

## Low Country Team Annual Meeting Minutes March 24, 2023

Meeting was called to order by Mary Jane Peebles at 11:30.

Blessing: Kathy Cypher

A motion was made to approve the 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes by Laurel Ludden and seconded by Connie Muscarella. The motion was approved

Treasurer's Report: Suzn Stewart reported that the opening balance on January 1, 2023 was \$7,278.25. Revenue year to date was \$7,560.00 from dues and \$1.68 from interest. Expenses year to date have been \$51.87 and the current balance is \$14,788.06.

Charitable Contributions: Mary Jane Peebles reminded the membership about the mission of our organization and announced that our charitable contributions would be increased by \$500.00 in 2023 and we will be sending \$1750.00 to Hilton Head Island Junior Golf and \$1750.00 to LPGA Girls Golf of Bluffton.

Recognition and thank you for 2023 Season included Board members, Division Heads, and Team Captains representing 19 clubs, 35 teams, 1296 rounds, and 534 players. Hole in ones for 2023 were Betsy Lynch, Sandy Krantz, and Laurel Ludden.

Announcement that there will be a new Division 6 for 2024 which will include teams from Spring Island, May River, Berkley Hall, Sea Pines, Sun City, Port Royal, and Callawassie.

Bylaw change recommended for Section 4 Nominations which currently reads

*A nominating committee, comprised of three members appointed by the General Chairman, at least one of whom is a past chairman, shall propose a slate of nominees to the membership at the annual meeting. If a vacancy occurs during the term of a board member, that vacancy shall be filled by the General Chairman.*

It was recommended to change the word *filled* to **appointed**.

Motion to approve the recommendation was made by Laurel Ludden and seconded by Chris Wiemels. The motion was approved.

2023 Division Champions were recognized

Division 1. Berkley Hall I

Division 2. Belfair II

Division 3. May River

Division 4. Belfair III

Division 5. Colleton River III

Nominating Committee and Election of Officers: The nominating committee, composed of Barb Stouffer, Ruth Andrews, and Diane Hynes, recommended the following slate of officers:

General Chair: Ruth Bartlett

Division Chairs: Liza Hall, Carol Hammond, Denise Harris, Laura Collins, and Cathy LaBonte

Secretary/Treasurer: Suzn Stewart

Ex Officio: Mary Jane Peebles

A motion was made to approve the slate as presented by Nancy McHugh the slate and seconded by Suzn Stewart. The motion was approved.

A reminder was offered that if 2 teams from the same club are in the same division Standing Rule 7-B-5 dictates how play is carried out.

Ruth Bartlett: Thank you to Mary Jane Peebles with a small gift of our gratitude.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved.

Not present: Diane Hynes,

1. The Treasurer's report was submitted. Beginning balance in 1/1/2022 was \$5324.83. Dues of \$10800 were collected. After expenses, and estimating for Annual Meeting lunch, the projected balance is \$10,286.10 before charity contributions.
2. The amount of tip given to the bag crew was discussed and it was decided to double the amount from \$72.00 or \$2.00 a bag to \$144.00 or \$4.00 a bag, following LWGA's increase. The increase will be covered within the current dues amount of \$360.00.
3. The 2023 schedule planning is underway, 4 clubs have not submitted. Final schedule will be out shortly.
4. A discussion was held about our annual charitable contributions. An increase the amount by \$500 from \$2500 to \$3,000 was approved will be as follows: \$1500.00 to Hilton Head Island Junior Golf Association and \$1500.00 to LPGA Girls Golf of Bluffton.
5. Board voted to eliminate from the Standing Rules, XI.A.2., which allowed matches to be canceled due to unseasonably cold temperatures.
6. Repercussions for the Division 5 team coming in last place was discussed. Perhaps that team was eliminated and a team on the waitlist moved up. Decision was tabled.

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzn Stewart, Secretary