entry forms for anyone that wished to have one.

Second Vice President Rhonda Manous thanked everyone for their input into the new member directory and reviewed the book, which shows a beautiful cover with the 90th anniversary celebration logo.

Joanne called on Gail Smothers Smith to report on the Future Policy actions. The group was reminded that the requirement of a 19.0 GHIN handicap for admission would be in effect for three years. This was done to increase membership and to give potential members a defined goal to reach. Division A will continue to be made up of players with a 17.0 GHIN or below handicap. And Division B will continue to be at 17.1 GHIN or above handicap. Gail also said that more investigation and review would be given in the coming months to whether a program for electronic sign up for weekly play would be installed.

Handicap Chairman Cathy Wedekind gave her report, mentioning again that everyone should post every golf score throughout the year. She also stated that the timeline for Most Improved NWGA player starts March 1 and ends October 1.

Junior Golf Chairman Gena Ridings stressed again the importance of all members volunteering at

Junior events. She outlined those events and reminded everyone that golf equipment could be donated at the Westhaven and Legends play days.

Website Chairman Nancy Schenk asked that club reps not fax results sheets to her, but to please put those into a Word format for her to use on the website. Joanne thanked her for the excellent work she does on the site.

Joanne also thanked committee members not in attendance.

Joanne then introduced a very special guest speaker, Maggie Scott. Maggie is the current Tennessee Senior Women's Amateur Champion and has held that particular honor 8 times in the past. With her additional win of Tennessee Amateur Champion, she holds a total of ten Tennessee amateur tournament wins, which is the state record and an honor that is extremely notable. Maggie had the group spellbound with her advice, humor and memories of past tournaments and friends; and, she was warmly applauded for such a wonderful and inspiring message.

Before closing the meeting, Joanne mentioned that there were a couple of NWGA shirts still available. She thanked the 86 players who participated today (see attached) and said that she looks forward to a very special year of celebration and great golf for our group. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marion Howard, Secretary
Attachments: Roll call

Copy of prayer

Treasurer's report

History of NWGA Highlights

Copy of Maggie Scott's speech
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NWGA OPENING DAY BLESSING

The Club @ Fairvue Plantation

Thursday, April 10, 2014

Our graciously heavenly Father, we come to you today with thanksgiving for all of the blessings that you bestow upon us. We are thankful for this beautiful day, and we ask your blessing upon this food to the nourishment of our bodies so that our lives will reflect that we are your true disciples of Jesus.

We thank you for our military keeping us safe and fighting for our freedom. That freedom includes our opportunity to play this great game of golf which affords us to meet so many wonderful life-long friends. It is with that spirit in mind that we share this golfer's prayer for your guidance in our lives.

'Almighty God, as we play through our 18 holes of life, we pray that you will give us a drive that is both long enough to reach our goals, and yet straight enough to keep us out of trouble.

Help us to avoid the traps and hazards of life; nevertheless, should we find ourselves in them, give us the tools, skills and desire to escape them with no penalty. May we all always stay in bounds.

Help us to be willing to stand by and not play through those in genuine need. Ay we always play

with honor.

And finally, when we've putted out on the 18th green, we pray that we will have demonstrated the integrity of our character so that you will judge us worthy enough to join your threesome and play eternally on your heavenly course.'

We ask all these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

April 2014

New paragraph

NWGA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Club @ Fairvue Plantation – January 16, 2014

Meeting Objectives:

Highlight NWGA Purpose as foundation for all activities.

Highlight our privilege to be members of NWGA.

Collaborative planning for the 2014 NWGA season.

Clarification on ways of working: streamline business & allow focus on playing golf.

Expected Outcomes:

All board members updated on current events.

Agreements on Officer & Committee reports for 2014 season.

Agreements on any new member applications.
Agreements on Future Policy Committee recommendations.

ROLL CALL

Officers:

President Joanne Walker (FP & FH)
1st Vice President Mary Ruth Geny (H)
2nd Vice President Rhonda Manous (FO & FH)
Secretary Marion Howard (TH)
Treasurer Sharon Aylor (L)

Past Presidents:

Debbie McDuffie (FH)
Mary Kelly, (FO)
Gail Smothers Smith (L)

Committee Chairs:

Jr Golf, Gena Ridings (L)
Nominating, Sandy Hayes (GC)
Historian/Publicity, Debbie McDuffie (FH)

Club Reps:

Bluegrass, Catherine Sutton
Brentwood, Linda Post
Fairvue, Janet Vaden & Sonja Castleman
Five Oaks, Traci Peel
Foxland Harbor, Debbie McDuffie
Governors Club, Jean Acton
Hillwood, Marty Jordan
Legends, Star Mowery & Gena Ridings
Nashville Golf, Betsy Davie
Old Hickory
Old Natchez, Jana Porpora
Richland, Debbie Parker
Temple Hills, Shirley Boswinkle & Shawn Anderson
Westhaven,

WELCOME – President Joanne Walker called the meeting to order by welcoming everyone to a new year of NWGA activities. She thanked the board members for their dedication to NWGA and their support in securing our play days and special events for a FUN 2014 season. She reviewed the NWGA purpose and stressed that it should impact all actions and decisions of both the Board and membership during the 2014 NWGA play season. Joanne shared that this is the 50th Board in our NWGA history, and reminded everyone that this is the 90th year for the association (plans for the celebration would be detailed at a later date). Let’s make 2014 a FUN year of celebration. She said that Past Presidents Debbie McDuffie and Mary Kelly have offered to assist in capturing a synopsis of the past 90 years and asked that any Past President please submit their memories and significant priorities during their tenure and/or special memories of NWGA.

Joanne reiterated our need for attention to pace of play, appropriate golf etiquette and dress code. A USGA handout was given to each club representative to pass along to members reminding them of these points. Although dress code suggestions were on the website, Joanne was asked by board members to send out an email addressing the dress code prior to play day season.

Joanne thanked the club reps for their hard work and in preparation for the 2014 season, highlighted the club rep duties:

Represent their respective club members and to represent their input

Encourage participation in NWGA events, both weekly and in the major tournaments

Continue stressing the privilege of being a member of NWGA.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES, January 2013 – Joanne thanked Marion Howard for serving as Secretary. Marion led ‘roll call’. Marion shared that the minutes were posted on the website for review from the September Board Meeting. There were no corrections or additions and the motion to approve was made by Sonja Castleman and seconded by Mary Kelly. The minutes were approved.

1st VP REPORT - Joanne thanked 1st Vice President Mary Ruth Geny for her hard work efforts in securing the 2014 schedule. Mary Ruth provided the major tournament dates: Pro Lady @ Hillwood – May 15; Championship @ Foxland Harbor – June 4-5; Handicap @ Five Oaks – July 16-17(location changed from Legends to Five Oaks after board meeting); Lad n Lassie @ Bluegrass – October 10. The TGA women’s events were shared as listed on the schedule (attached). Mary Ruth stressed the need for club reps to encourage play in all tournaments.

Immediately following the Board Meeting business, Mary Ruth met with the club reps to review details on responsibilities and reporting for the 2014 season.

2nd VP REPORT – Joanne thanked Rhonda Manous for serving as 2nd Vice President. Rhonda stated that she will be working with Sharon Aylor, Treasurer, on membership updates. She asked for any additional updates on contact information no later than March 1 for the directory publication. Joanne thanked Rhonda and reps for their attention to this information in preparing our 2014 directory.

TREASURER REPORT- Joanne thanked Sharon Aylor for serving as Treasurer. Sharon presented the Treasurer’s report (see attached) by first going over the 2013 year end statement which showed a balance of \$8,174.74. She then presented the proposed 2014 budget and opened the discussion for the board members. The new budget differs from 2013 only by a one-time expense for the 90th celebration, as well as for the bi-annual yearend favors for the membership. The group voted in favor of the increase in spending and to have the yearend favors to be especially significant for the celebration.

Joanne shared the First Tee request for scholarships/sponsorships for attendees at TGA events. A lengthy discussion followed on the best way to approach our junior golf donations for First Tee. It was agreed that each year, our junior golf donations will be sent with a stipulation of how we have designated specific spending. For 2013 donation, the Board voted to have the donation designated for 10 junior entries to the Bonnie Blackburn golf Camp (\$60 each person) and a minimum of 2 entries to qualified juniors to attend the TGA Girls’ Jr Amateur Championship, with the balance used in their program funding. First Tee will be requested to provide an accounting to NWGA on the expenditures of our donations in the future. The motion was made by Shawn Anderson and seconded by Janet Vaden and passed by the Board.

Betsy Davie asked that we do more to increase the awareness of our general membership on where their \$10 junior golf donation does, and Joanne agreed that we will do that.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BOARD ACTIONS – Future Policy Committee

On behalf of Mary Bush, Chair of the Future Policy Committee, Joanne provided the committee report. As the NWGA bylaws state that new members can be discussed and approved at any Board Meeting, the Future Policy Committee has recommended that we accept new members in our Winter Board Meeting in addition to Spring and Fall meetings. Based on this clarification, new membership applications are submitted for today's Board Meeting.

The Future Policy Committee is recommending to the Board that the handicap limit for membership be raised from 17.0 to 19.0. The Division A will remain at 17.0 and below and Division B will remain at 17.1 and above. A motion to accept was made by Catherine Sutton, seconded by Sandy Hayes, and passed unanimously.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS – New member applications were reviewed by member clubs. Eight (8) new member applicants had met all requirements and had completed and signed the new member application form. Catherine Sutton made a motion that all eight (8) applicants be approved for membership, and Sonja Castleman seconded the motion. All were approved as follows: Brentwood – Linda Adcock; Fairvue Plantation – Deanne DeWitt, Pam Ogden, Jan Spears; Hillwood – Sharon Mulloy; Legends – Susan Parsons; Richland – Kim Shallcross; Westhaven – Lucia Hillenmeyer.

Respective club reps were asked to have these new members to immediately send their dues to Sharon Aylor, Treasurer, to ensure their inclusion in the 2014 directory.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Handicap Chair Cathy Wedekind was not able to join us today, but thanks for her dedication and efficient responses on new member applications and matters of NWGA handicap practices. She shared information that NWGA will follow the TGA timeline for calculation of Most Improved Player; March 1 – October 1.

Historian Debbie McDuffie requested help from anyone that might be interested in taking pictures or helping assemble our scrapbook.

Rules Chair Libbey Hagewood could not be with us today, but shared that the PGA/USGA Rules of Golf Workshop Schedule is available with one session in Memphis. Thanks to Libbey for sending rules education materials.

Jr. Golf Chair Gena Ridings thanked the group for their volunteer efforts and for donations. She reiterated that First Tee welcomes any type of equipment that is in good working order. She will be in communication with First Tee to discuss our volunteer opportunities for this year. She will also be talking with Tracy Parsons regarding our volunteer efforts for the Bonnie Blackburn. Any NWGA member interested in working our middle TN TGA events this summer can contact Gena or Joanne.

Sunshine Chair Cathy McIntire could not be in attendance, but thanks to her for sending our sunshine notices. Please contact her with any news that should be shared with our membership.

Website Chair Nancy Schenk could not be with us today, but thanks to Nancy for her efficient management of our NWGA website. Please remember Nancy as she is recovering from her surgery, and we hope she is back with us by Opening Day.

OLD BUSINESS

Online signup for weekly play – Continued research will be done as to whether we can implement an online signup program for weekly tee times. There was some discussion given to the problem

of letting members who are present on the specific play day have sign up priority over those not present. Also, there is a cost consideration. The Future Policy Committee will continue to research this idea. Traci Peel stated that she will submit a detailed proposal on how a system could work effectively and cost efficiently.

NWGA Shirts – President Joanne Walker shared that we still have five (5) NWGA shirts available for \$28 each (3 LG, 2 M). If anyone would like to order additional shirts for availability at Opening Day, orders can be accepted with a minimum of 12 total shirts for an order.

Adjourn - Joanne asked for further new business. There was none. She thanked everyone again for their hard work and support, and the meeting was adjourned. The group assembled for lunch together immediately following the Board Meeting.

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