

Coast League – Captains Meeting Minutes

October 30, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Mission Viejo Country Club

Board Members in attendance: Sherry Smith, Christine Johnstone, Sandy Wells, Laurie Matsutsuyu

Team Captains in attendance: Susan Alexander - OR, Debbie Gilster – AVCC, Tami Keys – VCC, Ida Vanderpoorte – VCC, Kathy Sears – OR, Shelley Walker – BCCC, Marianne Bonicatti – YLCC, Lisa McDonnell – THC, Suzanne Hayek – THC, Judy Spangenberg – MVCC, Michele Kramer – MVCC, Kim Feld – Coto, Grace Summerford – AVCC, Terri Donahue – ENCC, Dassie Feingold – DCGC, Denise Marlborough – DCGC, Sara Platte – ENCC

1. Welcome/Meeting called to order @10:35 a.m. by Sherry Smith
2. Introduction of Board by Sherry
3. Introduction of captains – All clubs in attendance
4. Treasurers Report - Laurie Matsutsuyu
 - a. Beginning balance as of June 30, 2023: \$509.73, expenditures of \$21.99 GoDaddy Website, End of Season Tournament \$150.00
 - b. Ending Balance as of October 30, 2023: \$337.74
 - c. We are collecting \$100 per team for Coast League Annual Team Play Dues
5. Discussion of handicap calculation for the Coast League – Chris Johnstone
 - a. We will use 6 month average handicap calculation from Sept 1 – Feb 1
 - b. Chris will contact each team to secure the data.
 - c. Please contact Chris if your handicap chair has changed so she can contact them to discuss what we need.
 - d. Handicaps are loaded into the scorecard generator.
 - e. If clubs would like to do a “dry run”, Chris can do this 3 months prior to make sure it runs smoothly.
 - f. We will re-calculate the 6 month average handicap prior to playoffs so team play would be included in that 6 month average. For playoffs we will use Dec 1 – May 1 average handicap.
 - g. Coast League Website is not updated, but will be updated after this meeting in about a month.
6. Review of League Play Procedures: the process for determining Match Line-up / play-offs and handicap integrity, 2024 motto – Sherry Smith

- a. Indexes are converted to course handicap. Lowest handicap plays side 1 and you can pair her with anyone on roster, then next lowest handicap goes to side 2 and you can pair her with anyone in lineup, etc...
- b. If someone is a 16.9 and 17 index and both end up at a course handicap of 19, they can be treated as the same because slotting is determined by course handicap.
- c. Alternates can be paired any way the team captains want. If a change is made after the 48 hour line up exchange, captains may select any of their alternates to drop into the spot. Nothing else is re-shuffled. Alternate take the place of the missing player and no other changes are needed. You can have any type of player as an alternate whether it be a low handicap player or a higher handicap player.
- d. For Playoffs - 1st place of one division plays 2nd of other division and vice versa. Semi-finals 6 sides (3 home and 3 away). 1st seed plays team 1, 3, 5 at home, 2, 4, 6 away. Advantage goes to 1st seed. In event of a tie, ties are broken by Side #1 for both Teams playing on Hole #1 in a Sudden Death Playoff.
- e. Finals: 7 sides home **and** away. Whichever team had the most points during regular season determines who plays home or away first.
- f. We used to have WSCGA – no longer in existence – now need to focus on policing and making sure our members are posting all their scores – not just their higher or lower scores – all scores should be posted. We need to make sure all scores are posted. We want integrity for the indexes.
- g. 2024 season motto should be pace of play...we do not want Coast League to get a bad reputation. Do not want matches to be 5 hours long. We need to talk to our teams about finishing from tee off to be no more than 4.5 hours – this excludes the travel time to get to the start of the first hole. Please track and be cognizant of pace of play. We will track this year to ensure we have adequate pace of play.
- h. Current rules on slow play - If you are a hole behind on a par 4 or 5, you will need to pick up. To clarify, if your group is on the tee box and no one is on the green ahead of you, please pick up the ball and halve the hole. Captains need to be aware and have “nice conversations” with slow player(s). As captains, please have these conversations if necessary.

- i. Key dates: Reg season – Feb 13 and done by May 10. Semi-finals the very next week. Last year, all of our matches were either Tuesday or Thursday.
 - j. If it looks like your team will be in the running for playoffs, your team will need to go to pro shop to get tee times locked in. With semi-finals, we will have 3 sides at home and 3 away. In the finals you will need 7 tee times.
 - k. End of season Tournament– we reinvigorated ABCD blind draw end of season tournament. Amazing friendships @ Marbella – Chris group has played in each others guest days. Tournament was well attended. Sherry is checking with Coto for this upcoming year and Debbie from AVCC said she can check with AVCC – 2nd / 3rd week of June possibly.
7. Teams broke out into divisions to put calendars together.
- a. Division 1: YL, DC, MVCC, Bella Colina and Old Ranch
 - b. Division 2: EN, AV, THC, Coto and Virginia