

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

BOARD MEETING – November 11, 2024

Anaheim Hills Golf Course

The meeting was called to order by President, Lou Ann Reichling at 10:05 a.m. In attendance: Donna Buxton, Kathy Takemura, Janet Herbold, MariLu Villasor, Lydia Salcido, Carolyn Sherman, Sherri Little, Sue Jett, Karen Kiddy, Diana Bermudez and Diane Acosta. Approved absence of Susan Shimizu.

**ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP:**

Total clubs to date:	82
Paid memberships to date:	1,710
Honorary memberships to date:	7

Janet Herbold reported that we have two new clubs for 2025: Irvine Rancho WGC and Coyote Hills WGC. Laguna Woods WGC is still considering and Janet will do a club visit in January. Some interest from Paso Robles WGC but some particulars still need to be worked out.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** A letter was sent by Lou Ann Reichling to a member who had a complaint against her regarding her Code of Conduct at the Senior Tournament. Said member acknowledged the letter and no further action was taken.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Susan Shimizu was not in attendance but emailed the Board the Quarterly Financial Report dated September 30, 2024

## **CHAIR REPORTS:**

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

- Follow-up from Fall Classic
  - Feedback was positive about tournament management and the banquet
  - Most ladies did not enjoy the course; mostly because of Cart Path Only making the day very long
- 2025 Majors
  - January 27 – Kickoff at Rio Hondo
  - April 7-8 – Away from Home at Indian Canyons
  - June 17-18 – Eclectic Tournament at Sycuan
  - August 11 – Senior Tournament—waiting for contract to be signed
  - October ?? – still working on this one
  - December 1 – 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting
- Discussion regarding moving the Kickoff Tournament each year to other location besides Rio Hondo. This will be looked into for 2026.
- Discussion was had regarding changing requirements for the Senior Tournament. No changes to current requirements.
- Discussion on whether or not to use Club Courses for Major Tournaments. This will be considered in 2026.

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

- Working on contracts for 2025.
- Booking courses outside of Division Reps area.
- Information needed to make prepayment easier:
  - Contact name to make payment to, email and/or phone number
  - When the final payment is due
  - If payment is due day of, can someone pay the pro shop over the phone?
  - How much deposit, if any, was paid?
- Pace of Play Concerns – Discussion to improve
  - Easiest way to make up time is to have two players putt out and tee off next hole. DO NOT sit there and wait for the other two.
  - Collect scores at the next tee box, not at the green.
- Booking courses for AD on Monday prior to Thursday

### • **Rules – MariLu Villasor**

There are no new rules at the present but some rules have been brought up during tournaments or regular play. Here are two rules for review and clarifications

- Rule 9.4a When Lifted or Moved Ball Must Be Replaced
  - If the player lifts their ball at rest or causes it to move, the ball must be replaced on its original spot, except
    - When the player lifts the ball under a rule to take relief or to replace the ball on a different spot (Rules 14.2d and 14.2e) or

- When the ball moves after the player has begun the stroke or the backswing for a stroke and then goes on to make the stroke (Rule 9.1B0)
- Rule 9.4b Penalty for Lifting or Deliberately Touching Ball or Causing it to Move
  - If the player lifts or deliberately touches their ball at rest or causes it to move, the player gets one penalty stroke. Except: When the player allows the ball to be lifted and replaced on its original spot.

Clarifications from Todd at USGA Rules Department

If a player takes a practice swing on the fairway and accidentally hits the ball, they will get one stroke penalty and that ball will have to be replaced. Under Rule 9.4b, the player caused the ball to move but since it was not a stroke, the ball must be replaced. If the player plays from the new spot, they will get a two-stroke penalty.

Rule 19 Unplayable Ball in Bunker

- There are two different relief options:
  - The player may ALWAYS play under stroke and distance. Anytime. Replay the stroke from where the previous stroke was made. Rule 18.1
  - Rule 19.3b (two strokes back in line) is one of the relief options for an unplayable ball in a bunker.

### **Team – Karen Kiddy:**

- We have a total of 17 A teams and 29 B teams that have registered for a total of 46 teams for 2025. There were four teams who did not rejoin for 2025; but we have four new teams that will be playing. Neutral courses were brought up to see if there would be any problem in scheduling these courses. A couple courses were taken off the list. Scheduling of courses will start soon. Some divisions have asked about home/away matches and these will be considered.

**Nominating Committee:** Donna Buxton reported that notices went out to all the clubs with the Slate for 2025. She received notice from three clubs that they approved the slate. The Slate will be approved at the Annual Meeting on Monday, December 2, 2024.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A Delegate Survey was sent out to all delegates via Survey Monkey. Only 20 percent of the delegates responded. Some questions and responses were:
  - Do you understand your role as WPLGASC Delegate – 95% agreed
  - Do you believe you received adequate information from WPLGASC to properly inform your members – 90% agreed
  - Do you understand WPLGASC policy and procedure with regard to:
    - Enrolling new members – 90% agreed
    - Registration process for monthly or major tournaments – 100% agreed
    - How participation points work – 95% agreed
    - Distribution of by-annual AD payments to members – 100% agreed
    - Do you believe WPLGASC could do more to educate and keep you informed about everything happening in WPLGASC – No for 71%
- Discussion on how to automate Monthly Association Days. This needs to be review more thoroughly.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Appointment by Lou Ann Reichling of Lydia Salcido as our Social Media Chair. Responsibilities will be determined but she will be the Facebook contact and will be learning the website to start.
- Discussion regarding allowing guests to attend AD when a replacement can't be found. This was not approved.

Next Board Meeting date and time to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Herbold, Secretary