

# **WOMEN'S PUBLIC LINKS GOLF ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, INC.**

BOARD MEETING – January 13, 2025  
Anaheim Hills Golf Course

The meeting was called to order by President, Lou Ann Reichling at 10:25 a.m. In attendance: Donna Buxton, Kathy Takemura, Janet Herbold, MariLu Villasor, Susan Shimizu, Sue Jett, Karen Kiddy, Carolyn Sherman, Jayne Mackley, Amy Bello and Diane Acosta. Approved absence of Sherri Little.

**ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP:**

Total clubs to date:	84
Paid memberships to date:	1,691
Honorary memberships to date:	7

Janet Herbold reported that getting the insurance disclaimer is slow going. She will work on it but suggested that we still have sign-in sheets at Association Days. The Division Reps can then send her the sign-in sheets and she can update Golf Genius. A tentative club visit to Laguna Woods WGC on January 21 was set back in November. She will confirm if they still are interested.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** A letter was sent by Lou Ann Reichling to a member who made a disturbance at the Annual Meeting. Said member acknowledged the letter and no further action was taken.

## **CHAIR REPORTS:**

### • **Major Tournaments – Donna Buxton:**

- Follow-up from Annual Meeting/Partner BB Tournament
  - Player Feedback
    - always very appreciative and had positive things to say
    - Not so positive was scoring took too long. A plan is being worked to address this
    - Team Awards presentation seemed confusing. Team Chair will be looking into options to make the Team structure more understandable
- 2025 Majors – January 27 – Kickoff at Rio Hondo
  - 280 players registered; 156 accepted
  - First time flighting by index, very easy
  - Discussed new approach to tournament management with respect to Board assignments and scoring
- The rules Hard Card is being updated

### • **Monthly Tournaments – Kathy Takemura**

- Introduced new Division Reps – Amy Bello, Northern and Jayne Mackley, Inland
- Few divisions still working on contracts for 2025.
  - Additional information requested for the Division Reps to provide: Note if course is not prepaid and add slope/rating on detail sheets
- Pace of Play Concerns
  - Orange and Northern Divisions received complaints.
    - Emails are being sent to those slow players
    - Monthly Chair will keep track of slow players and distribute to Division Reps
- Need to take a closer look at 2025 player counts at courses.

### • **Rules – MariLu Villasor**

Here is a rule for review and clarification:

#### 15.1 Loose Impediments

An insect on a ball is considered a loose impediment.

#### 15.1a Removal of Loose Impediments

Without penalty, a player may remove a loose impediment anywhere on or off the course, and may do so in any way (such as by using a hand or foot, using a club or other equipment, getting help from others or breaking off part of a loose impediment).

The player needs to be careful when moving the loose impediment anywhere near their ball off the putting green, because there will be a penalty if moving them causes the ball to move. If the ball moves, it must be replaced on its original spot. One penalty stroke.

Clarification:

Before replacing a ball, the player must not remove a loose impediment, that if moved when the ball was at rest, would have been likely to cause the ball to move. This is because when the ball is in its initial location, the player risks the ball moving when moving the loose impediment. However, when ball is to be dropped or placed, the ball is not being put back in a specific spot and therefore, removing loose impediments before dropping or placing a ball is allowed.

Two situations:

If you haven't found your ball yet and cause your ball to move during your search, there is no penalty but you have to replace the ball.

On the other hand, if you already identified your ball and you are just cleaning up the area around it and cause the ball to move, it's a one stroke penalty and you must replace the ball.

**Team – Karen Kiddy:** If there is a scheduling conflict between Team Play and Association Day, priority will be given to Association Day. After discussion, walking the course will be permitted in Team Play. It was also agreed that drop zones approved for Team Play must keep the hazard in play. Consideration will be given to starting Team Play at the end of February to minimize the April conflicts, and there was discussion on moving team awards to another time of year.

**Treasurer Report:** Susan Shimizu handed out the Preliminary 12/31/2024 Balance Sheet and P&L Statement. She is still waiting for some numbers to finalize. She asked that the officers who have credit cards to send her their receipts in a timely manner. Conflict of interest forms for board members were turned in. A preliminary budget is being reviewed by Lou Ann, Donna and Susan and will be finalized soon. Susan made a motion to continue with the 10% added to the monthly Association Day awards, to continue to pay ties in Major Tournaments, and to absorb the stripe fee for another year. Kathy Takemura seconded the motion and all approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Social Media Chair – Lou Ann met with Lydia Salcido and had some training on updating the website. The Division Reps need to make sure the information on the Association Day detail sheet is correct. Kathy compiles the sheets and send to Lydia for uploading to the website. Training for WPLGA Facebook page is ongoing with Janet and Lydia.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Emails – please respond to emails from board members or any member in a timely manner. If you can't answer their questions right away, acknowledge the email and let them know you will get back to them as soon as possible.

Next Board Meeting May 12, 2025 at Anaheim Hills.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Herbold, Secretary