

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

BOARD MEETING – May 12, 2025  
Anaheim Hills Golf Course

The meeting was called to order by President, Lou Ann Reichling at 10:06 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 Sherri Little. Approved absence of Diane Acosta.

**ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP:**

Total clubs to date:	85
Paid memberships to date:	1,783
Honorary memberships to date:	7

Janet Herbold reported that out of our 1,783 members we are missing only 360 insurance disclaimer releases. That's pretty good and we appreciate all the members that have completed the insurance and emergency contact information forms. The Board approved San Juan Hills Ladies Golf Club as a new club. We are still waiting for the forms to arrive to officially say they are a new club.

**ASSOCIATION BYLAWS:** Janet Herbold and Lou Ann Reichling have started review of the current Bylaws and notice that there are few minor changes that need to be done. We have asked the board members to review the document and advise Janet of any suggested changes they may have. Our goal is to get this completed by August so that the revised document can be sent to members clubs to review before voting on the changes at the Annual Meeting in December.

### **CHAIR REPORTS:**

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

- Follow-up from AFH Tournament
  - Player Feedback
    - always very positive with exception of Pace of Play complaints
    - positive feedback about the fast awards presentation and improved scoring time
    - thank you for excellent Board feedback about the scoring process
  - New Scoring Methodology
    - Very fast – approximately 15 minutes out the door once all cards are received. Will be sure to make players aware that their card submission is now taking longer than our scoring process
  - Still waiting on contract from Indian Canyons for 2026. March 30-31 dates have been requested.
- Eclectic at Sycuan -- June 17-18
  - Pace of Play
    - Limiting field to 144
    - Requiring "wave up" on Par 3s
  - Happy Hour – we may have the option of hosting at the pool this year.

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

- Pace of Play Concerns
  - Division Reps are sending emails as needed. It was noted by a first groups at a course had the public in front of them and they were slow; nothing we can do about this.
  - Stress putting completion times on scorecards; make notes on scorecards about slow play groups
  - Division Reps talk to course and have marshals get groups to move along; split up
  - Get approval to use Drop Zone when appropriate
- Clarification on the proper way to handle courses that are overbooked; do a blind draw. Once blind draw has been completed and the electronic file has been sent, the Division Rep will make replacements as needed. Inform Division Reps if there are entries that have not made it into the electronic file.
- February AD was cancelled due to rain. March was rained out for a few of the courses. Tustin Ranch has been rescheduled to November 6, 2025.
- Division Rep Feedback
  - Northern/Amy Bello – she is feeling more comfortable in this position being her first year. She introduces herself at lunch after tournaments and members appreciate it. Clarification on whether to put an X on scorecard when you take a 10. No need for X.
  - Orange/Carolyn Sherman – Bella Colina was her most expensive course but well attended. She asked that at member courses where ADs are played is it possible for members to pay their member rate versus the contracted AD rate? Answer was "no". She will be on vacation in July. Lou Ann will set up the tournament but we need someone to be onsite.

- Inland/Jayne Mackley – getting used to her position. Diana Bermudez will be handling the June AD.
- Southern/Sherri Little – is lucky that all her tournaments are shotguns.
- **Rules – MariLu Villasor**  
Note: During the AFH Tournament there were issues regarding a player's score on their scorecard. The player reported that one hole had an incorrect score, however, the scorecard was signed by everyone in the foursome and turned in to the Committee. The Rules Committee had to be called on this dispute.

Rule 3.3b (2) – Player's Responsibility: Certifying Hole Scores and Returning Scorecard. During the *round*, the player should keep track of their scores for each hole. When the *round* has ended, the player:

- Should carefully check the hole scores entered by the **marker** and raise any issues with the **Committee**,
- Must make sure that the **marker** certifies the hole scores on the scorecard,
- Must not change a hole score entered by the **marker except** with the **marker's** agreement or the Committee's approval (but neither the player nor the **marker** is required to make any extra certification of the changed score), and
- Must certify the scores on the **scorecard** and promptly return it to the **Committee**, after which the player must not change the **scorecard**.

If the player breaches any of these requirements in Rule 3.3b, the player is **disqualified**.

- **Team – Karen Kiddy**: Team Play 2025 was an overall success with many more compliments than complaints. Finals Teams appreciated having a Board Member onsite at the courses to welcome the players as they came in. MariLu covered A South at Rio Hondo, Lou Ann covered B Valley at Diamond Bar, and Karen covered B South at Recreation Park. Thank you to Janet and Lydia who posted pictures on the WPLGA Facebook page that were enjoyed by all.

Karen recommended the following items to be reviewed during the off season: 1) consider changing the A/B Team Index overlap from 16-20 to 18-20; 2) consider home/away format for Division A2 North; 3) reduce/simplify Team Play controlling documents, if possible.

**Treasurer Report**: Susan Shimizu handed out Balance Sheet and P&L Statement through March 31, 2025. She also handed out a Balance Sheet as of May 11, 2025 with attachments showing Association Day Deposits, Deposits for Major Tournaments and schedule of our Major Tournament gift cards.

**OLD BUSINESS**: None

**NEW BUSINESS**: We are establishing the Nominating Committee for 2026.

Next Board Meeting August 4, 2025 at Anaheim Hills.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Herbold, Secretary