

NWGA CLOSING DAY – OCTOBER 24, 2013

THE CLUB @ FAIRVUE PLANTATION

Meeting Objectives: Highlight NWGA Purpose as foundation for all activities. Hold Fall Membership Meeting Update.

Expected Outcomes: All members updated on current reports & committees. Agreements on any new business actions.

Members Present:

Bluegrass: Catherine Sutton, Shelly Barnes

Fairvue: Sonja Castleman, Brenda Mathis, Joanne Walker

Five Oaks: Sue Akers, Mary Kelly, Rhonda Manous, Sue Prosch, Jeanne Rooley

Foxland Harbor: Kathy Barber, Anita Greene, Chieko Hamada, Debbie McDuffie

Governors Club: Jean Acton, Susie Charbonneau, Roxann Hunley, Maureen Johnson, Ginger Oglesby, Renee Pesavento, Holly Petrosky

Hillwood: Susan Brannon, Mary Ruth Geny, Melinda Srebnick

Legends: Sandy Hayes, Gena Ridings, Janice Sauter, Gail Smothers-Smith

Nashville Golf & Athletic: Betsy Davie

Old Hickory: Freda Farley, Linda Gentry, Cathy McIntire, Jo Ann Pence, Pat Sofranko, Cathy Wedekind

Richland: Donna Robers

Temple Hills: Jennifer Beres, Shirley Boswinkle, Kate Caswell, Suzanne Cheek, Rhonda Cincere, Cathy Hoot, Sandee O'Dowd, Joanne Parkinson, Carol Prince, Claudia Rothe, Mary Del Scobey

Welcome – President Joanne Walker welcomed the membership to The Club at Fairvue Plantation and to our 2013 Closing Day membership meeting. She asked Donna Robers to give the blessing. Closing Day Bramble Results Cary Collins, Fairvue Plantation Head Golf Professional announced the winners of the day's events.

Closest to the hole – Gena Ridings

Longest Putt on Hole #14 – Susie Charbonneau (26'5")

1st Place – Cathy Wedekind, Jean Acton, Susie Charbonneau, Holly Petrosky

2nd Place – Mary Kelly, Pat Sofranko, Melinda Srebnick, Linda Gentry

3rd Place – Donna Robers, Sue Prosch, Susan Brannon, Sandy Hayes

4th Place – Chieko Hamada, Joanne Parkinson, Susan Brannon, Claudia Roth **

5th Place – Joanne Walker, Mary Ruth Geny, Kate Caswell, Cathy Hoot **

**** scorecard playoff**

Membership Meeting - Call to Order – President Joanne Walker called the meeting to order. She thanked Cary Collins for coordinating the day’s events; Steven Newberry for food & beverage support; and Fairvue Plantation NWGA reps Janet Vaden and Sonja Castleman. A special thanks to Cary for his individual responses to member signups and making everyone feel so welcome to Fairvue Plantation.

She then welcomed our new members that have joined us during 2013:

June 13 Board Meeting: Mary Ruth Castelli – Old Hickory; Maureen Johnson – Governors Club; Maren Scoggins – Hillwood.

September 12 Board Meeting: Leah Holland – Richland; Vickie Riggin – Temple Hills; Stacey Tamasi – Governors Club.

Secretary Report – Opening Day Minutes 4.11.13 – As the minutes had been sent electronically prior to the meeting, additions and corrections were called. There were no additions to the minutes. The one correction was that Marty Jordan attended the meeting. A motion to accept the minutes as amended was made by Kathy Barber. Susie Charbonneau seconded. The motion passed.

Treasury – Financial Report - Sharon Aylor has done a good job as Treasurer this year. Although she could not be present at this meeting, the financial reports were distributed. The treasury balance as of October 24th is \$9,536.08.

1st Vice President Report - Mary Ruth Geny thanked all the Reps for a great job during 2013 and recognized their hard work and dedication this year. She suggested that the Reps talk to their Club Pro now and ask if any of the clubs want to host any of the major events for 2014. Mary Ruth also provided the NWGA logo balls for each club’s winners since the September board meeting.

2nd Vice President Report - Rhonda Manous reported on the directory status for the upcoming year. She will be sending out a sheet of all the members for each club to each Club Rep and asked the Reps to verify members; add or subtract members on their roster.

Committee Reports1.Handicap Chair Cathy Wedekind thanked everyone for posting their scores and reminded once again that you can download the GHIN app to your phone to post your scores. There is one award for the entire year, the Most Improved Player of the Year from April 1 to October 1 who has played in the NWGA season a minimum of 6 play days. Congratulations to the 2014 recipient, Gena Ridings, whose handicap declined from 10.7 to 5.6.

2. Rules Chair Libbey Hagewood was not present, but passed along that the USGA rules workshop schedule for 2014 is now available online.

3. Guest Speaker – Joanne introduced our guest speaker, Cary Collins, Head Golf Professional for The Club at Fairvue Plantation. Cary has been a member of the PGA Rules Committee for 11 years. Cary shared rules information with the group on Rules 18 & 27 by relating some interesting experiences he has had at major PGA championships.

4. Nominating Chair Sandy Hayes highlighted that we are in the mid-term of our 2013-14 Officers and Board Members. Later in 2013, the Nominating Committee will review nominations for 2014 Officers.

5. Constitution & Future Policy Chair Mary Bush was not present, but Gail Smothers-Smith shared information on behalf of the committee. A request from the September board meeting to the Future Policy Committee was made to review possible electronic sign ups for play days. This will be evaluated and discussed at the upcoming Executive Committee meeting which Joanne has scheduled for November. In addition, reviewing the handicap limits, the criteria for special events and ways to increase participation will be an important agenda item. Joanne will bring recommendations from the Executive Committee to the January board meeting for action.

6. Website Nancy Schenk was unable to attend the meeting. Joanne recognized Nancy for the great job she has done in keeping our website communications so current. Joanne shared that we will be summarizing our 90 year history in preparation for 2014, and will work with Nancy on ways to communicate this information on our website.

7. Historian/Publicity Debbie McDuffie reported that all scrapbooks are up to date and 2013 will be complete after the Closing Day information is included. She suggested that members take pictures at our individual play days that can be added to our scrapbooks.

8. Sunshine Cathy McIntire requested that she be kept informed of any news to be shared so she can send out updates to the Club Reps for distribution.

9. Jr. Golf Chair Gena Ridings thanked Sharon Pelych for her assistance during 2013 with Junior Golf committee. There were 3 days of equipment donations during 2013 which the items were taken to the First Tee. Members contributed approximately 221 hours of volunteer time during 2013 for First Tee, the TGA Bonnie Blackburn Golf Fest at Golf House, and the TGA Girls Junior Championship at Foxland Harbor Golf & Country Club. We will be looking at times that are most convenient for our members to volunteer, as well as additional volunteer opportunities for 2014.

Other Business – NWGA Shirts – Joanne thanked Cary Collins for organizing the NWGA shirt order. There are 7 additional shirts available for anyone interested in purchase for \$28.

Adjourn – With no additional topics, the meeting was adjourned @ 12:26 pm.

Minutes submitted by Pat Sofranko for Marion Howard.

10.24.13 NWGA Closing Day Membership Meeting Minutes

NWGA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Temple Hills – September 12, 2013

Meeting Objectives: Highlight NWGA Purpose as foundation for all activities. Hold fall meeting update. Review new member applications. Entertain any new business for NWGA.

Expected Outcomes: All board members updated on current reports & committees. Agreements on any new member applications. Agreements on any new business actions.

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: Committee Chairs:

Gail Smothers Smith (L) Sunshine, Cathy McIntire (OH)

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

Rules, Libbey Hagedwood (TH)

Handicap, Cathy Wedekind (OH) (by phone)

Club Reps: Nominating, Sandy Hayes (GC)

Bluegrass, Catherine Sutton

Brentwood, Linda Post

Fairvue, Janet Vaden & Sonja Castleman

Governors Club, Jean Acton

Hillwood, Mary Jordan

Nashville Golf, Betsy Davie

Old Hickory, JoAnn Pence

Old Natchez, Jana Porpora (checked by phone)

Richland, Debbie Parker

Temple Hills, Shirley Boswinkle & Shawn Anderson

Westhaven, Melissa Lane (checked by phone)

WELCOME – President Joanne Walker called the meeting to order by welcoming everyone and thanking everyone for staying during the bad weather for the board meeting. She thanked each board member for their support, hard work and participation in making the 2013 season run so smoothly. She reviewed the NWGA purpose as guidance for 2013 activities and actions. She also reviewed the meeting objectives and expected outcomes, and emphasized that together we can continue to lead an exciting and FUN season for all of our members.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES, January 2013 – Joanne thanked Marion Howard for serving as Secretary. Marion led ‘roll call’. Marion handed out minutes from the previous board meeting and mentioned that the minutes from the previous board meeting are also on the website for review. With no discussion, Marty Jordan motioned that the minutes be approved. Debbie McDuffie seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved by all. 1st VP REPORT - Joanne thanked 1st Vice President Mary Ruth Geny for her efforts in keeping our 2013 schedule on track. Mary Ruth announced the prize balls available for club reps. Thus far this year, 174 sleeves of balls have been awarded. Mary Ruth reminded everyone of the Lad 'n Lassie coming up at Westhaven and of the Closing luncheon to be held at Fairvue Plantation.

Mary Ruth asked everyone to talk to their respective Club Pros about hosting an NWGA tournament in the coming 2014 season. It is important to get the tournaments scheduled as early as possible. Joanne will share the TGA 2014 schedule with everyone as soon as it comes out so that our schedule will not interfere with TGA events.

Janet Vaden stated that she felt like the NWGA season was short this year and expressed her thoughts on having NWGA play dates even when there was a TGA event. The discussion then went to possibly having some clubs give us 3 play dates during the season or scheduling some dates at courses such as Opryland, The Grove, etc. Everyone like the idea of following up on those ideas. It was also discussed about the possibility of The Grove and The Golf Club of Tennessee being interested in becoming members of NWGA in the future. Mary Ruth stated that she would contact The Grove, Hermitage and Opryland about the possibility of our playing at those clubs during the season. Joanne highlighted that this is a good approach if we need additional play days, but any member clubs should be given priority and contacted first in the event that they would like to host 3 play

dates. In addition, clubs should be made aware that hosting a play day during the same week as a TGA event could possibly result in fewer players for that week.

Joanne followed up on this discussion by mentioning that our play dates this year are averaging between 38-50 players each week, approximately 44 players, which is off by about 8-10 players from the last couple of years. She requested each rep to please encourage player participation from their respective clubs.

2nd VP REPORT – Joanne thanked Rhonda Manous for serving as 2nd Vice President. Rhonda asked each rep to make sure that they inform her of any changes in members' information so that she can maintain an updated master directory file.

TREASURER REPORT- Joanne thanked Sharon Aylor for serving as Treasurer. Sharon presented the Treasurer's report (see attached). All activities are on track through September 12. As part of the discussion regarding financials on special events, the discussion moved to participation. Joanne brought forth input from members regarding encouraging more people to play in our tournaments, and in particular, our invitational. The last two invitational tournaments have been great, and our opportunity is to make them even better by increasing participation with potential new NWGA members. The group discussed ways to accomplish this.

COMMITTEE REPORTS Handicap Chair Cathy Wedekind was not able to join us today, but sent information via an email report on handicaps for use in new member application votes. She was also linked in by phone for that discussion. Historian Debbie McDuffie reported that scrapbooks are up to date and encouraged members to look at the scrapbooks as they are on display at the play day events. Rules Chair Libbey Hagewood shared that the PGA/USGA Rules of Golf Workshop Schedule is available. One session will be held in Memphis in February for anyone who might be interested in attending. Jr. Golf Chair Gena Ridings reported that 2013 volunteer participation has been very successful with members volunteering in excess of 220 hours to TGA junior golf and amateur tournaments. We do, however, have an opportunity for ways to participate with the First Tee program beyond donations. Sunshine Chair Cathy McIntire requested for members to contact her with any news that should be shared. Website Chair Nancy Schenk could not be with us today, but Joanne shared that Nancy is doing an excellent job in keeping our NWGA website and encouraged everyone to check it out.

WAYS OF WORKING UPDATES - Joanne Walker reiterated our mission to encourage participation in weekly events. The no-show policy has worked effectively, and no charges have been levied during the season for play days. Pace of play has been identified as an opportunity, and everyone was asked to be vigilant about maintaining pace of play.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS – New member applications were reviewed by member clubs. Three (3) new member applicants had met all requirements and had completed and signed the new member application form. Catherine Sutton made a motion that all three (3) applicants be approved for membership, and Janet Vaden seconded the motion. All were approved as follows: Stacy Tamasi from Governors Club, Leah Holland from Richland, and Vickie Riggin from Temple Hills. Club reps were asked to obtain directories for their new members from 2nd Vice President Rhonda Manous. New members are eligible to begin play at next week's play day at Hillwood.

One additional applicant was denied membership as she did not have the required 20 scores posted. This brought discussion about the necessity of always posting scores, whether playing in or out of town.

NEW BUSINESS Online signup for weekly play - Discussion was held to continue looking into online signup for NWGA play days. Marty Jordan and Rhonda Manous will continue to research the available programs which include 4Tee and Sign Up Genie. They will present their findings to the Future Policy Committee for their review and proposed recommendation prior to the Executive Committee Meeting for 2014 planning. The outcome will be reviewed at the Winter Board Meeting.

NWGA Shirts – President Joanne Walker handed copies of order forms for new NWGA Shirts for member purchase. Samples were available for the four (4) styles available for order. Everyone was excited over the shirts and felt like many members would want to order. Order forms will be forwarded to members by email. Order forms will need to be returned by October 1 so that shirts can be picked up at the Closing luncheon.

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.

9.12.13 NWGA Board Meeting Minutes

NWGA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Nashville Golf & Athletic – June 13, 2013

Meeting Objectives: Highlight NWGA Purpose as foundation for all activities. Hold spring meeting update. Review new member applications. Entertain any new business for NWGA.

Expected Outcomes: All board members updated on current reports & committees. Agreements on any new member applications. Agreements on any new business actions.

ROLL CALL

Officers:

President Joanne Walker

1st Vice President Mary Ruth Geny

Secretary Marion Howard

Past Presidents: Committee Chairs:

Mary Kelly Sunshine, Cathy McIntire

Debbie McDuffie Jr Golf, Gena Ridings

Mary Bush Rules, Libbey Hagedwood

Handicap, Cathy Wedekind

Club Reps: Nominating, Sandy Hayes

Bluegrass, Catherine Sutton

Fairvue, Janet Vaden

Five Oaks, Traci Peel

Foxland Harbor, Janet Watkins

Governors Club, Roxanne Hunley

Hillwood, Mary Jordan & Kim DeMoss

Legends, Star Mowery

Nashville Golf, Betsy Davies

Old Hickory, JoAnn Pence

Old Natchez, Jana Porpora

Temple Hills, Shirley Boswinkle & Shawn Anderson

Westhaven, Melissa Lane

WELCOME – President Joanne Walker opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking each board member for their support and hard work in planning the 2013 season. She reviewed the NWGA purpose as guidance for 2013 activities and actions. She also reviewed the meeting objectives and expected outcomes, and emphasized that together, we can lead an exciting and FUN season for all of our members.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES, January 2013 – Joanne thanked Marion Howard for serving as Secretary. Marion led ‘roll call’ so that all board members benefited from meeting new faces. Marion mentioned that the minutes from the previous board meeting were on the website and that, hopefully, all members had read them. The minutes were approved as posted. (motion & second?)

1st VP REPORT - Joanne thanked all clubs for their cooperation with 1st Vice President Mary Ruth Geny in developing our 2013 schedule. She then asked Mary Ruth for her report on the 2013 schedule & tournament updates and weekly play reminders. Mary Ruth mentioned that the Pro Lady Tournament at Temple Hills had been very well attended and was a success. She then stated that the Handicap Tournament at Old Natchez had 16 teams of 4 already registered. Jana, rep for Old Natchez, recognized the very favorable response to date.

Prize balls were given out.

Mary Ruth highlighted weekly play day forms and process for club reps. She reviewed the details of the Club Rep CD which was handed out to reps at the beginning of the

season. She reiterated that all forms needed for play days are included on the CD. Instructions for all events are also on the disc. She also asked that each member sign in for play days in ink so that forms can be legibly read when faxed or scanned for email.

2nd VP REPORT – Joanne thanked Rhonda Manous for serving as 2nd Vice President. Although Rhonda could not be with us today, she asked that any contact information updates be sent to her through the reps so that she can maintain an updated master directory file.

TREASURER REPORT- Joanne thanked Sharon Aylor for serving as Treasurer. As Sharon could not be with us today, Star Mowery read the Treasurer's report (see attached). All activities are on track though June 13.

COMMITTEE REPORTS Handicap Chair Cathy Wedekind asked everyone to remember to post their scores and highlighted the GHIN.com app available for phones. Historian Debbie McDuffie reported that scrapbooks are up to date and encouraged members to look at the scrapbooks as they are on display at the play day events. Rules Chair Libbey Hagewood shared that rules and quarterly education updates from USGA or Tracy Parsons, TGA Director of Women's Golf, could be forwarded to all NWGA members by Joanne. This met with approval. Jr. Golf Chair Gena Ridings said that she has had a fairly good response for volunteers for the TGA Girls' Junior Amateur Championship, but she would still like more volunteers. She will be finalizing the schedule so that each volunteer will know their exact schedule and duty. A volunteer packet for the event will be sent to volunteers from Tracy Parsons. Sunshine Chair Cathy McIntire asked for continued input and news regarding members. Jean Jones and Wilma Davis were mentioned as having had health issues. Website Chair Nancy Schenk could not be with us today, but Joanne shared that Nancy is doing an excellent job in keeping our NWGA website and encouraged everyone to check it out. Past President Mary Kelly requested the availability of more NWGA history for the website. This to be pursued.

WAYS OF WORKING UPDATES - Joanne Walker reinforced our 'privilege' and responsibilities as NWGA members by reviewing the NWGA Image as described on the front cover of our 2013 directory. All board members agreed that we want to reinforce our communications to members on the privilege to be members of NWGA. General discussion from the board was highly energized on encouraging all of our members to play each week and support our member clubs. Joanne provided an update that the 'Play Day No Show Policy' has been successfully implemented beginning in 2013 with only two (2) no shows for the year.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS – New member applications were reviewed by member clubs. Each new member applicant had met all requirements and had completed and signed the new member application form. Betsy Davie made a motion that all three (3) applicants be approved for membership. Marty Jordan seconded the motion and all were approved as follows: Maren Scoggins from Hillwood, Maureen Johnson from Governors Club, and Mary Ruth Castelli from Old Hickory. Club reps were asked to have the new members send their dues to Treasurer Sharon Aylor and obtain directories for their new members from 2nd Vice President Rhonda Manous. New members are eligible to begin play at next week's play day at Old Natchez.

NEW BUSINESS NWGA Shirts – President Joanne Walker presented the idea for ordering NWGA Shirts for member purchase. There was a good response from the Board, and Joanne will work with Mary Ruth Geny to bring back a plan to the group for pricing,

style, etc. **Weekly Participation** – The group had open discussion about ways to increase participation in both weekly events and major tournaments as numbers each week are only about 25% of our total membership. Actual participants vary from event to event. All agreed to encourage members at their clubs and other clubs to be active throughout our season. **Online signup for weekly play** – Shawn Anderson brought up the idea of online signup, and Mary Jordan mentioned the possibility of booking through Four Tees. Joanne asked her to research this idea and present her findings to the Future Policy Committee for review next year.

REMINDERS – Joanne mentioned that the schedule has a three-week break in play days because of expected volunteer participation in state championships. NWGA play will resume on July 18th at Five Oaks, and the signup sheet for that day will be available at the Handicap Tournament at Old Natchez. Again, after stressing the importance of the objectives and privileges of being a member of NWGA, Joanne asked for further new business. There was none. She thanked everyone again for their hard work and support, and the meeting was adjourned.

6.13.13 NWGA Board Meeting Minutes

**NWGA OPENING DAY
MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
The Club @ Fairvue Plantation – April 11, 2013**

Meeting Objectives:

**Highlight NWGA Purpose as foundation for all activities.
Hold spring meeting update.**

Expected Outcomes:

**All members updated on current reports & committees.
Agreements on any new business actions.**

Members Present:

Bluegrass: Caryn Crenshaw, Glenda Merritt, Catherine Sutton

Fairvue: Carolyn Barnett, Mary Basile, Sonja Castleman, Barbara Epley, Brenda Mathis, Janet Vaden,

Joanne Walker

Five Oaks: Rhonda Manous

Foxland Harbor: Debbie McDuffie

Governors Club: Betty Ewen, Sandy Hayes, Roxann Hunley

Hillwood: Kim DeMoss, Mary Ruth Geny, Marty Jordan

Legends: Sharon Aylor, Star Mowery, Gena Ridings, Gail Smothers Smith

Nashville Golf: Betsy Davie, Jeanine Walker

Old Hickory: Linda Gentry, Cathy McIntire, Geneva Pugh, Martha Rhea, Cathy Wedekind

Old Natchez:

Temple Hills: Jennifer Beres, Shirley Boswinkle, Kate Caswell, Suzanne Cheek, Marion Howard, Sharyn Pelych, Mary Del Scobey

Westhaven:

TGA Guest Speaker: Tracy Parsons

WELCOME – President Joanne Walker opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. She thanked all attending for their support and attendance for the luncheon meeting on such a bad weather day, as our opening golf outing was cancelled. She thanked Fairvue Head Pro Cary Collins and staff for such a fine job in coordinating the day, and she thanked Fairvue Club Reps Janet Vaden and Sonja Castleman who did an outstanding job with the luncheon.

She reviewed the NWGA purpose as guidance for 2013 activities and actions. She also reviewed the meeting objectives and expected outcomes, and emphasized that together, we can lead an exciting and FUN season for all of our members.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES, Closing Day 10.25.12 – Joanne thanked Marion Howard for serving as Secretary. Marion asked anyone who had not read the online minutes from the 2012 closing luncheon to please look over the copy on their table. There was not discussion from the floor. Mary Del Scobey motioned that the minutes be approved and Betsy Davie seconded. Minutes from the 2012 closing luncheon were approved.

TREASURER REPORT- Joanne thanked Sharon Aylor for serving as Treasurer. Sharon then presented the proposed budget for 2013 (see attached) as well as the 2013 financial report (see attached). Gail Smothers Smith motioned for the budget to be approved. Catherine Sutton seconded, and the budget was approved.

1st VP REPORT - Joanne thanked Mary Ruth Geny for her coordination of our 2013 schedule. Mary Ruth reviewed the 2013 schedule and play dates and thanked all club reps for their help in securing dates at their respective clubs. She outlined the major tournaments for the year:

Pro Lady Tournament at Temple Hills	May 30
Handicap Tournament at Old Natchez	June 19 & 20
Championship Tournament at Brentwood	August 8 & 9
Lad & Lassie at Westhaven	October 10

Mary Ruth highlighted that the club reps should have all the necessary information for the year in their packets, as well as a CD for help in coordinating play dates and tournaments. She also asked that each member sign in for play days in ink so that forms can be legibly read when faxed or scanned for email.

2nd VP REPORT – Joanne thanked Rhonda Manous for serving as 2nd Vice President and for her hard work in developing the new directory format for 2013. Rhonda went over all

the sections of the directory, new additions and changes. She also mentioned that the directory was available electronically for all those wishing to receive it by email. Directories are available by club on the side table for reps to take to members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Constitution & Future Policy (Mary Bush, Chair; Mary Kelly, Debbie McDuffie and Gail Smothers). Gail presented the 2013 revisions on behalf of the committee as voted by the Board Members:

The new member application form was reviewed. It includes NWGA's mission statement and stresses the importance of making new members aware of their obligations as NWGA members.

The handicap requirement for membership is 17.0. The A Division will be a GHIN handicap of 17.0 and below, and B Division will be a GHIN handicap of 17.1 and above.

The new no show policy was then outlined. Each player is encouraged to make notice of cancellation as soon as possible by contacting the hosting club if she is not able to play. In the case of a cancellation on the day of play, the player should notify the club rep as well as the hosting club pro shop. The penalty for no shows will be \$30, paid directly to NWGA. This new policy is important this year especially, as members are allowed to sign up one other player.

Historian Debbie McDuffie reported that scrapbooks are up to date and encouraged members to make an effort to look at the scrapbooks whenever possible. Each club rep was asked to be responsible for having the book available at each play date. She also mentioned that she would like for volunteers to help with the scrapbook.

Rules Chair Libbey Hagewood was not in attendance, but Joanne asked that everyone watch for TGA notices and rules changes.

Sunshine Chair Cathy McIntire asked that everyone please gain permission before notifying the Sunshine Committee of an illness, etc. She also mentioned that she would like to send out cards as well as emails.

Handicap Chair Cathy Wedekind reported that she will supply club reps the current handicaps of members on the first and fifteenth of each month. Cathy reminded all members to post their scores. She also highlighted that a new GHIN app is available so that each member can immediately record scores on their phones.

Jr. Golf Chair Gena Ridings thanked her co-chair Sharyn Pelych and then discussed ways in which each NWGA member could help in promoting junior golf. The new Junior Golf Strategy was reviewed with the membership. Members are encouraged to not only offer support with financial or equipment donations, but also by volunteering at one of the many events held for junior golfers. Gena stressed the importance of volunteering and mentioned that signup sheets for each event are on the side tables and will also be out at Hillwood. The events mentioned were:

Bonnie Blackburn Golf Clinic and Festival at the Little Course.

TGA Junior Girls Amateur at Foxland Harbor.

Events and play dates at First Tee.

Website Chair Nancy Schenk could not be with us today, but Joanne shared that Nancy is doing an excellent job in keeping our NWGA website and encouraged everyone to check it out.

GUEST SPEAKER - Joanne Walker introduced Tracy Parsons, TGA Director of Women's Golf. Tracy thanked NWGA for their long history in supporting the TGA women's competitions. She mentioned that the mission statement for the TGA and NWGA groups were aligned to support amateur golf across the state of TN and encouraged volunteering for events, both at the state and junior levels. Tracy gave a very interesting and informative talk on the upcoming state championships while encouraging participation in those events. The 2013 women's golf schedule includes:

Women's Amateur Championship @ Legends in June

Girls Junior Amateur Championship @ Foxland Harbor in July

Women's Open Championship @ Stonehenge in July

Women's Four Ball Championship @ Council Fire in August

Women's Senior Amateur Championship @ Ridgeway in September

Tracy stressed that each championship is for golfers of all levels with the exception of the Women's Open.

Joanne presented Tracy with a NWGA lunch tote as a small token of appreciation for her time.

CLOSING – A separate email will be sent to Club Reps on available Women's Trans National Golf Association member club applications.

Joanne thanked the membership in attendance for their support and dedication to the purpose and image of NWGA. 2013 is the 89th year of NWGA! She highlighted that we are privileged to be a part of this organization, and as we focus to fulfill our purpose through all of our activities, let's join together to perpetuate the prestige of NWGA.

The meeting was adjourned.

4.11.13 NWGA Membership Meeting Minutes

NWGA Board Meeting

Golf House of Tennessee

January 17, 2013

Meeting Objectives:

Highlight NWGA Purpose as foundation for all activities.

Highlight our privilege to be members of NWGA.

Collaborative planning for the 2013 NWGA season.

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

Expected Outcomes:

All board members meet and get to know one another.

Agreements on officer and committee reports for 2013 season.

Agreements on Future Policy Committee recommendations.

Roll Call:

Officers:

President Joanne Walker, Foxland Harbor

First Vice President Mary Ruth Geny,

2nd Vice President Rhonda Manous, Five Oaks

Treasurer Sharon Aylor, Legends

Secretary Marion Howard, Temple Hills

Past Presidents: Mary Bush, Old Natchez

Mary Kelly, Five Oaks

Linda McDugald, Temple Hills

Gail Smothers-Smith, Legends

Committees:

Sunshine, Cathy McIntire, Old Hickory

Jr. Golf, Gina Ridings, Legends

Rules, Libby Hagewood, Temple Hills

Nominating, Sandy Hayes, Governors Club

Club Reps:

Cathie Cline, Bluegrass

Catherine Sutton, Bluegrass

Linda Post, Brentwood

Sonja Castleman, Fairvue Plantation

Valarie Miller, Foxland Harbor

Jean Acton, Governors Club

Star Mowery, Legends

Betsy Davie, Nashville Golf & Athletic

JoAnn Pence, Old Hickory

Geneva Pugh, Old Hickory

Jana Porpora, Old Natchez

Lea Ann Barrett, Old Natchez

Debbie Parker, Richland

Shirley Boswinkle, Temple Hills

Shawn Anderson, Temple Hills

Melissa Lane, Westhaven

Welcome & Introductions: President Joanne Walker opened the meeting by welcoming all attending to the start of our 2013 NWGA golf season. She then introduced Tracy Parsons, TGA Director of Women's Golf, who spoke on the various divisions of the Golf House of Tennessee, which include the TGA, the Tennessee Chapter of the PGA, Youth Camps and Awareness, as well as coordinating all TGA events during the year.

Joanne asked each person present to stand and introduce themselves to the group. She then outlined and stressed the importance of the objectives and purpose of NWGA as stated in our constitution. She stressed encouraging prospective women golfers to aspire to membership in NWGA and to set exemplary examples for future members by demonstrating integrity, knowledge of all rules of golf and proper golf etiquette. She noted that we should all remember that it is a privilege to be a member of NWGA.

Previous Board Meeting Minutes: Secretary Marion Howard handed out copies of the last board meeting minutes (ATTACHED) for everyone to read and discuss. There was no discussion and Mary Bush motioned to accept the minutes as recorded. Jana Porpora seconded, and the minutes were approved.

First Vice President Report: Mary Ruth Geny presented each member with a copy of the 2013 club rep listing and the 2013 schedule of play dates and tournament dates. The opening luncheon and play will be at Fairvue Plantation on April 11th. She mentioned that we will have 3 weeks off during mid season due to the TGA Women's Amateur @ Legends, July 4th holiday, and the TGA Girls Jr. Amateur @ Foxland Harbor. She stressed it would be a good time for NWGA members to volunteer to help at the Girls Jr. Tournament.

She mentioned Governors Club will be closed most of the summer but will give us October 3rd as a play date. Also, Richland is giving us a Thursday play date this year, which pleased everyone attending. Games for each day have not been assigned yet, and Mary Ruth asked for reps to contact her for any specific input regarding games at their courses. Mary Ruth concluded by saying that individual awards for the Invitational will be perused and clarified before the tournament.
(SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE OF PLAY DATES AND TOURNAMENT DATES)

Second Vice President Report: Rhonda Manous discussed the 2013 NWGA member directories and asked that each club rep identify any members who have not sent in their information for the book. The book will have a more streamlined look, and she asked for any suggestions. She will also make the membership excel file available for those wanting to download the information. Mary Ruth suggested that the book reflect TGA Board Members, TGA Rules Committee Members, and TGA Women's Competition Committee Members in the event a member had questions regarding TGA. The new directories will be available at the Opening Luncheon.

Treasurer Report: Sharon Aylor presented the 2012 Financial Statement. (SEE ATTACHED) She discussed the proposed 2013 budget and asked the club reps to please follow up with the 121 members

who have not yet paid their dues. A short discussion was held reminding everyone that an NWGA member has a one year grace period as a member of NWGA if she leaves her club's 18 hole ladies golf association, providing she keeps a GHIN handicap. She must rejoin a ladies 18 hole golf association at a NWGA member club to continue membership after a one year grace period. Please remind any member thinking of letting their membership lapse that an option to retain membership is to become an 'emeritus' member with a \$10 donation to Jr. golf. (See constitution for details on membership options.) Sharon also reminded reps that dues paid after February 1st, as outlined in our constitution, will be increased to \$60 instead of \$30.

The Zucker savings account was discussed at length, and Joanne mentioned that a vote had already been cast at a previous board meeting to move the remaining balance to our general account once the balance falls below \$1,000. The funds will be used as needed for general purposes and not kept in a separate account in the future.

A discussion on the donation of \$1,000 from the Zucker account to the TGA Women's Amateur was held. Gail Smothers-Smith noted that donations to the amateur events have been a long standing practice as supported by previous NWGA leaders, such as Mac Rucker, as a way to support our NWGA purpose. Joanne mentioned that we only donate money to TGA tournaments if they are held in Middle Tennessee, so it will not necessarily be a yearly donation. Valarie Miller expressed some trepidation regarding the contribution out of concern for having sufficient funds to handle our NWGA expenditures as a first priority. Sharon Aylor, Mary Ruth and others highlighted that our budget is sufficient to do both at this time. Valarie also asked for an explanation of the major NWGA tournament entry fees and prizes. Mary Ruth explained the tournaments are designed to be self-sustaining, therefore, each is dependent on the respective host club, number of entries, etc.

Joanne also asked for clarity regarding the full tournament fee to be paid by all participants, regardless of whether an NWGA member received free green fees at the host club. A motion was made by Gail Smothers-Smith and seconded by Mary Kelly that all participants pay full entry fees. The motion passed.

After discussion, Sharon presented the proposed 2013 budget (SEE ATTACHED) for approval. Gail Smothers-Smith motioned to approve; Sandy Hayes seconded. The proposed 2013 budget was passed.

Ways of Working Announcements

Joanne shared announcements from the Executive Committee Meeting discussions.

1. Committee Chairs - Member Involvement: Joanne asked that all standing committee chairs incorporate help and ideas from other NWGA members for their respective committees when appropriate. The Committee Chair is the board member representing the committee. Other committee members do not become board members or attend board meetings.

2. Tournament Fees - 1st VP Authority: The constitution states that major tournament fees shall be established by vote of the Board of Directors upon recommendation by the Tournament Committee. For 2013, the Executive Committee voted to allow the 1st VP to coordinate 2013 expected

tournament fees with the reps at clubs holding the major events. The 1st VP will coordinate with the President that fees are consistent with past charges. If there is a reason to consider a significant change, this will then be taken to the Board for a vote. The board agreed with this action.

3. Clarification - Club Representation:

a. Represent members input from member clubs

After a review of board meeting archives and discussion with past presidents to understand the history and intention of club representation, the following will be updated and clarified in the directory:

1 –Listing of the Board of Directors in the directory will include Officers, Executive Committee, Standing Committee Chairmen, Member Club Names, all Past Presidents who are members of NWGA.

2 – Continue to have a separate listing of club reps on the 'club rep' page which will designate reps by club with the primary rep listed first and the co-rep listed second. It is understood that having a co-rep to assist the primary rep at their local club with NWGA activities makes the club representation easier. Together, they have the responsibility to present one common view which represents the consensus of NWGA members at their respective club via communication, polling and encouragement.

3 - Primary rep has the responsibility to attend board meetings. Both rep and co-rep are welcome and encouraged to attend meetings for continuity. Together, they represent the singular, united view of the members from their member club and cast one 'member club' vote at board meetings. In the event that the primary club rep is not available to attend the board meeting, the co-rep attends and represents the 'member club' vote in the absence of the primary rep. If neither the primary rep nor the co-rep can attend the board meeting, the primary rep has the responsibility to contact the President and submits a proxy vote on behalf of their club on any upcoming issues. The primary rep obtains a meeting debrief from the President after the board meeting.

b. Reinforce communications on our 'privilege' as members

c. Encourage participation in NWGA events

Special emphasis should be placed on reiterating to members the privilege of membership in NWGA, and on encouraging members to participate in both weekly play dates and major tournament events through personal communications and bulletin board posting of events.

RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD ACTIONS: Gail Smothers was asked to represent the Future Policy Committee and talk about the following proposals:

* a revised new member application form (SEE ATTACHED)

This revised form will include NWGA purpose, highlight qualifications and responsibilities of all new members (as well as current members) and the prospective new member completes the form and by signing, commits to all NWGA responsibilities, qualifications and standards of integrity.

The proposal for the new application form was motioned by Shirley Boswinkle and seconded by JoAnn Pence. The proposal was passed.

* a new no-show policy (SEE ATTACHED)

This policy stipulates that any member who has signed up for a tee time on a regular play date is encouraged to make notice of cancellation as soon as possible by contacting the host club's rep. (Notice should also be made on the day of play by calling both the rep and the hosting club's professional or golf shop). Anyone not showing up to play without contacting the appropriate club rep will be invoiced by the Treasurer for a \$30 no-show penalty fee.

The no-show policy was discussed at length, with concerns about accounting and enforcement. However, the proposal as recommended was motioned by Mary Kelly and seconded by Marion Howard. The proposal was passed.

* handicap limit for membership & Division A&B sign-ups (SEE ATTACHED)

It was proposed that the handicap limit for new membership be a 17.0 GHIN index. Also, The A division will be members with a GHIN index of 17.0 or below and B division will be a GHIN index of 17.1 or above.

The proposal for the handicap requirement for new members was discussed, with Debbie Parker voicing concern that members of some clubs, like Richland and Nashville Golf & Athletic, might have a harder time making the 17.0 index than others. However, after more discussion, the proposal was motioned by Mary Kelly and seconded by Mary Bush. The proposal was passed.

The proposal for the changes in the A&B Division handicaps was motioned by Linda McDugald and seconded by Sandy Hayes. The proposal was passed.

(SEE ATTACHED SUMMARY OF THESE PROPOSALS)

Joanne thanked the Future Policy Committee for their extensive research and recommendations.

Committee Reports:

Handicap Committee Chair Cathy Wedekind provided handicap information at the planning meeting for input to the Future Policy Committee on handicap recommendations.

Historian Committee Chair Debbie McDuffie update was provided by Joanne Walker in her absence. She has identified Carol Stephenson from Hillwood to help take pictures during 2013. She is looking for members interested in helping with the scrapbook.

Rules Committee Chair Libbey Hagewood reported that she would obtain and distribute dates of the TGA Rules Workshops to all members.

Sunshine Committee Chair Cathy McIntire asked to be kept informed of any members' illnesses, needs or deaths. She stressed that any member reported to her should give her permission for the

information to be passed along to the membership. It was requested that Cathy send a card to family of Georgene Watts who is recently deceased.

Junior Golf Committee Chair Gena Ridings reviewed the strategy that has been developed to support NWGA's commitment to Junior Golf, as outlined in our constitution. This strategy is two-fold: monetary and voluntary. She stressed that we honor that commitment by monetary gifts (such as the additional \$10 added to our dues or by additional monies that can be allotted during the year by approval of the Board).

Also, it was strongly urged that we show our commitment by volunteering at junior events such as the Bonnie Blackburn Golf Fest, the TGA Girls' Junior Amateur or at sanctioned First Tee events. Gena announced that she will coordinate all volunteer efforts to ensure the best experience for our members in meeting the needs of these organizations. All members should be encouraged to email Gena with any requests to volunteer. In addition, Gena gave the following dates for bringing used equipment to be donated to the First Tee Program: April 25 @ Legends, May 17 @ Bluegrass, and May 30 @ Temple Hills.

In that vein, Mary Bush read a thank you letter from the TGA for our \$1,300 donation to help nurture young golfers during 2012.

As there was no further business, Joanne thanked everyone for attending and for much needed input and everyone's collaboration. A motion to dismiss was made by Shirley Boswinkle and seconded by Shawn Anderson.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Howard, Secretary

ATTACHMENTS:

1.17.13 NWGA Board Meeting Agenda

September 2012 Board Meeting Minutes (website)

2013 NWGA Club Reps 2.8.13

2013 Play Dates & Tournament Dates

NWGA Financial Statement 12.31.12

NWGA Proposed Budget for 2013 1.17.13

1.17.13 Revised New Member Application Form

1.17.13 Proposed Changes to Member Policies (Handicap Limit & No Show Policy)

NWGA Strategy Junior Golf 1.17.13

NWGA Board Meeting Minutes 1.17.13 Final