

NWGA OPENING DAY, APRIL 6, 2017

VANDERBILT LEGENDS CLUB of TENNESSEE

Members Present – See Attached

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS:

President, Janice Sauter called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending although inclement weather prevented the opening day golf scramble. Sharon Gore gave the blessing for the luncheon and the meeting progressed. Janice apologized for the late notice of cancellation and indicated that in the future, similar decisions would be made sooner in order to give everyone time to adjust their plans.

Laura Parrott from Nashville Golf and Athletic Club had previously contacted the Executive Board for permission to have Patrick Nichols address the membership present. Mr. Nichols is the Tournament Director for the Nashville Golf Open (Web.com) event to be held at Nashville Golf and Athletic Club from June 26 through July 2, 2017. Mr. Nichols gave a brief history of his affiliation with the PGA and spoke about the upcoming event. This will be the second year this event will be held at NG&A. He presented opportunities for volunteers to help with the event by way of sponsorship, pro-am, hospitality, etc. He indicated that all proceeds from daily and weekly ticket sales will go to charity in the form of the nine Williamson County High Schools or the First Tee of Middle Tennessee.

Secretary, Catherine Sutton had provided copies of the Minutes from the Closing Meeting in October. The President had also sent emails to membership asking that the minutes be read prior to this meeting in order to avoid having the minutes read aloud. A motion was made by Mary Del Scobey to accept the minutes as provided. The motion was seconded by Amy Johnson and the minutes were approved by vote.

1st Vice President, Marty Jordan was not able to attend the meeting. President Sauter commended Marty for a job well done in preparing the schedule of play for 2017. The four major events for the year are as follows:

Pro Lady, Foxland Harbor, April 20. Instructions have been distributed and Kathy Barber, Club Representative is collecting checks and team information at this meeting.

Handicap, Brentwood, May 10 & 11 (Wednesday, Thursday)

Championship, Five Oaks, July 19 & 20 (Wednesday, Thursday)

Lad and Lassie, Governor's Club, October 12

2nd Vice President, Donna Robers discussed the 2017 booklet and asked that everyone review their information as soon as possible. The booklets were distributed to the Club Representatives. Any changes/corrections should be sent to Donna.

Treasurer, Joanne Parkinson had distributed to the membership the proposed budget for 2017 (copy attached). The Financial Statement can be found in the 2017 booklet on page 21 and shows that as of

December 31, 2016, the balance was \$5,727.05. She discussed the unfortunate incident which caused a loss of \$2,000. She has been notified by the bank that they are holding these funds and will be returned to us through a District Attorney. Currently, there is a question as to which DA will proceed with this as both Williamson and Davidson Counties are involved. Brentwood has assigned a detective to this case and will be working towards resolving this issue shortly so there will be no loss.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Handicap – Kathy Wedekind urged everyone to post all scores.

Historian – Lee Ann Barrett encouraged everyone to review the photograph books displayed and let her know of any names not assigned to pictures. She is looking for group pictures from each club to put in the books as well as posting on the NWGA website.

Rules – Libbey Hagewood reviewed the only new ruling for 2017 which regards the accidental movement of a ball on the green. This is on the green only. This rule must be approved locally. It provides no penalty if the ball is moved accidentally for any reason. Replace the ball and proceed to play.

Future Policy – Mary Ruth Geny had no issues to report.

Web Site – Sara Hume reported that our web page is a difficult tool but she has been working to update, add, and delete as necessary to make it as functional as possible. President Sauter commended her for a superb job to date and complimented the prior web masters for their work with this tool. Some discussion was had on having email addresses available on the web site for officers. It was decided to leave that for now. Also, Sara stated that this particular tool is not conducive to password protection.

Sunshine/Communications – Rhonda Manous asked everyone to not reply to her when emails are sent. If anyone has need for further information or input, the recipient should contact the person who penned the message. As Communications, Rhonda simply forwards the messages. She also let everyone know that Mary Ruth Geny lost her mother recently and Debbie McDuffie had a heart attack over the winter. These are not Sunshine events and she would prefer the committee simply be called Communications.

Junior Golf – Mary Del Scobey stated that a primary focus of NWGA is Junior Golf. With that in mind, we make annual donations to the First Tee. Our collection in 2016 was \$1,370 which will be donated in 2017. There are several junior events held through the Tennessee Golf Association each year. They are always looking for volunteers to help with these events. Members should contact Allison Brown at the TGA directly to volunteer. The Nike Junior Golf Invitational, consisting of 54 boys and 24 girls, will be held August 14 at Vanderbilt Legends. This is the first time Nike has sponsored a junior event and we are hopeful it will be very successful so they will continue their sponsorship. More information will be forthcoming as we get closer to the event.

Marion Howard discussed the Tennessee Junior Girls Tournament being held at Temple Hills June 26-29. She is the chairperson for this event and is looking for volunteers as spotters, shuttle drivers, lunch help, etc. Practice will be on Monday, with play Tuesday through Thursday. She will send emails closer to the event. Members may contact Marion directly for more information and to volunteer.

OLD BUSINESS:

We will continue to send out notices on Mondays before our play days to fill any open slots. We will be including on the sign-up sheets the cost for the play day as well as the club preference for payment (cash, check, credit card, charge back).

NEW BUSINESS:

At the February Board Meeting seven new members were approved. They were:

Pat Creech, Legends Club

Lisa Chisholm, Legends Club

Donna Harrison, Fairvue Plantation

Judy Brewer, Fairvue Plantation

Heather Crane, Richland

A B Hawkins, Old Natchez

Cynthia Williams, Brentwood

Pat Creech, Lisa Chisholm, Judy Brewer, and A B Hawkins were present for the Opening Day Luncheon and Meeting. All were greeted with a round of applause. All members are encouraged to sign up with these new members to help them feel welcome.

The next opportunity for new members to be invited to join will be at the June Board Meeting. Application and requirements are on the NWGA Web Site.

The biggest issue facing NWGA is the cost the clubs are pressing to charge us for our play days. Three clubs will be going up on their rates for 2017: Hillwood to \$45, Richland to \$40, and Brentwood to \$40. We can expect other clubs to increase their rates as the word spreads that some have already done so. There was much discussion as to why this is happening and what can be done to curtail further increases. Club Representatives were previously given talking points as needed to discuss with their Pros, Committees and/or Boards. We encourage good will with our Pros. We have little authority on this but need to be proactive.

There are specific rules in our booklet as previously approved regarding cancellation and no-shows. Be aware, members will be charged \$30 for no-show and cancellations not made in accordance with said rule.

The Board decided at our February meeting that we will only pay Low Gross and three places including all ties in both flights henceforth on regular play days. Partner events will still pay three places. This change may reduce the number of balls we need to purchase.

President Sauter reminded everyone to get their group pictures submitted as soon as possible. She also stated that in looking through the NWGA history, she is amazed at the recordkeeping from the early years. She brought several items and are displayed with the current photograph books. All were encouraged to look at them to get a sense of the history of this organization.

Gail Smothers Smith made a formal motion to provide Mary Ruth Geny with Honorary Membership as past president. Kathy Barber seconded the motion. It was approved by vote.

There being no further business, motion made by Rhonda Cincere with second by Mary Del Scobey to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Sutton, Secretary

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE, Opening Day, April 6, 2017

Bluegrass

Shelly Barnes, Caryn Crenshaw, Catherine Sutton

Brentwood

Sandra Kemp

Fairvue Plantation

Judy Brewer, Amy Johnson, Stacy Cooper, June Parker, Brenda Mathis, Gloria Nolen, Janet Vaden

Five Oaks

Betty Sabel

Foxland Harbor

Kathy Barber, Rhonda Manous

Governor's Club

Ginger Oglesby, Jean Acton, Maureen Johnson, Laura Parrott, Susie Charbonneau, Renee Pesavento, Betty Ewen

Hillwood

Mary Ruth Geny, Melinda Srebnick

Legends

Janice Sauter, Jill Franks, Sharon Aylor, Karen Dugan, Pat Creech, Teresa Reese, Sharon Gore, Lisa Chisholm, Gail Smothers Smith, Gena Ridings

Nashville Golf and Athletic

Betsy Davie

Old Hickory

Mary Kelly, Cathy Wedekind, Denise Pridemore, Julie Carlton, JoAnn Pence, Cathy McEntire, Linda Gentry

Old Natchez

Jana Porpora, Lee Ann Barrett, Ann Hawkins, Norma Volz, Phyllis Bauman

Richland

Donna Robers, Debbie Parker, Kimberly Cooper

Temple Hills

Joanne Parkinson, Frances Whitley, Linda Rotella, Claudia Rothe, Vickie Riggin, Rhonda Cincere, Marion Howard, Linda McDugald, Sandy O'Dowd, Mary Del Scobey, Suzanne Cheek, Shirley Boswinkle, Sara Hume, Libbey Hagedwood

Westhaven

Nancy Kendrot, Chris Blossom, Taryn Ruffin