

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

BOARD MEETING – May 13, 2024  
Anaheim Hills Golf Course

The meeting was called to order by President, Lou Ann Reichling at 10:35 a.m. In attendance: Donna Buxton, Kathy Takemura, Janet Herbold, Clarice Olive, Carolyn Sherman, Sherri Little, Sue Jett, Karen Kiddy, Lydia Salcido, and Diane Acosta. Approved absences of Susan Shimizu and Diana Bermudez.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The January 15, 2024 Board minutes were approved by the Board via email on January 24, 2024 and sent to membership in the February 1, 2024 monthly email.

**ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP:**

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| Total clubs to date:          | 82    |
| Paid memberships to date:     | 1,673 |
| Honorary memberships to date: | 7     |

Janet Herbold reported that Strawberry Farms Ladies Golf Club will be reevaluating their club requirements and will not be joining WPLGASC at this time. Janet had a Zoom call with ladies of the Tahquitz Creek WGC who had expressed an interest in WPLGASC with Sherri Little at the April Association Day held at their course. They are interested and will have to get back to us after talking more with their ladies. We also had an interest from Canyon Lakes WGC about possibility of hosting a tournament at their club. Sherri Little will try and get an Association Day scheduled for there in 2025.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Lou Ann reported for Susan and passed out the 4/30/24 Balance Sheet and P&L Statement.

- There was discussion on adding an additional amount to the Bi-Annual Payouts which will go out in July. A motion by Kathy Takemura, and seconded by Sherri Little, was approved by all.
- The annual reimbursement that the Board receives in November will be discontinued as members are allowed reimbursement for expenses.
- Susan has contacted a CPA specializing in Non-profit organizations to help us with our taxes and other pertinent business.

## **CHAIR REPORTS:**

- **FAFH:** Lou Ann stated that we have 96 ladies going to Crystal Springs Resort in New Jersey. All plans are coming along.
- **Major Tournaments – Donna Buxton:**
  - Make note that the 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting is on December 2, 2024 at Anaheim Hills. There was a change but returned to original date.
  - Contract has been signed for the 2025 Kickoff at Rio Hondo on Monday, January 27, 2025.
  - We had 144 ladies participate in the AFH tournament in Palm Springs. Had some scoring snafus and working to correct this.
  - Sycuan Eclectic has 138 ladies signed up. The tutorial for registration worked smoothly. This year will be different since we are staying at the Casino. Not able to rely on shuttles so you will have to drive to the course. We will assign tables for the luncheon by clubs so you are not allowed to go in early and save seats.
  - We will now be paying ties in the remaining Major Tournaments. An analysis was done and we would have awarded 94 additional players in 2023. Good move for our ladies.
  - We are trying not to book Major Tournaments in the same week as Association Days; however, sometimes the rates for earlier dates eliminate our options.
- **Monthly Tournaments – Kathy Takemura**
  - Discussion was held on whether or not we need to sign waivers at each Association Day. At this time the answer is Yes. Looking into how we can have the waiver signed during the membership renewal process to alleviate at AD. We will have Susan confirm with the insurance company that we can do one waiver to cover all events
  - Members have expressed how much they like that the AD scoring grid is on the back of the scorecards.
  - Looking into how the monthly tournaments can be through Golf Genius. Tabled until next meeting for more research.
  - Pace of Play a big issue during the ADs. Person sending in forms will be in charge of making sure Pace of Play rules are followed. Going to check with courses to see if they have marshals who can monitor and advise players when they are out of line. We will add start, 10<sup>th</sup> hole and end times on scorecards.
  - Starting in July we will go to prepay for all AD tournaments. Individual checks will be accepted. The member submitting the entry form will no longer need to pay for everyone. BUT only one entry form.

• **Rules – Clarice Olive:**

- Green Maps: It was agreed that digital maps are allowable (as they can't be disabled). Any **book** or other paper copy must not be larger than 4-1/4" x 7". Any **image** of a putting green must be limited to a scale or 3/8" to 5 yards or smaller. (USGA 4.3a/1)
- Drop Zones were approved for Association Days as long as they are marked by the course. Division Reps will work with courses and the Club Delegate members if at a member course. You will be advised from your Division Rep which (if any) holes you will be able to use the drop zone.
- To help Pace of Play, Maximum Score of 10 has been adopted by the WPLGASC for Association Days (ONLY). You will mark an x10 on your scorecard and you will not be eliminated from the game that day.
- Discussion on use of ear Buds during golf was brought up. A motion by Kathy Takemura, and seconded by Sherri Little, was approved as long as no one else can hear anything and you are not using it to help with swing tempo.

**Team – Karen Kiddy:**

- **Handicap Index Ranges** – Current index range for A Team qualification is 0 - 22.0; B Team 16.0 - 36.0. It was recommended we adjust the ranges by removing the overlap to encourage the creation of more A Teams and reduce skill disparities in B Teams. Karen will review/evaluate the 2024 Player Indexes to determine if changing the B Team range to 22.1 to 36.0 would further either of those goals.
- **Pace of Play** - Beginning in 2025, Team Leaders (Captains and Assistants) will be responsible for enforcing the *Pace of Play Policy and Best Practices*. Potential penalties for continued slow play are identified in the policy statement.
- **Posting Team Play Scores** - We have learned that many players are not posting their Team Play scores. Starting in 2025, Team Captains will be instructed to give the scorecards to their Club Handicap Chair after each match for her to confirm scores were posted as away games.
- **Team Play Dates** - Karen proposed that the dates for Team Play 2025 be pushed forward by approximately six weeks in hopes of avoiding rainy days and aeration dates. Play dates from mid-April to the end of May, with Finals the first two weeks of June. Conflicts with WPLGA, SCGA and LPGA tournaments will be identified and avoided.
- **Add a Sixth Division** - In an effort to group Teams into a tighter geographic area and reduce drive time to the assigned neutral course, the Team Play Committee will look at the feasibility of adding another Division.
- **Team Leader Feedback** - An email to Captains and Assistants asking for feedback and recommendations regarding the 2024 Season, as well as our proposed modifications for the coming year, will be sent out.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Sue Jett has offered to be on the Nominating Committee and Lou Ann will be looking for a chairman and others to serve.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Recognition gifts for board members serving 10 or more years are being looked into.
- Board position descriptions and procedures are being reviewed.
- Discussion on whether or not to have a delegate training session in the various divisions was tabled until August meeting.
- There are minor changes to the Bylaws but won't be made at this time.
- Discussion on whether or not to buy a WPLGASC Banner to have out front of major tournaments. It was agreed to get a free-standing banner rather than a table banner.

Next Board Meeting on August 5, 2024 at Anaheim Hills Golf Course.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Herbold, Secretary