

**NWGA BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Vanderbilt Legends – February 7, 2018**

ROLL CALL

Officers

President Janice Sauter (L)

Marty Jordan (HW)

Donna Robers (RI)

Treasurer Joanne Parkinson (TH)

Secretary Catherine Sutton (BG)

Future Policy & Past Presidents

Mary Ruth Geny (H)

Committee Chairs

Handicap – Cathy Wedekind (OH)

Rules - Libbey Hagedwood (TH/WH)

Website – Sara Hume (TH)

Junior Golf - Mary Del Scobey (TH)

Sunshine/Communications – Rhonda Manous (FO/FH)

Club Reps

Bluegrass – Shelly Barnes

Brentwood – Linda Post

Fairvue Plantation – Amy Johnson

Five Oaks – Betty Sable

Foxland Harbor –Kathy Barber

Governor’s Club – Jean Acton

Hillwood –

Legends – Jill Franks

Nashville Golf & Athletic – Betsy Davie

Old Hickory – Julie Carlton

Old Natchez – Norma Volz

Richland – Debbie Parker

Temple Hills –

Westhaven – Chris Blossom

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 August 31, 2017 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 Betsie Davie. Minutes were approved.

### 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT

Marty Jordan submitted the proposed schedule of events for 2018. She is still trying to solidify a few dates but Opening Day is April 5 at Legends. The major tournaments are scheduled as follows: Pro/Lady at Nashville Golf & Athletic on May 3; Handicap at Old Hickory on June 6-7; Invitational Championship at Hillwood on August 15-16; and Lad & Lassie at Fairvue on October 18. NWGA is scheduled for Governor's Club on July 12. On the same date there will be a Girls Tournament in Murfreesboro which may be a conflict for those volunteering for that tournament. Closing Day is November 1 at Legends.

Board meetings are not scheduled but President Sauter would like to have one on June 22 at Bluegrass and on August 30 at Richland. The Club Reps will work on that as soon as possible so any other dates can be set, if needed.

Mary Del will solidify Junior Golf donation dates.

### 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT

Donna Robers asked that everyone verify any changes to Reps, Pros, course ratings, and membership information as soon as possible so she can make corrections to the handbook.

Donna is in charge of Registration for the Tennessee Women's Amateur being held at Golf Club of Tennessee in August. She is looking for volunteers for her committee as well as volunteers for all other activities during the week of the event. Registration will be August 2-4 with play August 6-12.

Volunteers during play will be needed for four to six hour shifts. All volunteers will pay a \$50 fee and receive two shirts, hat/cap/visor, food, access to watch and a play day at the club.

## TREASURER

Treasurer Joanne Parkinson distributed the financial statement for 2017 and the proposed budget for 2018. The excess in the current statement is a result of no purchase of balls in 2017. That will be an expense in 2018. Collection of dues for 2018 will be higher than in the proposed budget because some members have not paid as of this date. She has collected 204 member dues including 7 honorary to date. The 2017 collection for Junior Golf was \$1,585. Distribution discussion is reflected in committee report below. Motion made by Kathy Barber with second by Cathy Wedekind and approved to accept the financial statement and proposed budget as presented.

## COMMITTEES

Handicap – Cathy Wedekind presented eight applicants for membership:

Cindy Hooper – Fairvue – 17.4 GHIN

Debbie Harper – Fairvue – 16.8

Cynthia West – Fairvue – 18.0

Laura Fellman – Fairvue – 13.3

Donna Williams – Legends – 17.7

Mary Jane Baldinger – Old Natchez – 15.2

Dabney Waters – Richland – 17.0

Christina Lannom – Westhaven – 18.4

Two additional applications were submitted but did not meet the criteria for membership at this time.

Cathy Wedekind proposed these eight applicants be approved for membership. Rhonda Manous seconded the motion. All approved.

Cathy advised that the handicap system previously provided by the USGA through the TGA has been discontinued. The TGA is attempting to provide a system that gives us the information needed for our weekly events. Per Gail Smothers Smith, Golf Genius is the new system but is not fully operational at this time. Allison Brown will work with Cathy Wedekind to get appropriate information available.

Question was raised from the floor to reduce the requirement of 20 posted scores as criteria for membership. After discussion, it was agreed that current criteria will stand.

Historian/Publicity – Lea Ann Barrett was not available at this meeting

Rules – Libbey Hagewood had no new rules to discuss. However, she did announce to the group that Gail Smothers Smith has been appointed as the first female President of the TGA Board of Directors. Allison Brown will take over management of both men's' and women's' programs at TGA. She will lead all competition in the state.

Libbey suggested that our members should look at USGA website for any new rules. Changes are expected in 2019. The local rule relative to penalty once the scorecard has been signed but not realized by the golfer during play has been adopted by TGA; therefore, will probably be adopted by all golf courses in the state.

Janice Sauter advised that TGA will not have spring rules sessions. Allison Brown is providing a session for the ladies at Legends on March 21. If anyone would like to participate in that session, please let Janice know immediately.

Nominating Committee – No report at this time. Jenifer Beres is heading this committee. Janice encouraged all members to consider any request made by Jenifer and her committee.

Future Policy – Mary Ruth Geny had nothing to report.

Junior Golf – Mary Del Scobey asked if the donation made to First Tee can be distributed to them earlier in the year as we already know the amount collected in 2017 of \$1,585 for disbursement in 2018. It was recommended and approved that \$1,000 be sent to First Tee and the remaining \$585 be sent to TGA for Girl's Golf. Rhonda Manous made the motion that henceforth if funds are available, the first \$1,000 of collections go to First Tee and any remaining funds go to the TGA for Girl's Golf. Second to the motion made by Betsie Davie. Motion approved. It was the general consensus that this will stand until such time as collections reach or exceed \$2,000.

First Tee has advised they are in need of used clubs with ladies shafts. Collection dates for donations will be posted in the final schedule of weekly events.

Mary Del brought to our attention that the participants in First Tee are required to do an annual project. One of the girl's project requires her to raise \$3,000 to put forth a golf festival for girls not currently involved in golf. Mary Del will get more information on how to make donations to this project.

Web Site – Sara Hume posted pictures on Facebook of this meeting during the meeting. She wanted it noted that all members are encouraged to join the NWGA Facebook page, especially the new members. Janice will put the information in the letter sent to new members. Anyone who is a member of the Facebook page can post pictures.

Sara asked that Club Reps get updated member pictures and post. Multiple pictures are acceptable.

Sunshine/Communication – Rhonda Manous had nothing to report at this time.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Janice advised that the Hideaway at Arrington will not be putting forth application to join NWGA. The course is currently closed. She also noted that the new golf course project involving Tiger Woods near Thompson Station is proposed to go forward.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Once again, increased cost to play will occur at some of the clubs this year. Hillwood has raised its rates to \$62.50 plus tax. This will affect the Invitational Championship in August. When adding food and prizes for a two-day tournament, the cost could approach \$200. Once final costs are determined, a decision will be made as to how much to subsidize from the funds raised by the additional \$10 dues initiated previously. The cost of food, carts, etc. continues to rise at all courses and prizes are expensive. At some point, we will have to adjust.

There was some discussion on raising dues. This will be brought forth at subsequent board meeting(s) so that a decision can be made by Closing Day.

Club Reps were reminded to get cost to play at their respective clubs in order for that information to be available for sign-up sheets.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Sutton

Secretary