

NWGA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Nashville Golf & Athletic Club

August 27, 2015

ROLL CALL

Officers:

President Mary Ruth Geny (H)
1st Vice President Janice Sauter (L)
Secretary Angela Stinson (R)
Treasurer Rhonda Manous (FO&FH)

Past Presidents:

Mary Bush (ON)
Debbie McDuffie (FH)
Mary Kelly (OH)
Gail Smothers Smith (L)

Standing Committees

Handicap, Cathy Wedekind (OH)
Nominating, Marion Howard (TH)
Website, Caryn Crenshaw (BG)
Junior Golf, Gena Ridings (L)
Rules, Libbey Hagewood (TH&W)

Club Reps:

Bluegrass, Kathi Fox, Shelly Barnes
Brentwood, Linda Post, Malene Grant
Fairvue, Janet Vaden
Five Oaks
Foxland Harbor, Debbie McDuffie
Governors Club, Jean Acton, Ginger Oglesby
Hillwood, Kim DeMoss
Legends, Sandy Hayes
NG&A, Betsy Davie
Old Hickory
Old Natchez, Norma Volz
Richland, Debbie Parker
Temple Hills, Sandee O'Dowd, Joanne Parkinson
Westhaven, Judy Boscamp

I. Welcome – President Mary Ruth Geny called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the August 2015 Board Meeting at Nashville Golf & Athletic Club. Angela Stinson called roll and then asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes from the Board Meeting of June 11, 2015. Gail Smothers Smith moved to accept the minutes and Debbie McDuffie and Betsy Davie seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted.

II. 1st Vice President – Janice Sauter informed us that she has distributed 113 sleeves of golf balls and they are in bags to be picked up by the club reps today. Janice also reminded the reps to type up and send the play day information to Caryn Crenshaw in a format that will be compatible with the website so that Caryn can put it on the website without reformatting it. The word document format works well.

III. 2nd Vice President – Cathy McIntire was absent due to a rib injury. We were reminded to send her any membership changes from our clubs.

IV. Treasurer's Report – Rhonda Manous gave the treasurer's report – see attached.

V. Committee Reports

Handicap – Cathy Wedekind reminded everyone to keep posting scores and informed us that four new applications were ready to be approved.

Rules – Libbey Hagewood informed us that Rules School is scheduled for March 14-17 at Cool Springs Marriot for \$350. She encouraged each of us to consider attending.

Jr. Golf – Gena Ridings expressed her gratitude to everyone for their support for Jr. Golf. A letter from the TGA was read expressing their gratitude for the \$500 sponsorship from NWGA towards the Tennessee Girls Jr. Amateur Championship at Foxland Harbor. We were informed that Aubree Jones of Covington, TN won the TGA Junior Amateur Championship, and made it to the U.S. Girls Junior Amateur Championship where she qualified into the match play round of 64 players. She won her first match on the 18th hole, but lost her second match to the eventual winner, Eun Jong Song.

Website – Caryn Crenshaw asked the reps to make sure the information that is sent to her for the website has the date, place, and game that is played that day. Caryn asked that the information be typed in an email or word document.

Sunshine – Please let Monice Hostettler know of any sickness or death within our organization.

VI. Updates

Mary Ruth Geny addressed several updates including encouraging our members to participate in events. She also asked us to pay attention to the pace of play on play days. If your group falls behind, encourage the group to pick up and catch up.

When sending emails to Rhonda Manous for group emails, please try to make sure that it has importance for the entire group. It helps to have the emails typed or worded in such a way that Rhonda

can copy & paste them into an email for the group.

Mary Ruth also read a previous email from her to the members concerning cancellations 24 to 48 hours prior to the play day. The email also addressed pace of play and supporting our clubs on play days, and showing appreciation for the effort of the local club.

VII. New Member Applications

Four new member applications were submitted for membership into NWGA. Judy Boscamp motioned to accept the new members, and Mary Kelly seconded the motion. The following ladies were admitted:

Karen Packer – Westhaven 18.5

Barbara Einarson – Fairvue 18.0

Pam Clayton – Governors Club 17.7

Rita Kraupa – Five Oaks 15.1

VIII. Old Business

Mary Ruth thanked Janet Vaden and Sonja Castleman for hosting the Championship Tournament and doing a great job. The Team Trophy will go to Fairvue after an update for engraving names.

IX. New Business

Sandee O'Dowd shared information concerning the upcoming Handicap Tournament at Temple Hills September 16 & 17. She mentioned that lunch will be offered on Wednesday, but it is not included in price of tournament. The issue of posting scores on 2 best balls format was discussed. It was decided that each lady should turn in a score to be posted by Cathy Wedekind. Each participant should record a score for each hole that she most likely would have had in the event that she doesn't finish each hole. Libbey Hagedwood was asked to get a copy from the 4-ball tournament explaining the procedure for scoring each hole. Sandy O'Dowd asked if that information could be placed on each cart for the handicap tournament. Each lady should turn in a gross score and adjusted gross score each day; Cathy Wedekind will post the scores as tournament scores.

Mary Ruth read a letter from the NWGA Future Policy Committee. The letter addressed two issues:

1. Review the effectiveness of our current "cancellation" policy.

After review of our existing cancellation policy, it is the recommendation of the Future Policy Committee to continue the current policy in place. The president was asked to reiterate to the membership that they have a responsibility to cancel as early as possible if a member knows they will not be able to play.

2. Consider the feasibility of a member dues increase for 2016

It is the recommendation of the Future Policy Committee that dues be raised beginning in 2016 from

\$30 to \$40 plus the optional Junior Golf donation (which can be \$10 or above at the discretion of the member). It is also the recommendation that this \$10 increase in dues be earmarked to subsidize the cost of the annual NWGA tournaments. Future Policy Committee recommends that we attempt to keep our tournament fees less than \$100 for individual entry fees to encourage more participation. The dues funds should apply to those specific tournaments that need cost adjustments or support.

Some discussion was held concerning how to earmark funds for the tournaments in regard to the treasurer, Rhonda Manous. Gail Smith indicated that the increase is not a great amount, and the extra money will help the tournaments at the discretion of the president and tournament chairs. Gail Smothers Smith motioned to accept the Future Policy dues increase; Norma Volz seconded the motion. Mary Bush asked for a vote, and it passed. The new dues policy will be presented to the general membership.

Mary Ruth reminded everyone about the upcoming Lad and Lassie Tournament at The Legends on October 9th. Mary Ruth thanked everyone for their attendance and adjourned the August 2015 Board Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Stinson, Secretary NWGA

NWGA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Old Hickory Country Club – June 11, 2015

ROLL CALL

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Legends, Sandy Hayes
NG&A, Betsy Davie
Old Hickory, Freda Farley, Mary Ruth Smith
Old Natchez Norma Volz
Richland
Temple Hills, Sandee O'Dowd, Joanne Parkinson
Westhaven, Judy Boscamp, Lucia Hillenmeyer

I. Welcome – President Mary Ruth Geny called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the June 2015 Board meeting of NWGA at Old Hickory CC. Angela Stinson called roll and then asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes from the Board Meeting of February 11, 2015. Kim Demoss moved to accept the minutes and Gail Smothers Smith seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted.

II. 1st Vice President – Janice Sauter informed everyone that she had brought the sleeves of golf balls for the winners of the past play days. She said that Temple Hills had won the most sleeves of balls. She also said that the procedure of having play day forms on line/website was going well. Mary Ruth Geny asked about information concerning the upcoming Championship Tournament July 15 & 16. Janet Vaden and Sonja Castleman, the tournament chairs, said the entry form will be going out soon.

III. Treasures Report – Rhonda Manous gave the treasurer’s report – see attached.

IV. Future Policy – Joanne Walker addressed donations for Junior Golf in regard to a receipt for donations. It was decided to not give a receipt for donations due to extra work for the Junior Golf chair. It was noted that when we give to Junior Golf with our dues, any amount over \$30 goes to Junior Golf; it is not limited to \$10. Emeritus members pay \$10, which goes toward Junior Golf.

V. Committee Chairs:

Handicap – Cathy Wedekind was absent, but we were reminded to continue putting our scores in the computer.

Historian – Marty Jordan asked us to “make history, and she’ll record it.” Marty asked us to send her pictures and information regarding NWGA participants. Marty also mentioned the U.S. Senior Women’s Amateur Championship at Hillwood September 26 – October 1, 2015. Marty asked us to ask the 9 and 18 hole groups at our various clubs for volunteers. The volunteers need to sign up on line, and that will enable them to know the number of volunteers for the shirt with a logo, hat, and meal for each shift. The volunteers pay \$35 for these perks. Also, Hillwood is offering a free round of golf to those volunteers on October 21.

Rules – Libbey Hagewood gave us a nice reminder of the correct time and procedure to rake a bunker. Libbey suggested that we read Rule 13-4 in The Rules of Golf to familiarize ourselves with the rule.

Junior Golf – Gina Ridings reported that NWGA donated money to junior golf that paid the registration fees for young lady golfers to attend the Bonnie Blackburn Golf Clinic and to be involved in the LPGA Girls Junior Golf Program. This program is in conjunction with the First Tee of Nashville and allows for extra instruction for young lady golfers. No money was used for entry fee for Tennessee Junior Amateur at Foxland Country Club. Gina reported that we have two opportunities to help volunteer. July 7,8,9 to help spot, drive, or work hospitality at the Junior Amateur at Foxland Country Club. The Junior qualifier on June 29 at Nashville Golf and Athletic Club is another time to help volunteer. The playday today at Old Hickory is a donation day, and Gina will be accepting donations of clothing, and equipment for Junior Golf.

Sunshine – We are asked to send information about sickness and death to Monice Hostettler.

Website – Caryn Crenshaw gets the information after each playday and she puts it on the computer from her work; therefore, it may take a few days to get it on the website.

VI. Working Updates – Mary Ruth addressed the issues of playday Cancellations and no-shows. We were reminded that the Player Responsibilities in our directory states we are to call the Club Rep (preferably 2 days prior) to cancel. Emergency situations allow to cancel the morning of the playday, and we are to call both the pro-shop and the Club Rep. We want to be respectful to the local course and club which we are playing that day since they have usually made arrangements for the correct number of workers to be at the club that day. It was decided that Future Policy should re-visit the cancellation policy especially for weather related cancellations.

Mary Ruth addressed the issue of pace of play. The concept of self –monitor is not really working. Mary

Ruth suggested that the assistant pros at the various clubs monitor the course starting with the 18th hole and working backwards. They should ask the ladies to pick up the pace if there is a hole open between the groups.

VII. New Business –

Mary Ruth opened up discussion to allow a new clothing line to pass out flyers at our meetings or playdays. After some discussion it was decided that it might compete with the pro-shops clothing and we don't want to start a precedent for solicitation by businesses.

The New Member Applications were presented for:

Missy Tucker – Brentwood 16.2

Karen Williams – Temple Hills 17.3

Nancy Kendrot – Westhaven 17.8

Marty Jordan made the motion to accept the new members; Norma Volz seconded the motion, and the new members were accepted. The new members will need to pay their dues for this year, and Cathy Wedekind has their directories.

Mary Ruth thanked Betty Sable for a great Pro Lady Tournament, and also thanked the reps of Old Hickory for hosting our Board Meeting today. With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Stinson, Secretary NWGA

NWGA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

HILLWOOD COUNTRY CLUB – FEBRUARY 11, 2015

Meeting Objectives:

1. Highlight NWGA Purpose
2. Update information from meetings – Fall and Executive
3. Review New Member Applications

4. Entertain any new business

Expected Outcomes:

1. All board members updated on current events
2. Agreements on Officer and Committee reports
3. Agreements on new member applications
4. Agreements on Future Policy – sign up & website

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Brentwood, Linda Post

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Five Oaks, Betty Sable

Foxland Harbor, Joanne Walker & Debbie McDuffie

Governors Club, Jean Acton

Hillwood, Kim Demoss & Carol Stephenson

Legends, Sharon Aylor & Sandy Hayes

Nashville Golf, Betsy Davie

Old Natchez, Norma Volz & Jana Porpora

Richland, Mary Frances Evers

Temple Hills, Sandee O'Dowd & Joanne Parkinson

I. **Welcome – President Mary Ruth Geny** called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to a new year of NWGA activities. Mary Ruth thanked everyone for their willingness to serve in their specific area. She said it is a privilege to serve as President of NWGA and indicated the importance of upholding the image of lady golfers and increasing participation within our association. Our purpose also includes encouraging Junior Golf

II. **Previous Meeting Minutes** – September 18, 2014 – Mary Ruth asked if everyone had read the Minutes from the previous meeting; she then asked for any corrections or additions. Kim Demos moved to accept the minutes, and Sonja Castleman seconded the motion; the minutes were approved and accepted.

III. **1st. VP Report** – Mary Ruth thanked 1st Vice President **Janice Sauter** for her good work in securing the 2015 schedule. Janice said she is honored to be 1st Vice President and that she had contacted the Pros at the various clubs rather than asking the club reps to contact the Pros. She passed out the 2015 NWGA schedule to the club reps. Janice provided the major tournament dates : Pro Lady @ Five Oaks - May 14; Championship @ Fairvue Plantation – July 15-16; Handicap Tournament @ Temple Hills - September 16-17; Lad & Lassie @ Legends – October 9.

Janice indicated the decision had been made to put the information for Play days and tournaments on the NWGA website rather than in notebooks or discs. All the forms for play days including sign up sheet form will be on the website. Hopefully, this will streamline the information for the events. Janice said there still will be notebooks for the various tournaments. Everyone applauded Janice for her great work on the schedule and information on the website.

IV. **2nd VP report** – Mary Ruth said that **Cathy McIntire** is working on the NWGA directory, and please contact Cathy for any updates. Rhonda Manous asked the reps to make sure the ladies are members at the local clubs and make sure they are members of their local 18 hole group, which is a requirement for NWGA membership. The question was raised about a one year grace period. Rhonda said to let Cathy McIntire know about the situation.

V. **Treasurer Report** – **Rhonda Manous** presented the Treasurer's report

(see attached). Rhonda indicated that the numbers are the best estimate on dues and junior golf donation, and some administration expenses. Rhonda suggested leaving in the President's gifts both years to ensure a correct amount. Mary Ruth thanked Rhonda for her diligent job for a balanced budget

VI. **Committee Reports**

1. Handicap Chair Cathy Wedekind presented a slate of 12 new applicants for NWGA approval. The list of new applicants is:

Brentwood – Amy Cottrell – 19.0

Fairvue – Amy Johnson – 7.8, Gloria Nolen – 16.6, Paula Walker – 17.9, June Parker – 18.4, Linda Zoeller – 18.2.

Five Oaks – Wendy Kokinda – 17.1, Sue Rhea 14.8.

Old Natchez – Phyllis Bauman – 14.5.

Richland – Kimberly Cooper – 18.1.

Temple Hills – Kim Crowder – 18. Legends – Jill Franks – 13.6

Joanne Walker moved that we accept the new applicants as members and Janet Vaden seconded the motion. Everyone voted unanimously to approve the new members. Mary Ruth thanked Cathy on her quick and excellent work to get the applicants information approved.

2. Historian, Marty Jordan will be working on the pictures and

information for the NWGA scrapbook. She asked people to email pictures to her for her use. Mary Ruth thanked Marty for working in this capacity, and also congratulated Debbie McDuffie on the beautiful work of the current scrapbook.

3. Rules Chair, Libbey Hagewood invited the reps to try to attend the

Rules School at Golf House April 1-5; sign ups are available by going to the website TNgolf.org. Libbey also informed us that the USGA has two new women's tournaments: 4 - Ball tournament in Bandon Dunes and also USGA Women's Senior Open. Libbey informed us that Joanne Walker will be a guest rules official at the 4 – Ball Tournament.

4. Jr. Golf Chair, Gena Ridings informed everyone for opportunities to help with junior golf. Dates for donations for Jr. golf are May 7 at Old Natchez and Aug 6 at Legends. She said there are many events to volunteer: June 29 – USGA Junior Qualifier, also July 7-9 - TGA Junior Girls Championship at Foxland Harbor, and Bonnie Blackburn Golf Clinic. Gena said that Alison Brown has been named the new co-ordinator at TGA golf, and she will be talking with her.

5. Sunshine Chair, Monice Hostettler asked for clarification on sending information to everyone or to the reps to forward. Rhonda Manous suggested sending the information to Cathy McIntire for her to send to the membership. Sandy Hayes said the members should contact Monice to inform her of a member that has a special need or situation. Sandy also suggested making sure that the member agrees to have the information sent to the membership.

6. Website Chair Caryn Crenshaw gave us an update on the NWGA

Website. Caryn is continuing to add extra things to the website. It will have some other features as well as our results and schedule. Mary Ruth gave a big thank you to Caryn with the added responsibility to the website for downloads of events and play days.

VII. Future Policy Committee

Joanne Walker addressed the issue of increasing participation among the membership. She mentioned that certain days of the week influence the amount of participation. Joanne asked the reps to encourage the NWGA members of their clubs to participate in weekly events and tournaments.

VIII. Old Business

Mary Ruth discussed sending emails to the membership. To help make sending information more efficient, all NWGA emails will come from one source – either Cathy McIntire or Rhonda Manous. All members will get the email, so the reps will not need to forward emails to their ladies. When signing up for play days at various clubs, we still will sign up at the club the week before we play, and the rep will send an email to Cathy McIntire with the sign up sheet showing the various tee times that are still available. The sign up sheet can be emailed to Cathy by scanning, taking a picture, or filling in the names on the word document. Cathy will send this information to the membership, and ladies that want to sign up will need to call or email the rep to put their name on the tee sheet. While the purpose of the email is to fill in the tee sheet, the email also helps to remind players of their tee times.

The NWGA sent a contribution of \$1,125.00 in support of the First Tee of Nashville. NWGA requested that a minimum of ten junior golfers meeting the criteria of needing financial assistance to attend the TGA Bonnie Blackburn Golf Camp at Golf House be awarded an entry fee @ \$60per overnight camper and/or the USGA/LPGA girls program registration. The balance of the donation should be used for the needs of the First Tee of Nashville. NWGA also sent \$500 to TGA Jr. Amateur. Rhonda Manous mentioned that any amount over \$30 for NWGA dues goes toward junior golf.

Mary Ruth informed us that NWGA had paid dues to USGA, so we are now members; we were given a USGA flag. Sonja Castleman suggested using it on tables for tournaments and special events.

Mary Ruth also addressed the comparison of NWGA with Men's Senior Golf. NWGA is not a group of senior golfers; we have different age groups in our membership. We are all members of private clubs, and pay dues to those private clubs; therefore, we are treated as an extension of the club on our play day. NWGA ladies usually stay and eat lunch and shop in the pro shops while at the various clubs.

IX. New Business

Betsy Davie informed the NWGA that Nashville Golf and Athletic will host the Western Women Golf Association June 14- 20. Many volunteers will be needed to help the tournament run smoothly; Betsy asked for anyone interested to please get in touch with her.

Marty Jordan informed us also that Hillwood is hosting the USGA Senior Women's Championship September 24 – October 1. Hillwood will need a large number of volunteers each day. Please consider helping with either or both of these events. The clubs could use our help and we can see some great golf.

Mary Ruth again thanked everyone in attendance for agreeing to serve in their positions and asked that the reps from the clubs that are hosting a NWGA tournament pick up their notebook from Janice Sauter. With no further business to discuss, Mary Ruth dismissed the board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Stinson, Secretary



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