

**General Board Meeting Minutes
13 Feb. 2023**

Board Member Attendees:

Diane Johnson, Pam Bean, Kathy Bergh, Norma Gupton, Lynda Duvall, Jane Wilson, Brenda Conrad, Angelita Garcia.

Committee - Lisa Grabowski, Sharon Wieland,

Additionally, many of the AWGA members attended.

Meeting called to order: 1:30pm

Items of Discussion:

Kathy Bergh, Treasurer

Handed out the Treasurer's Report. The Bank Balance is \$5,266.78.

Asked members to pay their Dues if they haven't already.

Pam Bean, Vice President

Pam addressed her responsibilities as the AWGA Vice President.

Pam is the back-up to the AWGA President. She is responsible for maintaining the membership roster which includes home addresses, e-mail, phone number, birthday and year joined.

Dottie Hughes

Thanked everyone for their heartfelt sympathy cards, e-mails, and calls.

Angelita Garcia, Secretary

Nothing to report.

Norma Gupton, Handicaps

Norma is responsible for overseeing Handicaps.

Any questions, concerns, and / or edits about inputting scores into GHIN should be referred to Norma.

The handicap sheets are posted in the ladies locker-room at Lake Arlington.

Ulla Moore has volunteered to be the back-up for Norma's responsibilities.

Next month when we play at Tierra Verde, players teeing off from the Orange tee box will need to manually input their slope into GHIN - 69.5/120

The GHIN system automatically makes adjustments to the handicap during inclement weather. For details about the automatic adjustments refer to the USGA website under Playing Conditions Calculation (PCC).

Lynda Duvall, Communications

Lynda is in charge of AWGA Communications.

Any e-mails sent out to AWGA members from the AWGA Gmail are sent out by Lynda, ie, weekly emails, winners, any information that needs to be distributed to members.

E-mail(s) sent to the AWGA Gmail are distributed by Lynda, or answered by her.

Lynda is also in charge of the Website - uploading the current Handicap List, Monthly Meeting Minutes and updating the AWGA events Calendar.

Lynda's back up is Sharon Wieland.

Brenda Conrad, Tournaments

General overview of AWGA Events Calendar.

- o 17 April: Tournament TBD at Lake Arlington
- o 11 July Tournament TBD at Tierre Verde
- o 02 & 09 Oct. Club Championship at Lake Arlington
- o 12 December: Christmas Luncheon

In order to play in special team events (non-regular play-days), it's required that members sign-up 1 week in advance.

Currently, it costs AWGA \$80 to purchase two trophies (a gross and a low net trophy). It was proposed to discontinue the individual gross and low net trophies, in order to increase Club Championship prize money.

The AWGA members voted for discontinuing individual trophies.

The main Club Championship trophy with the winners' name etched on the trophy can be taken home for 1 year.

It was proposed that a plaque displaying Low Net winners be considered. If voted on, the plaque will be placed in the ladies' locker-room at Lake Arlington.

Playday attendance after the year-end, do not count towards the following year.

Jane Wilson, Games

Jane announced her responsibilities as Games coordinator.

Eagle pin awarded to Ulla Moore.

Speedy Old Lady cards passed out.

Recap of Award Placements:

If there are.....

3 players in a flight - First place awarded.

6 players in a flight – First and Second place awarded.

9 players in a flight - First, Second and Third place awarded.

Addressed members questions regarding play from Orange vs Red tee box.

[Additionally, last week, AWGA members were given a chance to send questions to Jane Wilson in order to allow her time to read and address any questions and concerns].

AWGA members were asked to sign a sheet as to which tee box (Red or Orange) they will play from February – June.

In June, AWGA members have the choice to change which tee box (Red or Orange) they will play from July – December.

At any time, players can choose to change which tee box (Red or Orange) they will play from. However, they will not earn winner points. The only point they will receive is the Participation Point; which is one (1) point.

All golfers are required to play from the Red tee box during the Club Championship.

Lisa Grabowski, Rules

Lisa is responsible for overseeing USGA Rules are applied during AWGA play.

Lisa encouraged all members to download the USGA app. Within the app, golfers can find a host of information and reference regarding rules by using the 'search bar'.

AWGA plays by USGA rules with the exception of Local rules. Local rules can be found on the AWGA website.

General recap of Rules discussed in the meeting:

Drop Zones

- o Using a Drop Zone incurs a one stroke penalty
- o Lake Arlington Drop Zones: # 11
- o Tierre Verde Drop Zones: # 2, 3, 4, 6, 10, 12, 13, 14, 18

- o Texas Rangers Drop Zones: # 3, 4, 9
- o Drop zone areas for each of these are defined in the Local Rules and Exceptions on the AWGA website.

Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA)

- o ESA's at the Arlington golf courses are not always clearly defined by stakes.
- o Un-mowed wooded areas are considered ESAs.
- o Knee high grass is considered an ESA.
- o Golfers cannot walk into an ESA to find their golf ball.
- o Golfers can hit from the ESA if they see their ball from outside the ESA.
- o A one stroke penalty is incurred if the ball accidentally moves while you are moving loose impediments in the fairway, rough, bunker, or penalty area.

Immovable Objects

- o Don't pull stakes, cart path signs, etc. out from the ground.
- o Free relief is allowed if a stake, cart path sign, etc. is in the way of your stance or swing. [This is an AWGA local rule, not an USGA rule].
- o As long as it is not an out of bounds boundary, free relief is allowed if a fence is in the way of your stance or swing.
- o If your ball lands behind a tree, you must play it as is or you have the option to incur a one stroke penalty and move it from behind the tree, as long as it's not closer to the hole.

Penalty Areas

- o All bodies of water are defined as Penalty areas.
- o If you hit a ball across the water and it crosses the boundary of the penalty area, but the ball rolls back (after crossing the boundary) into the penalty area, you can drop another ball on the other/forward side of the water. Meaning, you don't have to drop the ball behind the line of water.
- There are four (4) choices of play from Penalty areas:
 - o Play as it Lies: (no stroke penalty)

- o Stroke and Distance: go back and play ball where you made the last stroke using the “one club length” rule (one stroke penalty)
- o Straight Back on Line of Relief: take it as far back as you want in line with the pin using the “one club length” rule (one stroke penalty).
- o Lateral Relief: using the “two club length” rule (one stroke penalty).
[This only applies to a lateral (red) penalty area].

Rocky Areas

- o Free relief is allowed if the golf ball lands in a rocky area.
The free relief taken may not necessarily be on the grass. You may have to play it out of dirt.

Exceptions at Lake Arlington

- o Free relief is given if the golf ball lands in the culvert between hole # 7 & 8.
- o If the ball lands on the right side of the cart path on hole # 11 - for a one stroke penalty you can get relief by using the “two club length” rule on the fairway side of the cart path.

How to mark you ball when taking Nearest Point of Relief

- o Find your nearest point of relief.
- o Address your stance.
- o Place your longest golf club on the ground, measuring out one or two club lengths (depending on option chosen) by marking the spot with a tee.
- o Use tees to “create” an arc where you can drop the ball.
- o Drop the ball from knee high within the “arc” as marked by the tees.

Lie vs. Line to Pin

- o Golfers are Not allowed to improve their line to the pin.

Lift, Clean & Replace

- o _____ is Not allowed on the fairway.
- o _____ is allowed if the ball lands in a soggy / muddy area around the green.
- o _____ is allowed on the Green.
- o _____ is Not allowed if the golf ball lands in an ESA, Penalty Area, or Bunker.
- o A “one grip length” is allowed if Lift, Clean & Replace is necessary.

Out of Bounds

- When Out of Bounds golfers have the following options:
 - Stroke and Distance: go back and replay from original spot (one stroke penalty) If you have played a provisional, it is now the ball in play.
 - Point of Entry: identify the point of entry where the ball last crossed the boundary; place the ball between there and the fairway (incurs a two stroke penalty)
- Play as it Lies is Not allowed when Out of Bounds.

Provisional Ball

- If you are not certain you can find your ball (lost or out of bounds) you have the choice to play a provisional ball.
 - You must state to your fellow golfers that you are going to play a provisional ball.
- Once you hit the provisional ball, you can continue to play it as a provisional until it passes the original ball. At that time, if you do not find the original ball in the allotted time, you continue playing the provisional ball. If the original ball is found, it is the ball in play.

Diane Johnson, President

The bylaws were emailed to all members and will be voted on at the next general meeting.

Stated the next general member meeting will not last as long as this meeting did 😊

Meeting adjourned: 3:00pm.