

## AWGA General Meeting

Minutes – May 10, 2022

**Call to order 12:35pm**

**President's Remarks / Opening** – Charlotte McFarlin

- Kathy Berg announced the Treasurer report is available on line
- Jane Wilson presented pins to the following players:
  - Alberta Hazelrigs or breaking 90
  - Sharon Wieland for breaking 90

Jane mentioned that 5 people had not signed in their scores the previous week. Without signing in your scores, you will not be eligible for any prize points should you win.

- Shirley Addison had new member bags for our new members. She also had extras available for those who want to purchase an additional bag or replacement for \$5.00.
- There will be a play day change in June. The June 20 play day will be June 21 instead due to a holiday. Please make a note on your calendars of the change.

**Tee It Forward Vote Results and Discussion** –

- Lynda Duvall went over the vote results of the Tee It Forward vs Red Tees. The vote went to the Option to Allow players to choose which tee they want to play from week by week. Either Red tees OR the Forward Tees. It was made clear that a player MUST continue a round using the tees they start with on that play day.
- Diane Johnson asked if the Board even considered having a player continue with their choice of tees for a month/year etc, versus week by week. Several people echoed the same question. The Board made a statement that this vote was not completely set in stone and could be reconsidered in a couple of months should situations arise that cause trouble or confusion.
- Along with the vote tally, several players made comments regarding their choice and or concerns. Both Vote Tally, and Comments are attached to these minutes.

**Adjourn 1:05 pm**

	First Name	Last Name	Option 1	Option 2
1	Shirley	Addison		x
2	Chun	Allen	x	
3	Jodie	Anderson		x
4	Rhonda	Attaway		x
5	Nicky	Baker		
6	Jan	Barksdale		
7	Tobin	Barr		x
8	Pam	Bean		
9	Kathy	Bergh		x
0	Debbie	Brangan	x	
1 1	Mary	Buffington		x
2	Sandi	Ciarochi		x
3	Brenda	Conrad		x
4	Debbie	Cook		x
5	Linda	Crowder	x	
6	Jan	Currans		x
7	Connie	David	x	
8	Pamela	Dolenz		
9	Donna	Doss		x
0	Amy	Drake		
1	Lynda	Duvall		x
2	Keema	Echols	x	
3	Patricia	Edwards		x
4	Angelita	Garcia		x
2 5	Juliana	Gilmore		
6	Lisa	Grabowski	x	
7	Dolores (Dee)	Guadagnolo		x
8	Cathleen	Guinn		
9	Norma	Gupton		x
0	Debi	Hastings		
1	Alberta	Hazelrigs		x
3	Lynda	Higbee		

2				
	3 Shirley	Hudson	x	
	4 Dottie	Hughes		
3 5	Paulette	Jackson		
	6 Diane	Johnson		x
	7 Gwen	Jones		x
	8 Karen	Lilli		x
	9 Betty	Livingston		
	0 Carolyn	Main		x
	1 Charlotte	McFarlin		x
	2 Jocelyn	McMurray		x
	3 Ulla	Moore		
	4 Teresa	Pate		
	5 Julie	Piland		x
	6 Sharon	Pope	x	
4 7	<i>Pritam</i>	<i>Potts</i>		
4 8	Linda	Potts		
4 9	Stacy	Rehm		x
	0 Markie	Rank		x
	1 Vickie	Riddle		
	2 Rhea	Roe		
	3 Connie	Rogers		x
	4 Trudy	Sanders		x
5 5	Myra	Savage		
5 6	Jill	Schaneberg		x
5 7	Rose Marie	Shelton		
	8 Pat	Sigman		x
	9 Elizabeth (Lizzie)	Snyder		
	0 Foylene	Spain		x
	1 Janice	Stepp	x	
	2 Luann	Stogner		x

3	Val	Tietje		x
4	Fay	Townsend		x
5	Rozanne	Veeser		
6	Joyce	Wallace		x
7	Sharon	Wieland		x
8	Maggie	Williams		x
9	Marilyn	Williams		x
0	Jane	Wilson		x

### Comments Included with Vote Response -

1. But u might have to put the ladies who choose the red tees or play forward tees in a foursome together depending on which tee box they chose
2. Option 3: Everybody play forward tees! With only a few exceptions, it has been very well received.
3. I like the tee it forward. But I would really like it if they put the tees on a flat tee box rather than a coned tee box
4. Personal Opinion: Unable to attend meeting however I have been very pleased with the speed of play using the new tee boxes. I suggest we complete season using this format and compare times to complete these courses, unsure if you have any times to compare from previous seasons. Definitely compare to Texas Rangers. I do not like people choosing day of play as depending on who is riding with who this could possibly slow down play moving between tee boxes.
5. Option #2 – this allows all members to play from the tees they choose, yet it’s still fair because of the course handicap adjustment. A member is even free to switch tees from week-to-week. By making it the individual’s choice you simplify the process, and eliminate arbitrary requirements such as age, handicap, etc. One exception should be the Club Championship, which is a gross score event. Eligibility for Club Champion should include playing from the longer yardage. This is standard at clubs that have play from different tees.
6. Let me preface this response by saying I really appreciate all the work, the board members do for our group. THANK YOU - I am wondering why the original option we voted on, which was that everyone uses the same Tees Either the Forward tees or Red / Burgundy tees —(All on the Forward tees was the majority vote then) —and now that option isn’t even one of the options to choose from this time. If some think the forward tees are too easy and prefer everyone hit from the Red / Burgundy then .... I would say that the rule of moving your ball a grip length anytime you want should be

the rule that is changed. I know it is "not supposed to better your lie" BUT you cannot move it without bettering your lie. And that is exactly why people move it.

7. Option 2. Maybe the whole foursome should play from same tees.
8. I vote for Option 2. I have the following questions/concerns: Why was the original vote several months ago for all to play from the forward tees (which was approved) voided? If Option 2 is approved, will all play day games be net score? If Option 2 is approved, I think a member's choice of tees should be binding for the entire year.
9. I feel further discussion may be needed.
10. I think the tee box on 14 at LA should be moved back to the original position because with it being forward now it makes teeing off on a downhill lie
11. \* Most women are in AWGA to play a friendly game of golf, which is the AWGA's mission. They are not there to play a competitive round of golf.

\* AWGA golfers who seek to play competitive golf, will benefit from choosing which tee box to play from.

One week they may want to work on their long game by teeing it up from the red tee box and the following week they may want to play from the forward tees to work on their short game. Working on the long and short game, in turn prepares a golfer for competitive play.

\* Allowing play from two different tee boxes allows the AWGA to hold their weekly league play for senior women while it postures the AWGA's future for a subset of competitive golfers.

On another note:

Perhaps the AWGA Board will "meet in the middle" and come up with a combo tee box for senior women golfers.

\* Will the Forward Tees create lower handicaps which may not truly represent the golfer's skillset?

\* Should the AWGA create a subset 'competitive' group and specify in their rules something in effect to...

League players will play a minimum #,### yards to a maximum of #,### yards.

Competitive players will play a minimum #,### yards to a maximum of #,### yards.

\* Below are three statements in a 2021, Golf Week article titled 'Let them score: How misguided course setups are holding back women's golf'

- .....the LPGA should be playing from about 6,000 yards (which equates to the PGA who play from about 7,300 yards).

- A reachable par 5 on the LPGA should instead be set up around 450 yards, giving the longest hitters a 7-iron and putting hybrid in the hands of average-length hitters, assuming the fairways are running.

- Even Brittany Lincicome, .....can typically only reach one or two par 5s each week on tour, and that's with a 3-wood from 240 yards or a 7-wood from 220.

If this assessment is accurate, the AWGA definitely needs to reassess the yardage we set up for the Senior Women. I came across an article 'Setting Up Golf Courses for Success - A Critical Factor in Attracting More Women To Golf' and wanted to share with the AWGA. Perhaps it can serve as a guidance.