

NWGA OPENING DAY, APRIL 5, 2018

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. Sharon Gore gave the blessing for the luncheon and the meeting progressed. Vanderbilt Legends Pro, Patrick Jackson, announced the awards for the Opening Day Scramble as follows:

1st Place Team (65) Amy Johnson, Barbara Buell Dukes, Diane Lee

2nd Place Team (66) Gena Ridings, Judy Boscamp, Cynthia West

3rd Place Team (69) Mary Kelly, Sharon Gore, Rene Pesavento, Patti Brown

4th Place Team (69) Barbara Richards, Gail Smothers Smith, Carol Prince, Sandra Kemp

5th Place Team (69) Shawn Anderson, Jan Krikorian, Betsy Davie, Teri Campbell

Secretary, Catherine Sutton. The President had 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 Sara Hume to accept the minutes as provided. The motion was seconded by Judy Boscamp and the minutes were approved by vote.

1st Vice President, Marty Jordan was not able to attend the meeting. President Sauter noted the following tournaments for 2018:

Pro Lady, Nashville Golf & Athletic Club, May 3. Club Reps to get with Betsy Davie before leaving the meeting for information on this event.

Handicap, Old Hickory, June 6-7, (Wednesday, Thursday)

Championship, Hillwood, August 15-16, (Wednesday, Thursday)

Lad and Lassie, Fairvue Plantation, October 18

Sign-up and pay method for all future tournaments after the Pro Lady will be made on-line.

We now have the capability to sign up for weekly events on-line through the NWGA website using the Google App. Weekly event sign-up sheets should have cost and payment method posted.

New balls have been ordered for prizes for 2018. They will be the Bridgestone E6 Soft.

2nd Vice President, Donna Robers was not able to attend the meeting. The booklets were distributed to the Club Representatives. Any changes/corrections should be sent to Donna.

Treasurer, Joanne Parkinson had distributed to the membership budget for 2018 (copy attached). The Financial Statement can be found in the 2018 booklet on pages 21-22 and shows that as of December 31, 2017, the balance was \$9,637.83.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Handicap – Cathy Wedekind urged everyone to post all scores. The handicap system previously used by the TGA is no longer available. That system was used to provide the club reps with handicaps for weekly events. The new system, Genius, is not capable for that at this point and does not integrate with the TGA system. Club reps will need to be able to look up handicaps for those members signed up for the weekly events. Cathy offered to help, if needed.

Historian – Lea Ann Barrett was not able to attend the meeting. President Sauter encouraged everyone to forward any pictures to Lea Ann and to Sara Hume to post on the NWGA website and Facebook.

Rules – Libbey Hagewood had nothing to report for this meeting. She did encourage members to go to the USGA website and review the proposed new rules which will be effective 1/1/2019. It was noted that several terms will be changing as well as rules. The TGA did not do any spring rules clinics but they expect to have several in the fall to preview the upcoming rules changes.

Future Policy – Mary Ruth Geny was not able to attend. No policy changes were noted.

Web Site – Sara Hume was commended by Janice for the excellent job she is doing with the website and Facebook. Sara is looking for a new website venue. She has received pictures from several clubs of 2018 members but not all. She noted that multiple pictures are OK if all members cannot be in attendance for pictures at one time. Please specify names of those in each picture in order left to right.

Sara also noted that anyone with access to the NWGA Facebook Group can post pictures to it.

Sunshine/Communications – Rhonda Manous was not able to attend. Janice reiterated that when you have a message to broadcast, please write the message as though you are sending it directly. Any responses should be to the original sender, not to Rhonda.

Junior Golf – Mary Del Scobey plans to have a collection day at Temple Hills play day April 12. Appropriate collections are balls, gently used clubs, shoes, etc. The junior golfers use stand bags, so if you have any in good condition, please donate those as well.

OLD BUSINESS:

Our donation to Junior Golf this year (collected in 2017) was \$1,550. Donations have been sent to TGA of \$550 and First Tee of \$1,000. Both were very appreciative of the donations.

NEW BUSINESS:

At the February Board Meeting eight new members were approved:

Cindy Hopper – Fairvue Plantation

Debbie Harper – Fairvue Plantation

Cynthia West – Fairvue Plantation

Laura Fellman – Fairvue Plantation

Donna Williams – Legends

Mary Jane Baldinger – Old Natchez

Dabney Waters – Richland

Christina Lannom – Westhaven

Of these, recognized in attendance today were: Cynthia West, Laura Fellman, Donna Williams, and Dabney Waters. First time attendee from a previous approval was Barbara Buell Dukes.

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 cost of our play days is creeping up. A few clubs still charge in the \$30 range but some are now \$40 with two clubs over \$60. The two day tournament at Hillwood will be \$62.50 per day just for the golf. NWGA will subsidize the event but expect the cost to be substantially higher than in previous years. That being said, all are encouraged to play the two day events.

Over the last few years, discussions have been had about paying by credit card. Sara Hume, Jill Franks, Rhonda Manous, and Janice decided to try this method for our opening day. It was well received with 67% paying by credit card. Sara did an outstanding job putting the mechanics in motion for that to happen (setting up the Pay Pal account, monitoring the payments and transferring the money to our NWGA account). Jill was also instrumental in working with Sara since this was the first time we tried this. There is a fee involved in taking credit cards. The cost for this event was about \$100. Because we have surplus funds, we can absorb this cost for a while but eventually dues will need to be raised to

cover this added cost. We will only do this for Opening, Closing, and the four tournaments. This is not for weekly play.

We are also going to add an option to sign up for our weekly play days online. There will still be a paper sign-up sheet the week prior to the play day but then the club reps will transfer those sign ups on to a digital sheet which will then be posted on the website, Facebook page and perhaps via email. Once the sheet is posted digitally, members will be able to access the Google Doc sheet and then they can add, change, or delete their name. If you use the digital sheet, please do not make changes to another person's entry. You can still add one other member. This new digital process is available for the first play day at Temple Hills on April 12. You will still be able to call the club rep to sign up.

Janice had some items in the President's memorabilia that are not necessary to keep, so drawings were made to distribute them.

It was noted that Gail Smothers Smith is the newly elected President of the TGA (first female president). She encouraged everyone to sign up for TGA events even if the roster is full. There are instances where fields are expanded and some ladies drop out.

Joanne Walker mentioned the Trans Amateur is open to anyone with a 10.4 handicap.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Sutton, Secretary

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE, Opening Day, April 5, 2018

Bluegrass

Shelly Barnes, Catherine Sutton

Brentwood

Patti Brown, Amy Cottrell, Joan DeNoyelles, Barbara Buell Dukes, Sandra Kemp,

Jan Krikorian, Linda Post

Fairvue Plantation

Judy Brewer, Laura Fellman, Amy Johnson, Paula Walker, Cynthia West

Five Oaks

Betty Sabel

Foxland Harbor

Joanne Walker

Governor's Club

Jean Acton, Diane Lee, Ginger Oglesby, Renee Pesavento, Holly Petrosky, Carol Prince

Hillwood

Erica Chappell

Legends

Sharon Aylor, Jill Franks, Brenda Goodwin, Sharon Gore, Sandy Hayes, Sara Hume, Deb Mauk, Gena Ridings, Janice Sauter, Gail Smothers Smith, Donna Williams

Nashville Golf and Athletic

Betsy Davie

Old Hickory

Margaret Ball, Teri Campbell, Freda Farley, Mary Kelly, Kay Lunsford, Pat Sofranko, Cathy Wedekind

Old Natchez

A B Hawkins, Jana Porpora, Norma Volz

Richland

Kimberly Cooper, Nonie Dunn, Debbie Parker, Barbara Richards, Dabney Waters

Temple Hills

Shawn Anderson, Jenifer Beres, Suzanne Cheek, Libby Hagedwood, Marion Howard, Carolyn Johnson, Sandy O'Dowd, Joanne Parkinson, Vickie Riggan, Claudia Rothe, Mary Del Scobey

Westhaven

Chris Blossom, Judy Boscamp, Robynn Butler, Nancy Kendrot, Danna Raube