

NWGA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
LEGENDS CLUB OF TENNESSEE – February 2, 2017

ROLL CALL

Officers

President Janice Sauter (L)

1st Vice President Marty Jordan (H)

2nd Vice President Donna Robers (R)

Treasurer Joanne Parkinson (TH)

Secretary Catherine Sutton (BG)

Future Policy & Past Presidents

Mary Ruth Geny (H)

Mary Bush (ON)

Gail Smothers-Smith (LE)

Committee Chairs

Handicap – Cathy Wedekind (OH)

Historian/Publicity – Lee Ann Barrett (ON)

Rules – Libbey Hagewood (TH/WH)

Nominating – Jenifer Beres (TH)

Website – Sara Hume (TH)

Sunshine – Rhonda Manous (FO/FH)

Club Reps

Bluegrass – Caryn Crenshaw

Brentwood – Linda Post

Fairvue Plantation – Amy Johnson

Five Oaks – Betty Sable

Foxland Harbor – Kathy Barber

Governor's Club – Jean Acton

Hillwood – Cheryl Miller

Legends – Gena Ridings, Jill Franks

Nashville Golf & Athletic – Betsy Davie

Old Hickory – Cathy McIntire, Julie Carlton

Old Natchez – Norma Volz, Jana Porpora

Richland – Debbie Parker

Temple Hills – Vickie Riggin, Suzanne Cheek

Westhaven – Judy Boscamp

WELCOME

President Janice Sauter called the meeting to order, welcomed all who could attend, and thanked all for contributing their time to the NWGA. Secretary Catherine Sutton made the roll call.

MINUTES

The minutes of the Board Meeting of September 22, 2016 were read by the secretary. Motion made by Amy Johnson to approve as read, with second by Mary Bush. Minutes were approved.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Marty Jordan distributed the Play Day Schedule for 2017. The four major tournaments are:

Pro/Lady at Foxland Harbor on April 20

Handicap Tournament at Brentwood on May 10 and 11

Invitational Championship at Five Oaks on July 19 and 20

Lad and Lassie at Governor's Club on October 12

Board Meetings will be June 8 at Old Hickory and August 31 at Nashville Golf and Athletic.

The play day of July 13 had not been assigned. However, during the meeting, Governor's Club let it be known they would host that date. June 29 was not scheduled because of a Junior Girl's event; however, it was determined that it would be appropriate to have a play day then and the host club will be announced when determined. At this point, Foxland Harbor has only one event scheduled in 2017.

Marty thanked the Club Reps for their willingness to serve and asked that they stay a few minutes following the meeting to review their responsibilities.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Donna Robers is preparing the 2017 booklet. She asked that the Club Reps notify her of any changes to membership including addresses, phones, and emails. She also needs to know of any members who intend to drop out of NWGA.

TREASURER

President Janice Sauter informed the attendees of an unfortunate situation that resulted in a loss of \$2,000 from our bank account. Much discussion was had on improving our Website to prevent non-NWGA member access. Sara Hume, Website Chair, will look at possibilities of password and/or revamping the website. Amy Johnson will look at possibilities of insurance to cover future losses.

Several suggestions were made to help recoup the loss. Janice proposed that we eliminate the President's parting gift (year 2). All attendees agreed with this. Also, Mary Ruth Geny made a motion to change the weekly pay out of balls for top six places to Low Gross for A & B fields plus three places and ties. Marty Jordan made a second to this motion. Motion was approved.

Treasurer Joanne Parkinson presented the end of year Financial Report (attached) and 2017 Budget (attached). Mary Ruth Geny noted that the Budget needed to be adjusted to show that all funds collected for Junior Golf in 2016 are to be paid out in 2017. Joanne will make that change. With that change, Kathy Barber made a motion to approve the budget, Norma Volz second. Motion was approved.

COMMITTEES

Historian/Publicity – Lee Ann Barrett asked that Club Reps and all members please send her pictures of events. Specifically she needs pictures of anyone having a hole-in-one and all tournament winners. Cell phone pictures are easily taken and forwarded.

Rules – Libbey Hagewood informed all about the Modernization effort regarding rules for 2018. One rule can be adopted locally for 2017 in anticipation of the 2018 change. It deals with accidental ball movement on the putting green. She read the official ruling and is available if anyone needs it. NWGA is adopting the change for 2017.

Junior Golf – Mary Del Scobey was not present, therefore no report at this time. Dates for collection of items for Junior Golf will be posted in the new booklet.

Sunshine – Rhoned Manous informed all that Past President Debby McDuffie has suffered a heart attack but is doing well. The title of this chair will be changes to Sunshine/Communication beginning with 2017.

Web Site – Sara Hume is looking to improve the current web site as it is difficult to maintain. It needs to be simplified. She is considering only maintaining minutes for one prior year plus the current year. Forms for Club Reps need to be available and some changes to them need to be made. She asked the Club Reps to provide her with a group picture of their NWGA members.

Future Policy – Mary Ruth Geny had nothing to report at this time.

Handicap – Cathy wedekind presented seven applicants for membership:

Judy Brewer – Fairvue – 18.9 GHIN

Donna Harrison – Fairvue – 17.4

Pat Creech – Legends – 16.3

Lisa Chisholm – Legends – 12.4

Anne A. B. Hawkins – Old Natchez – 17.1

Cynthia “Cindy” Williamson – Brentwood – 18.1

Heather Crane – Richland – 15.9

Cathy made the motion to accept the new applicants, second by Jana Porpora. All approved.

Janice Sauter presented several items to improve announcements distributed by the Sunshine/Communications. We will continue to have all correspondence go through Rhonda Manous. Please provide her with your own email as you want it to go forward. Do not expect her to create your message. We will also continue to send out an email on Monday before a play day to allow for sign-up in empty slots. The sign-up sheet will also provide the cost of the play day for that week and the preferred method of payment (cash, charge-back, credit card, etc.). She asked that when sending in applications for new members, please use the form on the web site, not the one in the booklet as it is too small. She reminded all that for the tournaments, there is no discount for the members at the host club. This was approved several years ago and is posted in the booklet.

Because some clubs are asking for increases to fees, Marty provided a handout to the Club Reps with discussion points to provide club pros, fee committees, etc. to get confirmation on expected fees for 2017. We are hopeful that fees charged in 2016 will not be increased but as an organization, NWGA has no control over them. We want to encourage discussion and our selling points, especially that NWGA ladies are ambassadors for the game of golf. We want to be respectful of our hosts and do what we can to help them by staying for lunch and/or purchasing merchandise from their pro shops.

Much discussion was had relative to prizes for tournaments. In the end, it will remain that the host Club Reps will determine what type of prizes (trophies, gift cards, club credit, etc.) will be provided.

Nashville Golf & Athletic provided a handout relative the the Web.com tournament held at their club in 2017 asking for volunteers. Jill Franks noted that she volunteered last summer and it was a very enjoyable experience. She encourages others to participate.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Sutton

Secretary