

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

BOARD MEETING – April 27, 2026
Rio Hondo Golf Course

The meeting was called to order by President, Donna Buxton at 10:19 a.m. In attendance: Donna Buxton, Sherri Little, Janet Herbold, MariLu Villazor, Susan Shimizu, Karen Kiddy, Lydia Salcido, Monica Becerra, Judy Hoyt, Amy Bello and Yuri Kantor. Carolyn Sherman, Lou Ann Reichling and Jayne Mackey were excused. Donna said that Carolyn had an accident and will be having surgery on her wrist/arm. Janet and Karen will step in and cover her secretarial duties until she returns.

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP:

Total clubs to date:	84
Paid memberships to date:	1,824
Honorary memberships to date:	7

Janet Herbold reported that she was contacted by Paso Robles WGC who are interested in joining WPLGASC. Janet stated that they tried back in 2025 but weren't able to join as the club was not a member of SCGA. Some of the members have joined SCGA and the rest will join towards the end of the year. The vote was unanimous to accept PRWGC into WPLGASC. Janet will follow up with the club and get the process started for new members.

TREASURER REPORT:

Susan Shimizu distributed the Quarterly Financial Statements (period ending 3/31/2026), along with supporting schedules (Prepaid Deposits, Majors, Gift Card Inventory). The 2026 Budget was also provided. This was approved unanimously by the Board.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Pace of Play Improvement Initiative – Donna was pleased to report that the Pace of Play Improvement Initiative has been going well. Division Reps are doing a great job recording end times of groups at AD tournaments.
- Nominating Committee Update – Janet Herbold will be the Nominating Committee Chair for 2027. Once confirmed who will not be returning for 2027 a list of open positions will be sent to the president of each club and also to the whole membership.
- Major Tee Signs – we are looking into updating tee signs for Major Tournaments. Samples were shown and pricing will be checked out and included in the 2027 budget.
- FAFH Update – everything going smoothly. No exposure to WPLGASC.

CHAIR REPORTS:

Major Tournaments – Sherri Little:

- **AFH Feedback** – biggest complaint was the drop zone on #16. Had good and not so good comments regarding the hotel. Questions regarding music on the course which will be banned from Major Tournaments and added back into the TOC. No changes four days prior to major tournaments
- **Eclectic Tournament** – information is being finalized and will be posted on the website soon.

Monthly Tournaments – Lydia Salcido

- Hole in One at El Dorado was had by Karen Sattler of Mile Square WGC. She will be presented her \$300 at their next General Meeting by Donna Buxton and Judy Hoyt.
- Plans for Zelle for AD Registrations – this will be accepted ONLY for the June AD at Buenaventura Course. Lydia wants to check it out on a small level before announcing to the total membership.
- Division Rep Updates – all the Division Reps are enjoying their jobs although they can be stressful at times. They enjoy meeting all the members.

Team Play – Karen Kiddy

- Code of Conduct - Karen described a reported incident of Code of Conduct violations and actions taken by the Team Committee. She suggested we place a greater emphasis on Sportsmanship and Golf Etiquette.
- Pace of Play - The majority of Team courses offer a walking rate, but it appears Walkers may slow the pace of play. This needs to be explored further prior to the 2027 Team Play Season.
- Team Awards - Awarding Plaques to Area and Division Winners may not be the best use of available funds. Karen will include questions about award alternatives in her follow-up Survey to Team Leaders.

- Participation Points - allocation of up to 4 participation points for Team Player will be reviewed at the August Board Meeting.

Rules – MariLu Villasor

Hole-In-One – WPLGASC should not award a prize for a Hole-In-One if the hole is on a temporary green and the hole is not regulation size. In the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, the definition of a hole:

The finishing point on the putting green for the hole being played:

- The hole must be 4-1/4 inches in diameter and at least 4 inches deep.
- If a lining is used, its outer diameter must not exceed 4-1/4 inches. The lining must be sunk at least 1 inch below the putting green surface, unless the nature of the soil requires that it be closer to the surface.

A vote was taken and was agreed that we will not pay for a hole in one unless they comply with the above.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Discussions on board members playing together at the 2027 Kickoff tournament. More discussions that a board team could not have anyone with zero points on their team. Looking into possible new venue for 2027 Kickoff that would include two courses. Topic was tabled until August board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Drop Zones – Discussions were had regarding the use of Drop Zones on Association Days. It was decided to run a test period for three months to evaluate how it goes. Caveats: must be course approved Drop Zones. Drop Zones requiring approval of Rules Chair, MariLu Villasor, are those brought in by Ladies Clubs only, as well as those where a Drop Zone does not exist, but the Division Reps know what is needed for our group. Division Reps can also contact club Delegates on help with Drop Zones for their clubs. We will revisit and take a vote at the August Board meeting.

Next Board Meeting August 3, 2026 at the Navy Golf Course.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Herbold, Acting Secretary

5/3/2026