

Triggs Ladies Inner Club
Board of Governors
Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2020, 5:30 at Robyn Sisti's
Conference Room, 201 Wayland Ave,
Second Floor #8, Providence

Attending in Providence:

President Barbara O'Neil
Vice President Pamela Brodeur
Governors Dawn Giguere
Nancy Smith Greer
Robyn Sisti

Attending via telephone

Secretary Rosemary Zehntner
Treasurer Sandi Harper

The meeting was called to order by Barbara at 5:42 pm. Barbara began by referencing the by-laws that she distributed prior to the meeting. We will use these by-laws as our guide to running the Inner Club. Meetings will be held once a month in season. The minutes will be reviewed and approved by the Board then posted each month.

Barbara read aloud the Triggs Ladies Inner Club Mission Statement to remind us all of our purpose as a Board and as a golfing member of the Club.

Barbara identified the Board terms that will expire this year: She has one more year of her term; Pam has two years on her term, Rosemary has one year on her term as she took over for Karen Kutniewski who resigned; Sandy has two years, Dawn and Nancy each have one year to go, and Robyn has two years left on her term.

A discussion ensued regarding each of the committee chairs to be set for the new year. **Auditing** has been chaired by Linda Albamonti. Although we haven't had need for an audit in the recent past we felt it was a good idea to keep this committee in place. **Tournament/Weekly Volunteers** will be chaired again by Pam. Catherine Parente will do **Handicaps** again this year. **Membership** has not had a committee head in the recent past because Barbara has been handling inquiries as they come in. As a general rule for safety and privacy we do not publish a

membership list online or mail them out to members. She asked the Board to consider how we can best handle this. **Rules** will again be chaired by Pam and Barbara. **Nominating** will be assembled with three volunteers who will start in July seeking people to fill the four expiring Board seats. **Ad Hoc** will be assembled if needed. **Member/Guest** will no longer be chaired by Claire McCorry, who has been doing this for many years, so we need to ask around. Claire's co-chair Louise would probably agree to help the new chairs. The date is not fixed yet. It used to be at the end of June to accommodate teachers but was moved to September after a couple of very hot tournaments. The new chairs can select the new date. **Club Championship** will be chaired again by Pam and Laurie DiPersio (Pam needs to confirm this.) **RIGA Team** was chaired by Sandi last year and she has agreed to run this again. Barbara noted that we won the Baker Bowl last year. The bowl will be engraved by RIGA early this spring. She also noted that we received a team plaque to display. **Fall River Cup** will be handled by Barbara again. It will be held at Fall River this year in mid July. **Ringers** will be handled by Linda Albamonti again. She enters scores weekly into an Excel spreadsheet that automatically tabulates the numbers. **Weekly Tournament Winners** will be summarized by Barbara again this year and Pam will again post the results on our website. It was noted that Pam does a wonderful job with our website. Barbara also will continue to handle the **Annual Cash Prize Winners** working with the treasurer to determine how much money to distribute at the end of the season.

Barbara reminded the Board that we will have monthly meetings during the golf season. She also asked that we give our opinions and suggestions freely and stated that she is always open to new ideas and changes.

Barbara briefly discussed the end of the season survey taken at the holiday party indicating that there was a general consensus of satisfaction from the women as to how the league was run last year.

A discussion was had regarding the recently announced possible sale of Metacomet Golf Club to developers. Barbara mentioned that Karl who runs our pro shop is an investor at Metacomet. It was also pointed out that Pam did an excellent job last season fostering a good relationship with Karl and the pro shop staff. She intends to continue this trend that is so important to our group.

A discussion was had regarding our Inner Club's 35th anniversary celebration theme (1972), 40th anniversary theme (Ruby Red) and the fact that our 50th celebration is coming up in two years. The Board agreed that we need to start planning for this event.

Under **Rescue Pub** news we were informed that bartender Lou Ann is very sick as she battles a Stage 4 cancer.

With respect to GHIN and USGA changes the committee of Catherine Parente, Barbara Davis and Barbara O'Neil will seek guidance from Bob Ward of RIGA

regarding early spring member education and also whether there will be changes to how we handle GHIN administration using the GHINClub.net system.

Treasurer Sandi Harper stated that our 2019 opening balance was \$1,504.13 and our ending bank balance was \$3,477.40. However this ending balance does not account for two lost checks by the Rescue Pub - \$760.00 for the member/guest day and \$1,180.00 for the Ryder Cup. She will issue new checks to replace the lost ones upon her return in May. Therefore the actual 2019 end of the year treasury balance is \$1,537.40.

Moving on to planning for the new season a discussion was had regarding the membership fee, application form and the social membership class. The Board agreed to keep our membership fee at \$200. The application form will be amended to include a 2020 cut-off date of April 18 for the applications and checks to be either mailed or hand delivered to Barbara O'Neil. Barbara will hold all the checks until Sandy returns in May. Sandy will then update the membership list and print it up for distribution, probably by the third week in May. The application form will further be amended to delete the line about whether the applicant plans to play on opening day. This turned out to be confusing as some people thought they had registered to play by indicating yes on the form but then did not sign up electronically.

Regarding the Social Membership category a discussion revealed that only one person chose to participate last year so it was agreed that we tried it but it didn't work as well as expected. The Board unanimously agreed to eliminate the Social membership category.

A discussion was had about drafting a tournament schedule for the season. Pam mentioned that the men's group already set their major tournaments and she had a copy of their working list that she would share with the Board. Saturday, September 26 was set for the Ryder Cup, 8:30 shotgun. Pam said she would prepare a draft schedule for us by the end of March. It was agreed that we are interested in continuing to have tournaments with the men such as the Firecracker and the Steak and Hot Dogs Tournament. Barbara indicated that the Fall River Cup Challenge would most likely be July 18 this year.

A discussion was had regarding setting the date and time for our Spring Opening Meeting/GHIN education session sometime in April. It was decided that this year it would be Tuesday, April 14, 6 pm at the Rescue Pub. Rosemary and Sandi indicated that they would be returning from Florida in May and therefore unable to attend.

Robyn said she would check with Rescue Pub's Keith regarding the availability of the Pub for our spring meeting. She asked what type of food/hors d'heuves we would like to have. After a short discussion it was decided that \$15 per

person would be our budget and that Robyn would ask Keith for suggestions on the food.

Barbara asked that we all take a look at the budget numbers to suggest changes as needed. She also asked that we think about how we present the end of year prizes. Last year it was pretty noisy and chaotic and she had a hard time getting people's attention.

Under New Business Nancy recommended that Pam be reimbursed for the paper and ink she uses for all the scorecards she prints up during the season. Pam said that was not necessary but the group agreed that we should help her.

Robyn began a discussion as to whether there was any interest in giving a gift to members at the beginning of the season. We used to do this in the past. Barbara commented that we like to keep a cushion of about \$1000 in our treasury for emergencies so we have about \$500 to use on gifts. Golf head covers, jackets, towels etc came up as possible choices. Robyn said she has used Stitches in the past to have the Triggs logo put on a sweater. Someone stated that Karl in the Pro Shop should have catalogues to order items with the Triggs logo. In the past he has indicated that he would be willing to order things for us with little to no markup from his costs. Robyn said she would send us a photo of a black headcover with the Triggs logo.

Rosemary suggested asking Karl to stock a few more items for his shop like visors, caps, socks and gloves for those days when we forget to bring our own. Apparently he was approached about adding inventory in the past but did not respond positively.

The meeting ended at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Zehntner

Triggs Ladies Inner Club
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June 1, 2020, 5:30 via Zoom
In attendance:

President Barbara O'Neil
Vice President Pamela Brodeur
Treasurer Sandi Harper
Secretary Rosemary Zehntner
Governors Dawn Giguere
Nancy Smith Greer
Robyn Sisti

Guest appearances: Yogi and Stoli

The meeting began at 5:30 with welcome comments by Barbara. A general discussion was had concerning the corona virus pandemic's effects on each of us and particularly, its impact on golf. The Phase II reopening rules for the State of Rhode Island were discussed regarding sports gatherings. Sandi mentioned that the number of participants was raised from five to 15 and wondered how this would help our league play. Barbara felt that the number 15 referred to a stable group of participants, e.g. a softball team that has 15 regular members who meet regularly for practice. In our case the women's group changes on any given Saturday or Sunday.

Barbara discussed some of the responses she received from the membership survey she conducted via email. We currently have 49 members. Some people felt that they are not ready yet for formal tournaments and said they prefer making up their own foursomes. However, some members indicated that they do not know enough others to call up and make a foursome. Regarding tournaments it was agreed that without shotguns, and because of social distancing, no tournaments would be scheduled under Phase II.

Pam shared with the Board her discussions with Carl, who is willing to set aside tee times for us. He gave her the dates of 6/14, 6/20, 6/21, 6/27, and 6/28 for early morning tee times. He is planning one month at a time for now, as Phase III might occur in July. We would sign up on our website for tee times by Monday night either as a foursome, or individually, a twosome, etc. She will make sure people are merged into foursomes then randomly select which foursome goes out first and so on. Barbara said she would prepare an email communication informing the members that the Board met and reached these decisions based on the Phase II guidelines. She will inform them of the Monday, 6pm deadline for online signup, starting with Sunday, June 14 play.

Sandi asked about preparing a membership contact list for distribution to everyone, something that would be particularly helpful this summer as we try to organize our own play. She proposed sending it out via a password-required email. After some discussion Sandi said she would test the process by sending it out to the Board first.

Sandi suggested that we have another Zoom meeting in three weeks so we might be able to plan a few tournaments. Nancy said we have a very fluid situation right now, with a lot of uncertainty. People have different levels of comfort about who they play with, handling scorecards, etc. Rosemary mentioned that when we do return to tournament play we could use electronic scorecards that individuals would print up at home, use them on the course, then electronically turn in their results.

Barbara said she heard unofficially that RIGA is considering some medal play tournaments later this summer. Other cancelled events were discussed. Until we get to Phase III everything is uncertain, so we will keep it simple and safe.

Nancy made a motion to accept the minutes of our March 2, 2020 meeting. Sandi seconded the motion and it was carried.

Sandi gave the following treasury report: we have \$4,440.40 currently in our account but two outstanding checks to the Rescue Pub of \$760 and \$1180 will reduce that amount to \$2,500.40. She will also be sending out a check for \$1,470 for 49 GHIN registrations so essentially we have a balance of \$1,030.40 to work with for the rest of the summer. The monogrammed headcovers are already paid for. Robyn said she is willing to keep them at her home until we decide when to distribute them.

Barbara mentioned that normally in July we appoint a nominating committee to select candidates for our fall election of officers and governors. She wondered if we would have to forgo the elections for this year if no fall meeting is held, and perhaps have the election in the spring? We will have to wait and see how things go.

After plenty of informal discussion ranging from our health to golf to Santa, Sandi called for the meeting to be adjourned, but first she thanked Pam for handling the tee time signups for us and Barbara for her excellent communications to the membership. The next meeting will be Monday June 22 at 5:30 via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Zehntner

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July 14, 2020, 6:00 via Zoom
In attendance:

President Barbara O'Neil
Vice President Pamela Brodeur
Treasurer Sandi Harper
Secretary Rosemary Zehntner
Governors Dawn Giguere
Nancy Smith Greer
Robyn Sisti

The meeting began at 6:05 with welcome comments by Barbara. Before the meeting started everyone congratulated Rosemary on becoming a first time grandmother. She happily shared several baby photos with the group.

There were no notes available from the last meeting on June 22 because Rosemary was too busy playing golf to attend.

Regarding membership, Barbara reported that since our last meeting the Board had approved via email a resolution that all members will pay the same amount this season regardless of whether they plan to play in our competitive tournaments or not. She added that in the past new members were charged an additional \$50 fee but that rule has been rescinded.

Cheryl Rebello recently decided to drop out this year because her husband needs surgery and she won't be getting back to golf until late summer. She intends to return next season. Our membership now stands at 43.

Barbara complimented Sandi and Robyn for passing out the new headcovers and membership lists on Sunday.

Regarding handicaps Barbara suggested we keep GHIN numbers active for everyone, including those who are not playing in our organized golf this season. This is because RIGA requires peer review by an organized group.

Currently only Barbara and Katherine Parente, Handicap Chair, have access to our GHIN program. It was suggested that the Treasurer and Tournament Chair also have access to our GHIN program so they can run reports, edit scores, etc.

A long discussion was had regarding the re-rating of our course at the end of last year and the need for our hole-by-hole ranking on the scorecard to be reevaluated. The Board took on this arduous task of allocating where strokes fall one through eighteen the last time the course was re-rated. Barbara had an email exchange with Bob Ward of RIGA who said this is Triggs responsibility, not the USGA or RIGA. He suggested she talk to Karl. Rosemary suggested keeping cards to learn how we score on various holes to determine which are the hardest. Sandi found some old cards from last year and will email us the hole by hole ranking.

Another long discussion was held regarding how we should handle very high handicappers and tournament participation. We have several women in the 40's and even a 54, which means at 100% handicap they would be getting three shots on some holes. The question was asked about capping all handicaps at 36 strokes for tournaments. Flights were suggested when the tournament allows. It was also noted that using an 80 or 85 percent handicap does the best job mathematically to balance a field. After more discussion the group voted 4-3 in favor of capping handicaps at 36. Pam will advise all tournament volunteers regarding this handicap rule, and also instruct them to eliminate Closest To The Pin contests for this season due to Corona virus concerns and the handling of tape measurers, common pencils, etc.

Barbara said we needed to assemble a nominating committee for the election of board members later in the season. Linda Tulino volunteered to be on the committee but she has health problems so Barbara encouraged the Board to recruit at least two and preferably three others to join Linda.

A brief discussion was had regarding rules – she sent an email out to the membership identifying a few rules questions that came up on Sunday. Barbara emphasized the importance of knowing our local rules which can be found on the Triggs website.

Treasurer Sandi reported that we have a balance of \$5,760.40 in the bank today with \$850 in checks not deposited yet and the GHIN numbers have not been paid for yet. She projected that our balance at the end of July will be \$5,200, giving us plenty of money to allocate for prizes.

Tournament results will be posted weekly by Pam on our website. The Board will determine how much to pay out as the end of the season approaches.

Sandi asked us all to start thinking about how we want to handle the end of the season celebration and also our Christmas party. In the past we would set aside about \$500 for the Christmas party.

Pam led a discussion regarding the August tournament schedule she worked out with Karl. The group agreed that we should participate in the Red vs Blue tournament with the men on August 8. Pam, Dawn and Nancy will run the women's

end and advise members how to sign up. July 26 will be a member/member tournament. The August 1 tourney will be run by Barbara and newer member Lisa Kasmirsky. September 26 will be the Ryder Cup tournament. Pam reported that Karl felt shotguns would be allowed by that time. Pam will send an email to the membership asking for August tournament volunteers.

Pam reported that a certain new member keeps asking for the first tee time every week. The Board agreed that this is not fair to the rest of the membership as many of us would also love the first tee time. It was further agreed that the weekly volunteers need to be told to mix up the foursomes so people play with different women each week, enabling us to get to know each other better.

The meeting closed at 7:20 with some additional photos of Rosemary's new grandson Theo Anthony!

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Zehntner
Secretary

Triggs Ladies Inner Club
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September 8, 2020

In attendance:

President Barbara O'Neil
Vice President Pamela Brodeur
Treasurer Sandi Harper
Secretary Rosemary Zehntner
Governors Dawn Giguere
Nancy Smith Greer
Robyn Sisti

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by President Barbara O'Neil. Barbara stated that she had electronically distributed to the board the minutes of our last meeting of July 14.

Barbara reported that she found a 2009 scorecard with the hole rankings that the Triggs women assigned in accordance with USGA guidelines. She added that the course has not changed since that time. The current scorecard has our hole rankings changed to conform with the men's gold tee rankings. Barbara discussed this issue with Karl who said he doesn't care, we can change them back if we want to. Bob Ward of RIGA said the same thing – it is up to us. After additional discussion it was decided that we would return to our original rankings from 2009. Barbara will give Karl a copy of a revised card so he can use it when he has new scorecards printed up, possibly at the end of this year. Pam will change the information in Golf Genius program.

A discussion was had regarding the End of Season meeting date and location. It was agreed that most of the women probably would not go to a different location for a picnic-like meeting so it will be held at the outside patio of the Rescue Pub and/or moved to the practice area to distribute prize money if it gets too crowded or noisy on the patio.

After discussion it was agreed that we would schedule at least three tournament dates into October, with the End of Season tournament and meeting to be held on the weekend of October 17/18. Barbara reported that according to our by-laws one fifth of the membership constitutes a quorum, meaning that we would need a minimum of nine members to vote at the meeting. Pam said she would request additional tee times from Karl for the first three weekends in October.

Barbara said she would send out an electronic notice to the membership soliciting nominations for the open positions on the board and the End of Season meeting weekend. Barbara also recommended we contact the nominating

committee to let them know if we are interested in continuing on in our positions. According to our by-laws the new slate of officers must be posted at least 30 days in advance of election.

Barbara stated that traditionally a \$1000 balance remains in our treasury as a rollover each year. She proposed that this year instead of allocating the usual 25% of our treasury to prizes we raise the prize pot to 33% since we eliminated food expenses due to the Covid-19 crisis. Sandi said she created a spreadsheet for the season with every member on it so she can keep track of every individual's wins. Depending on the number of prizes to be awarded she can tweak the dollars to 30-33 percent of our funds. It was also decided that we would once again pay for the golf carts on the last tournament day. Further, we voted to award Mee Song \$100 for her hole-in-one during a league tournament, traditionally done by other boards in years past.

Treasurer Sandi reported that we paid out \$1530 for GHIN accounts, and collected \$100 from 42 members. She noted that she was able to reduce our bank fees each month by opting for electronic bank statements instead of mailed paper statements. \$500 was spent on the Triggs logo head covers that were gifted to each member this year. Our treasury balance is \$5,230.40.

Regarding the upcoming Ryder Cup, Barbara thanked Pam, Nancy and Dawn for organizing it this year on our behalf. Pam said that last year participants wrote a check to our women's group and we then paid one check to Karl in the pro shop and one check to Keith of the Rescue Pub. It was agreed we would do the same this year.

Robyn said she had a few headcovers left over and would hold on to them to distribute next year. She asked if there was any interest in having Mitch make up a logo jacket or shirt for us. Mitch estimated that name brand jackets would cost around \$40-\$50 each, non-name brands would be about \$25. She offered to send us photos of samples. Rosemary said these could be nice for members who participate in RIGA team matches.

Pam noted that she had not posted any of our season's board minutes because she was unsure if they were approved. Barbara said she had distributed them electronically to the Board after each meeting for comments or changes, and having received no changes they were good for posting, with the exception of the March 2 meeting which needs a name and date correction.

There being no further business Sandi made a motion to close the meeting at 6:29 p.m. Barbara seconded the motion and it passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Zehntner

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October 11, 2020

In attendance:

President: Pamela Brodeur

Treasurer: Sandi Harper

Secretary: Robin Gershkoff

Governors: Nancy Greer

Robyn Sisti

Barbara Davis

Emergency board mtg to appoint Vice President, Article 2 Section 5 of the bylaws:

Motion made by Pamela Brodeur to appoint Dawn Giguere as Vice President, seconded by Robin Gershkoff.

Vote unanimous. Congratulations Dawn!

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Gershkoff

Secretary