

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING
LAKE FAIRWAYS GOLF ASSOCIATION
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023

Board members attending: John Hunter, Vice President, Bill Fleckenstein, Treasurer and Dede Martin, Secretary. Membership attending was 50

John called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. John asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

John indicated that Scotty could not be here tonight to give us an updated Maintenance report, but he indicated that Scotty has done an outstanding job of bringing the course back and should we see Scotty out on the course, to say thank you. Also, remember to fix your ball marks and divots.

Secretary's report was waived as the minutes are posted on the LFGA Board behind the Pro Shop and on the Lake Fairways website.

Treasurer's report – Bill indicated that after a \$900 deposit recently made, the balance in our account is \$9,291.20. Bill said this is a great head start to any expenses we will have for the Club Championship and Interclub. He indicated that depending on where we have the Interclub functions, the expenses usually total between \$6,000 and \$7,000.

Membership – Freda indicated that as our membership starts to come back from up north, we have 28 men and 20 women members. Freda indicated that over a period of time, we have paid \$58,009.43 in memberships to ELS. Individuals are able to play on Sundays with coupons or paying greens fees, but they must pay the \$20 LFGA fee. This was agreed on by the Board at the last meeting. Individuals cannot play in Leagues or any tournaments unless they are members of the course. Freda indicated that we had about 150 members last year, but are not looking to see that high a number this year. In the recent past, we have had as many as 210 members.

Tournaments – John indicated that because of the unusually hot summer we had to cancel 3 tournaments due to no one signing up. He indicated that we have a good number of people playing in the Turkey Trot which is tomorrow.

Rule/Grounds – Rich Boutette indicated that since we have no Pro, we have to have a system of who is making rulings, so a Rules Committee has been approved

by the Board. This Committee is currently made up of Rich, Al Keefer, Al Cristello and John Hunter. Rich indicated that this committee did a 3-hour tour of the course to look at things like stakes for penalty areas, stakes for out of bounds and anything else related to rules. The committee has proposed some changes and/or additions and have submitted those to Dan Thess, Pro Shop Manager. Dan will look into these proposals. Some questions were asked from the membership regarding various stakes and also safety concerns around the course. Rich indicated that those are being addressed in the proposals. Gloria Craven indicated that there is a form (3 part) which can be filled out for things like this and may be a better approach as the complaint and resolution can be put in writing. There is no longer a book in the Pro Shop for anything like that. Please bring any concerns to Greg Mullens and he will in turn get it over to Dan/ Kevin. They would like this to be the chain of command.

It was noted that the blue stakes which use to be out on the course for handicap individuals are no longer there and Scotty does not want them back. Scotty indicated that he does care where the handicapper parks so long as it is not on the greens and/or tees.

John indicated to please remember we no longer have “hazard” areas...they are now called “penalty areas”. John also indicated that he has a bag tag that has some of the most used rules on it and Freda mentioned that she had done one for the ladies and perhaps if anyone wants one, we can print up some more.

18-Hole Ladies – Cathy Reid indicated that we currently have 30 members and are hoping for at least 40. So many have either aged out, moved out and for other reasons.

9-Hole Ladies – Brenda Lavesque indicated that they currently have 8 players and will have 11 when everyone is back.

Men’s League – Mike Craven indicated that he is changing the games around for November than what is in the LFGA booklet because it was not announced that it was going to be 3 clubs and a putter, so he will change that for another time.

Sandie Gordon wanted to know if we have a watering monitor on our system. Seems that we have rain and the watering system still goes on. John said he would ask Scotty about that.

It was also noted that the sand boxes that are on each tee are getting in rough shape. Some need to be replaced. Again, that will be addressed.

There was a discussion about how tee times are being managed. The Lake Fairways Pro Shop had always done a week-to-week request but has gone to the system of monthly tee times. It was indicated that this is pushing some players who want early tee times to as late as 10:00 A.M. It was suggested that this be discussed with Greg Mullens to see what can be done.

John wanted to let everyone know that we have a computer in the Pro Shop for the convenience of our membership to put their scores in for handicap purposes. Please do so.

John wanted to let everyone know that Denise Wright now works solely in our Pro Shop and feels she is a real asset to Lake Fairways.

Larry O'Brien indicated that he would like to propose a petition to get Dave Malmberg back as our Pro Shop Manager. He feels that we have always had an on-site manager and that this has been taken away from us. He has asked for signatures and will present to management.

Francine Kline asked about the left side of hole 18. She wondered if that was considered ground under repair. She was told no that unless she was on a tree root, that you must play the ball as it lies.

Tom Charboneau wanted to let everyone know that he is the liaison between the HOA and the LFGA. He said they would like to work with the golf association. Freda indicated that she will talk with Greg about Tom being invited to our Board meeting.

George Files asked for a moment of silence for Heather Orr.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Dede Martin, Secretary