



Westchester Women's Golf Association

WWGA Board Meeting

April 1, 2025

Haciend del Rey – dining room 11:30

Attending: Board Members-Carol Earle, Toni Mannix, Debby Christian, Sheri Wiggett, Heather Daims, Jane Wortman, Cheryl Sandy, Mary Hale, Ruthie Cote. Advisor-Pat Martzen. Lynn Brewer, Connie Simons.

Call to Order – 11:11 AM

Approval of Minutes February 25, 2025

- Toni moved minutes be approved
- Jane Wortman seconded
- Motion approved

Treasurer's Report – Sheri Wiggett

- No report
- Sheri will be leaving the country for @3 weeks. Debby has the check book and credit card if needed during Sheri's absence. Toni will monitor the BofA account to track/verify Zelle payments for upcoming events.

Handicap – Toni Mannix

- No report

Weekly Games – Jane Wortman

- No report

Major Tournaments – Heather Daims

- Debrief: Eclectic & President's Cup – BOTH were very successful and had high levels of participation
- Spring Fling Tournament-currently capped at 44 participants. Heather will maintain a wait list and will try to fill any last minute cancellations. The spring fling scramble has less-stringent participation requirements, but the board agreed that priority goes to: Members, then associate members, then qualifiers-space permitting.
- Rules/Policies discussion (see attachment). There was lengthy discussion on the many issues brought up. Debby will incorporate discussion into proposed revisions for the Standing Rules document. Board will refine and finalize for General Membership

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approval before year end. The current Standing Rules prevail, any changes will be effective 2026.

- The standing rules and general information documents were always intended to supersede Chairman information passed from one board member (chair) to the next; resulting in the elimination of these "legacy" documents which were often not up-to-date and were never transparent to membership.

Membership – Ruthie Cote

- Ruthie shared concerns expressed by a new member who played with two long-standing members who argued on the course and made the entire experience unpleasant and totally uncomfortable. The new member stated she wanted to quit the round it was so bad.
- The board acknowledged the problem and agreed that it was time to re-state and enforce a code of conduct to insure NO members are subjected to such unpleasantness. This will be reviewed in the next general meeting. (currently a part of the Constitution-By Laws)
- Ruthie shared a new membership sign which will be posted at the golf course. QR code will be included.
- There was brief consideration on the topic of suspending solicitation/acceptance of new members given that in the last few weeks we did not have enough tee times to accommodate all the requests. Board agreed to table the issue at this time. NOTE: immediately following this meeting Carol Earle and Debby Christina met with the WGC GM. Chris agreed to extend our tee times to 8:20 immediately. Going forward he was agreeable to extending further as membership/demand increased.

Rules – Mary Hale

- Rules page on website needs some updates. Mary will provide (NOTE: this was completed 4/3/25)
- Local Rules on scorecards needs to be corrected. Mary will provide revised content.
- Rules committee tried to address confusion on course boundaries. The area around the 5th hole is of particular concern. The committee will endeavor to provide clarity.

Social – Cheryl Sandy

- Spring Fling Luncheon (4/15) update – Lido di Manhattan. 38 confirmed attendees

Old Business

- Play Away update – 30 confirmed attendees

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- No shows/late cancellations (see attachments) The board agreed to announce to the general membership that the current policy of a \$5 fine after 3 late** cancellations **will be enforced**. A general announcement will be made. Once assessed, Jane Wortman will be notified and she will track the fines. All fines will be deducted from year-end winnings and transferred to general fund for miscellaneous expenses the following year.

** any cancellation after the tee sheet has been provided to WGC (usually Monday AM)

- Website (repository for minutes). The Minutes pages of the website have been modified to eliminate the need to delete old minutes to accommodate the more recent minutes. This results in the website being a repository for all the minutes that have been posted. No effort will be made to add older minutes from years prior to 2023.

New Business

- Carol reviewed the requirements for 2026 Board elections. The following board members announced they did NOT want to serve an additional year:
 - Carol Earle – as President
 - Sheri Wiggett – as Treasurer
 - Cheryl Sandy – as Social
- Sheri Wiggett volunteered to be Chair of the nominating committee. She will solicit two volunteers from the general membership to review slate and fill vacancies. Lynn Brewer notified Sheri she was willing to serve on the committee from the general membership.

Next Meeting Dates

- Board Meeting - TBD
- General Meeting – any critical items will be discussed at luncheon 4/15

Adjourned at 12:23

Respectfully Submitted


Deborah Christian, Secretary

MAJOR TOURNAMENTS DISCUSSION

History: For years, presumably since the club's inception, policies & procedures were passed on from one Tournament Chair to the next in the form of notebooks and hard copy files. (referred to as Legacy Information) Over time some info started being transferred electronically between chairs. There wasn't immediate transparency to members at large or the Board.

In more recent years problems arose when the Board voted to adopt a policy re: Tournaments but that change was not incorporated into these legacy files. Since club minutes were not readily available or maintained in an organized or accessible manner there were often disconnects. Members and board members aware of the adopted change were chagrined when the Major Tournament chair did not abide because they were simply not aware...

This situation was a major factor in compelling the 2022 Board to develop the Standing Rules and General Information documents. These were presented to the general membership and adopted in 2022. Necessary clarifications were implemented and a revised documents were approved by the general membership in November 2023. The current version were approved by the general membership December 2024.

The results of the discussion items below will be incorporated into proposed changes to be presented to the general membership later this year for approval/adoption. The items listed below may not be all inclusive (bring any additional tournament issues you think need to be addressed). Additionally, the list is NOT intended to propose the recommended changes. As a board we need to look at each item and decide:

- 1) what should the policy/rule be
- 2) should it be incorporated in the standing rules, or listed as a general recommendation in the General Information document, or
- 3) left to the discretion of the Major Tournament Chair.

Payouts

- % of field or fewer larger prizes
- Variance between 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, etc.
- \$\$ / flight vis-à-vis flight size, fees paid
- Rounding payouts with funds from general funds budget

Flights

- # of flights vs. places paid

Tee Times/Sheets

- Tournament chair role
- Starter role
- Non-tournament players filling in amongst tournament players

Handicaps

- Maximum spread in net competitions

President's Cup

- Field size vis-à-vis byes

NO SHOWS & LATE CANCELLATIONS

January 7 – March 25

Cancellations AFTER tee sheet has been generated and provided to WGC*

*usually Monday AM.

Davis, DiAnn	1
Denny, Cindy	1
Lee, Joo	3
Lockett, Carol	3
Nichols, Crystal	1
Norenberg, Ma	2
Sindberg, Paula	1
Williams, Gaye	2
Zahyna, MJ	2