

GVWGA 90th ANNIVERSARY
Fall Banquet. - Lakeshore Country Club
October 23, 2025

Minutes

President Cindy Keller welcomed all on behalf of the herself and the GVWGA Board members and Committee Chairs. Cindy expressed heartfelt thanks to the Fall Banquet committee, Nancy Schlinger, Sarah Christopher, Sue Stein, and Sue Sogard. Thank you also to Chris Jerome, Lissa Schaefer and Kathy Blackburn for working at the tables.

Thank you to Penn Fair Golf for their donations; thank you also to the many golf courses who donated gift certificates for golf outings; thank you also to the many members who donated our giveaways.

Thank you to Sue Stojanovich for the time she devotes to taking pictures and then putting together a beautiful slide show. Sue also does photo posts to Facebook after each of our tournaments. A favorite was the cougar at the Caledonia Tournament.

Another thank is necessary for Madison and Allison, students from RIT/NTID ASL interpreting, Your skills are invaluable and your presence tonight very much appreciated

Thank you to Michelle Miller for getting the Medals for our Champions and Low net winners from the 2025 Championship tournament,

Copies of tonight's agenda are on the table, along with the Treasurer's report and the minutes from the Spring Banquet which will be approved during the formal Business meeting.

At this time an Invocation was presented by Judy Gagnier titled, "A Personal Philosophy."

The formal Business meeting will be held following dinner and dessert. Enjoy,

The formal business meeting was called to order at 6:39 pm.

In order to keep the flow of the evening moving, the Banquet Committee will be announcing prize winners as we go. The results of the Amendment vote will be announced under New Business. Also, members will be able to share their input during New Business.

Approval of the Spring Banquet Minutes of April 29, 2025.

Judy Gagnier indicated that there were copies of the minutes on each table. She asked if there were any changes. After changes were made, Judy asked for a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Lissa Schaefer motioned, Barb Grimes seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - 4/29/25 to 10/22/25

Jill Reichhart indicated there were copies of the treasurer's report on each table. The Treasurer's Report will be placed on file for audit.

Committee Reports

There are no formal reports as this time from the Nominating Committee, Rules and Handicap, Advisory Committee, or WRDGA District Representative.

Membership Committee - Luisa Sams

The 2025 season ended with 188 full participating members, 8 associate members who are in the process of establishing a handicap. They will become full members when that is satisfied.

Article II of our by-laws calls for the members present to approve the following year's dues; 2026 dues will be: \$77 for returning full members; \$87 for new members and \$47 for associate members.

To our Members: We propose to keep our dues the same UNLESS there is an increase in the cost of GHIN services from the RDGA. That will be reflected in the membership mailing in February.

A vote was called for to approve membership dues. Vote passed.

At this time several prizes were awarded

Tournament Coordinator - Barb Huckle

There will be two new tournaments added to the 2026 schedule:

- Webster Golf Club will replace the Victor Hills East tournament
- The Club at Silver Lake will replace the Old Hickory tournament

Barb shared that many courses are requiring 120 golfers to have a shotgun start. Also, she is finding courses no longer want to schedule tournaments at all.

Thank you to all the tournament chairs for all you do to make our tournaments a success. Also, please let me know if you are interested in chairing a tournament. Several of our chairs have decided to retire, so we need volunteers.

At this time the winners of the Championship Tournaments were announced, medals were presented

Super Seniors: Joan Hawes - Low Net; Janet Lau - Champion
Seniors: Kim Esler - Low Net; Elizabeth Harper - Champion
GVWGA Club: Cindy Keller - Low Net; Jennifer Cole - Champion

Break for several more prizes.

Web Team - Liz Prescod

Liz thanked the Golf Genius & Web team: Judy Hazelden, Barb Huckle, Kathy Myers, Margaret Anderson and Sue Stojanovich. Liz also announced that she has several volunteers willing to be "golf geniuses" next year. THANK YOU to everyone for all you have done.

Communications and Announcements - Cindy Keller

Michele Miller took the initiative to get a new Champion's Plaque since our current plaque is full as of 2024 additions. Michele talked with a neighbor who is a skilled wood worker. He designed and completed a new plaque to start with the 2025 Championship winners and is in the process of being engraved at this time. THANK YOU, Michele.

Cindy is going to work with Tammy Bills after the holidays to help with designing GWWGA spirit wear/polo shirts.

Cindy acknowledged two women's golf organizations in the Rochester area:
Rochester NY Region Chapter of the LPGA Amateur Association. Their events and leagues have been held at more than 25 golf clubs/courses providing ample opportunities to play. They also have over 20 different learning clinics taught by the best area golf professionals. They sponsor events such as "9 and Dine," the Pink Tournament, etc. Visit their website for women's golf information not only locally but nationally as well.

Also, the newly formed Rochester NY Women's Golf Network. They provide opportunities to play in evening, weekend and travel leagues, overnight trips, and learning clinics. Check out their newsletter and full website as it offers information about their organization as well as other golf news.

With GWWGA and WRDGA plus the two organizations mention above, there are differences in what we offer, however, we share the most important goal - to advance women's golf in the Rochester area. In connecting with the Women's Golf Network and looking forward to the same relationship with the LPGA Amateur Association - together we can do more.

NEW BUSINESS

Results of the Proposed Amendment Vote:

Article II Membership: GWWGA Membership Cancellation Policy
Yes = 79; No = 2. Amendment Approved

Article 9: Amendment to begin electronic voting
Yes = 79; No = 2. Amendment Approved

Call for Volunteers:

We NEED YOU! There are many opportunities to get involved in the behind the scenes work that is done to make our tournaments, banquets, etc. a success.

Check out the October Newsletter for a list of volunteer opportunities; committee responsibilities are listed within the bylaws. We will need volunteers to run the Spring Banquet. With the help of Nancy Schlenger and Liz Prescod, we will have an updated outline on How to Run a Banquet and Still have Fun!

We have had volunteers come forward to chair the 2026 Spring Banquet.,
Kathy Gilman, Cindy Cassilio, MJ Witkewicz, Nora Hall, Rose Hall. THANK YOU!

2026 will be an election year. Prior to the Fall Awards Banquet you will be voting electronically for President, Vice President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer. These are 2-year terms. We have tons of talent in our membership. Think about becoming an officer and talk to a current board member if you are interested.

At this time, Georgia Rush asked that all who have served on the Board stand; anyone who has chaired a tournament stand; anyone who has served on a banquet committee, please stand. We have many members who have volunteered in some way to make our organization run smoothly, THANK YOU. Georgia also indicated that those you have not, should consider volunteering especially if you have technology experience.

Member Input from the Floor

Amy Hay - I am awed by the number of people who volunteer and let's get involved with electronic scoring to take some work off our Golf Geniuses.

Sue Case - We tried something new in trying to input registration electronically. Unfortunately, it was not successful.

Liz Prescod shared that the Board is looking into proposals for electronic scoring and the registration process. These will be discussed at the next Board meeting,

Sue also asked if we could set up Venmo or Pay Pal for the registration process. This will be referred to the Board for research and discussion,

Lissa Schaefer asked about on-line registration. It was indicated that there is a cost for this process. The Board will research options to determine if this is cost effective.

At this time President Cindy Keller asked if there was any other business to discuss. Hearing none she asked for a motion to adjourn the 2025 Fall Business meeting. Ann Lamme motioned, Tammy Bills seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion passed.

The Business Meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.