

Low Country Team Board Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2025 at 89 Saw Timber Drive, Moss Creek

Call to Order at 2:40pm, present: Ruth Bartlett, Denise Harris, Niza Hall, Carol Hammond, Kathy LaBonte, Laura Collins, Mary Jane Peebles, Cynthia Leaf

Hole in One this season: Donna Cortina and Kathy Bradbury will be recognized at the Annual Meeting

October 28, 2024 board minutes were reviewed and approved.

Secretary/Treasurer – Cynthia Leaf, Treasurer Report (attached)

Division Chair Updates:

Division 1, Denise Harris, notebooks and scoreboards – next year, don't pre-load scoreboards with host names -- add in order of play

Division 2, Niza Hall, annual meeting, copies of last year's minutes, agenda, and nominations on each table, 175 attendees confirmed

Division 3, Carol Hammond, final scores have been posted

Division 4 and 6, Kathy LaBonte, engraving in process; photos of winners and new board members to be taken at annual meeting

Division 5, Laura Collins, course contracts and fees 2026 (update 2026 form to add "form must be complete to be accepted; for example, course fee cannot be added later) submitted 4/1/25-5/15/25. Course fee of \$65 is suggested and will also suggest this includes all charges.

Nominating Committee: MJ Peebles, Ruth Bartlett and Kathy LaBonte – slate for 2025/26 Board of Directors presented and approved. (see attached)

Suggest By-Laws Amendment: Article III, Section 2 Election and Terms of Office Delete "Two" Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting to serve a term of three years.

Issues:

1. Slow play - this year seemed better. Standing Rules V. Laura suggested if a group has been warned and is out of position, they will be told at the end of the hole to skip the next hole (or two) to get back in to position and award ½ point to each team per skipped hole. Laura will draft.
2. Calendar for 2026, suggest start times after 10am in Feb. due to frost delays and traffic
3. Eligibility for grown children of members – The board will review the wording of the Eligibility Standard 1. A. by the Fall board meeting. Each club can also have additional eligibility requirements.
4. Add to Standing Rules XI. D. add limit of 90 minutes after players have been called off the course for Club Pro to cancel the match. Ruth will amend current standing rule.
5. Inclement weather F., discuss Cynthia's question re: players who are eligible to play on a rain date if original match is suspended. Discussed and tabled until Fall board meeting so the board can review the wording in XI. F.

6. Discuss if a match gets through 14/15 holes and inclement weather suspends play, the team can or must split points for the remaining holes and consider the round complete – if season competition is close, players may prefer to play, so we will not institute this idea.
7. Division 6 – A discussion was had regarding, the Team finishing last will fall out of Division 6 if there is a Team on the Wait List. The Team falling out will go to the end of the Wait List. The Board has decided to survey the Captains to gather membership information on the subject. Any policy change would not impact the teams/divisions for the 2026 season.

Fiscal Matters:

- *Keep dues at \$360 per team for 2026 (\$216 to us and \$144 for tips to bag handlers). Review again in 2026
- *Donations - Propose \$1,750 each to LPGA Girls Golf of Hilton Head/Bluffton, Krista Dunton and HHIJGA which is now administered by First Tee of the LowCountry. Approved.

Upcoming Meetings/deadlines:

- 3/28/25 – Annual Meeting and Luncheon at Long Cove
- 4/1/25 - 5/15/25 - Course reservation contracts received, must be 100% complete to ensure a team