

NWGA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Bluegrass Yacht & Country Club – June 22, 2018

ROLL CALL

Officers

President Janice Sauter (L)

1st Vice President Marty Jordan (HW)

2nd Vice President Donna Robers (RI)

Treasurer Joanne Parkinson (TH)

Secretary Catherine Sutton (BG)

Future Policy & Past Presidents

Mary Ruth Geny (H)

Debbie McDuffie (FH)

Committee Chairs

Website – Sara Hume (TH)

Junior Golf - Mary Del Scobey (TH)

Club Reps

Bluegrass – Shelly Barnes, Caryn Crenshaw

Brentwood – Linda Post

Fairvue Plantation –

Five Oaks –

Foxland Harbor –Kathy Barber

Governor's Club – Jean Acton

Hillwood – Kim DeMoss

Legends – Jill Franks

Nashville Golf & Athletic –

Old Hickory –

Old Natchez –

Richland –

Temple Hills –

Westhaven –

Other Board Members

Legends - Gail Smothers Smith

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 February 7, 2018 were available on the NWGA Website and were read in advance of meeting by those present. Motion made by Mary Del Scobey to approve as presented, with second by Kathy Barber. Minutes were approved.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Marty Jordan advised all Reps present that balls were available to be picked up for past events. There are still two major events scheduled: Invitational at Hillwood on August 15-16; Lad and Lassie at Fairvue Plantation on October 18.

President Sauter noted that the Pro Lady Tournament at Nashville golf and Athletic was under budget about \$27. The Handicap Tournament held at Old Hickory had only 10 teams (40 players) and was over budget \$470. At the beginning of the year the tournament budget fund had \$2,550 in it.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Donna Robers had nothing to report. She will forward information to all members on new members approved at this meeting.

TREASURER

Treasurer Joanne Parkinson distributed the financial statement as of June 15, 2018. Current balance is \$13,877.66. The tournament fund will probably zero out with approximately \$8,500 expected to be remaining at the end of the year.

COMMITTEES

Handicap – Cathy Wedekind was not available but submitted through President Sauter the following for membership:

Dawn Patrick – Legends – 16.0 GHIN

Sandy Foster – Brentwood – 12.2

Diane Norvil – Five Oaks – 18.5

Haydee Moor – Fairvue – 12.6

Carole Meyer – Richland – 17.6

Lori Wilson – Foxland Harbor – 13.2

The rep from Foxland noted that there may be a discrepancy in the GHIN posted for Lori Wilson due to her default tee being incorrect in the GHIN system. The Pro at Foxland Harbor is working to fix that and it is

expected that her GHIN will be higher than the 13.2. A motion was made by Gail Smothers Smith with second by Debbie McDuffie to accept the candidates for membership with the caveat that Lori Wilson be deferred until the GHIN is corrected. Once corrected and if it is within the requirement for membership, then she, too, will be accepted. All approved.

Historian/Publicity – Lea Ann Barrett was not available at this meeting. President Sauter reminded the Reps to get picture of the next two tournaments to Lea Ann.

Rules – Libbey Hagewood was not available for the meeting. There were a couple questions about rules. Gail Smothers Smith addressed the concerns. One, can a player tap down spike marks for another player? No, after everyone has finished the hole, then marks can be tapped down. Two, what does a player do if the ball moves on the green? If the ball moves because the player caused it to move, then replace it to the original spot. If the ball moves but NOT because the player caused it to move, then play it as it lies.

Gail also noted that a four day rules instruction will be held at the Millennium Maxwell House Hotel in Nashville, February 14-17, 2019 at a cost of \$350 per person. There are numerous new rules taking effect January 1, 2019.

Nominating Committee –Jennifer Beres, as head of the committee, was not available.

Future Policy – Mary Ruth Geny had nothing to report.

Web Site – Sara Hume noted that new pictures of all club members have been received and posted with the exception of Bluegrass.

Online signup is going well. If you use a Smartphone or Tablet/Pad, you will need to download the Google App and have a Google Account but it is not necessary to have a gmail account. The App is not necessary if using a desktop or laptop computer.

It will be helpful if the Club Reps have editing ability for the online signup process. Sara will work with the Club Reps to make this happen. Once the Reps have this ability, they can close the posting at noon the day before the event and edit any last minute changes.

Reps should use the forms on the Web site for results. They can find it by going to the Club Rep Page then Form Page. Copies of results should be forwarded to 1st Vice President, Handicap Chair, and The Tennessean.

The fees being charged to NWGA for online payment are 2.9% plus \$.30 transaction fee. Opening day about 67% paid online at a cost of \$110. Handicap Tournament had 75% paid online at a cost of \$90.10. There appears to be sufficient funds in the general fund account to cover these costs for some time. This type of charge is a cost of doing business that anyone incurs who accept credit cards for receipt of payment.

For play day events, it is the Club Reps responsibility to send Sara the cost, how to pay, and tee times. She will in turn, send a link to members with the information. Reps still need to broadcast message 10 days in advance of play day about the event. Send another message a few days before as a reminder.

Sara is researching new web site tools. Our current system is not user friendly. She may have a recommendation at the fall board meeting.

Sunshine/Communication – Rhonda Manous was not available. President Sauter reiterated that anyone needing to broadcast a message to all members should write the message appropriately and forward to Rhonda Manous for distribution. Instructions should be in the message to return questions/comments to the original sender, not Rhonda. Sara Hume is looking at a method to improve broadcast messages.

Junior Golf – Mary Del had nothing to report at this time. President Sauter noted that we had received thank you letters from both junior golf donations. It was noted that there will be changes in 2019 to the First Tee administration.

OLD BUSINESS

There was much discussion regarding the cost of play at Hillwood for the Invitational Tournament in August. It was noted at previous meeting that the cost to play there will be \$69 per person per day. That is a total of \$138 just for the golf portion of the tournament. The most charged in previous years for this tournament has been \$115 but that will not be sufficient for this year. Some calculations that cost to play, food and prizes would be an expected total of \$211.44 with \$10 of that coming from the budgeted tournament fund as collected from each member with their dues. The question was how much more should be subsidized from the tournament fund and/or the general fund? Charging \$150 for the tournament would be approximately \$2,600 additional needed to cover costs. This was generally agreed by all present. It was also noted that all members, including host club members, pay the same fee for participation in the four major tournaments held by NWGA.

It is important that Club Reps sell the members on the advantages of playing this tournament at Hillwood as it is a premier facility.

NEW BUSINESS

Online signups for play days have been well received with few issues. There have been a few times that a member mistakenly deleted the entire sheet but Sara was able to capture the sheet prior to that error. If this happened, please call Sara or Janice to reinstate the sheet. There will be mistakes made but we can work around them.

Some discussion was relative to the charges incurred as a result of members paying by credit card. With the expected charge of \$150 for the Invitational Tournament, the cost could be about \$235. We will review these costs and determine if dues need to be increased to cover them. It was suggested that this is a cost

of doing business and we have sufficient funds in the general fund to cover such cost for several years to come.

There was some discussion about online signup for those non-members who wish to play in the Invitational. Last year six non-members played. Perhaps a flyer can be developed with a link to the online process.

We currently have 112 of our members joining our Facebook group. An additional email will be sent to all members reminding them of the process to join this group. Either Janice Sauter or Sara Hume can add members to the group.

A discussion was held on rainout days. Apparently, some members who played Foxland Harbor did not complete the round due to rain. Some were given rain checks while others were not. That is at the discretion of the club.

As a final note, President Sauter noted that five clubs were not represented at this meeting. It is important that Club Reps make an effort to have at least one Rep attend all board meetings. Important information is discussed and this is the best way for that information to get back to all members.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Sutton

Secretary