Low Country Team Board Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 2:30
Present: Ruth Bartlett, Suzn Stewart, Kathy LaBonte, Niza Hall, Denise Harris, Carol Hammond, Laura Collins, and Mary Jane Peebles.

1. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the previous Board meeting.
2. Treasurer's report was approved with a current balance of $14,844. We have yet to pay for the Annual meeting luncheon which should approximate $6,000 and the plaques.
3. Division Chair updates:
    1. Denise Harris is collecting the boards and notebooks.
    2. Niza Hall reported that the annual meeting plan is underway. 4 buffet lines will be utilized to speed up serving of lunch. The final charge for lunch will be available on the 1st or 2nd.
    3. Carol Hammond reported that final scores are being posted. May need to improve game day details for next year particularly getting an update when there is a rain date. There is a complication for a group text on score reporting on Samsung phones which we also need to work out for next year.
    4&6. Kathy LaBonte is in the process of engraving the division plaques for the annual meeting. She is ordering a new plaque for Division 1 because the engraved plate is full. She suggested that when retiring a plaque for Division 1 it will be given to the team that has won the division the greatest number of times. She is ordering a new plaque for Division 4 so that it will match the others and adding a new plaque for the new Division 6.
    5. Laura Collins reported the range of cart fees for 2025 season is from $45.00-$60.00. Most clubs have already submitted date requests for play days for next year. For 2025, we will try to spread the matches out better over Frb. And march. We need Clubs to request more March dates. In the future, we will receive the contracts April 1, 2026 through May 15, 2026 after the season has concluded. Contracts must be completed correctly and signed. We will delete the verbiage that play dates will be assigned on a fist-come first-served basis. We will suggest later start times in February before Daylight Savings time changes over and a maximum cart fee of $55.00 for 2025.

4. Pace of Play. On dates where 3 divisions play at the same location it presents a situation of slower play due to the sheer number of players. A suggestion was made to avoid 3 divisions on the same date but agreed that it is a big ask for the host to have to provide refreshments and volunteers for multiple dates vs 1. Clubs might consider if they have more than one course at their location to move one Team to the second course. Or have one Division play on another date using tee times, as only 9 tee times are required to host a division. Slow play will be discussed at the Annual Meeting and the team

captain's meeting next January and be a focus for the 2025 season. It was mentioned that a group will be asked to speed up and if they remain "out of position" will be asked to skip a hole. If a hole is skipped, each team will forfeit points for that hole.

5. If a player "plays out of order" vs. the roster or if an individual player plays in a 7th match, the team will lose the points for that match but those points will not be awarded to the other team. We will edit the Standing Rules to clarify this. This season, one Club had the situation of playing out of order and their points in 2 matches were forfeited, but not awarded to the other team.
6. Since we have added a 6th division it was suggested that we add a 9th Director of the Board. Kathy LaBonte said that we are fine right now, but we should address in 2025. This will require a bylaw change and it is preferred to have a uneven number of board voters.
7. The Nominating Committee has recommended that Cynthia Leaf be elected to the position of Secretary/Treasurer whose term will begin in April 2024 for 3 years. This was approved by the Board and will be approved at the annual meeting.
8. Golf Genius scoring will be mentioned at the annual meeting. Members will be encouraged to download the application and begin familiarizing themselves with its use in match play.
9. The professional staff at a member club will determine whether or not to cancel play based on inclement weather, not the LCTM players. It was requested that frost delays be called earlier before players leave their homes.
10. It was recommended that we have a line cue at the practice range before matches.
11. If a player is late to assigned tee time play can begin short of players but must be in roster order so that the late player can join upon her arrival and not be out of position. Playing short of 6 players will be addressed as currently written in the Standing Rules at a later date. It was discussed that the 2 point penalty for the second occurrence of playing short be a deduction to the team that played short, but not awarded to the opposing team. Also to be discussed is disqualification if this happens twice in a season.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzn Stewart, Secretary