

Lowcountry Team Play Association
Board Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Ruth Andrews, General Chair at 10:00am at Belfair. Members present were, Barbie Stouffer, Carolyn Cubley, Mary Jane Peebles, Connie Muscarella and Linnea Wilson. Carole Dulude was absent.

The minutes from the March 28th Board meeting and Annual meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Linnea Wilson reported that there is \$3549.84 in the checking account. This is net of the donation checks not cashed as of the 6/7/19 bank statement or the check paid to Ruth Andrews today for GoDaddy website hosting and engraving work.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

Review of the waitlist

The following teams have expressed interest in adding a team to the roster:

- Dolphin Head (2nd team)
- Wexford (2nd team)
- Belfair (3rd team)
- CC of HH (2nd team)
- May River (new team)
- Chechessee/Spring Island which became a "Free Agent" team request
- Hampton Hall (3rd team)
- Colleton River (3rd team) – vocal interest expressed at the meeting
- Moss Creek (3rd team) – vocal interest expressed at the meeting

A motion was made and seconded to add a 5th Division based on the current level of interest. Motion was approved unanimously.

There was much discussion concerning allowing a "free agent" team. While the decision to combine clubs when Lowcountry Team first began was one based on finding teams, it is no longer the situation. It was felt that there is too much uncertainty with a "free agent" team including team captain responsibility, sustainability and "home course" club.

A motion was made and seconded to not allow "free agent" teams. Motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to accept new club teams as follows: new club teams first, club teams adding a second team second and club team adding a third team last. Within each group, priority is by date made for asking for a new club team addition.

Therefore, the possible new teams in order of consideration for 2020 are:

- May River 1
- Dolphin Head 2
- Wexford 2
- CC of HH 2
- Belfair 3
- Hampton Hall 3
- Colleton River 3
- Moss Creek 3

Ruth will send out two communications. The first will be to all the clubs not in the above list asking if there is interest in adding another team. The number of players on the roster for clubs having three teams will be increased.

The second will be to the clubs in the above list. And will cover:

- The need to commit to the additional team for the long term
- Confirmation that the club can handle the additional tee times.
- Responses must be back to Ruth by July 15th

The Board will need to review the current bylaws and standing rules to highlight areas needing to be changed if a 5th Division is added. Everyone is asked to do the review and send comments back to Ruth by July 15th.

Any Bylaw changes will be updated at the annual meeting.

Barbie Stouffer volunteered to be the new Division 5 Chair if it becomes a reality. Connie Muscarella then volunteered to take over responsibility for Division 4. This will be for the one-year transition.

Website/new domain name extension

- The annual renewal fee for the hosting and domain name lowcountryteam.com came due in June.
- The price was raised by \$100 by the person who worked on the original website, with insufficient supporting rationale. When approached to LCT taking over the site and domain, the person wanted an extra \$600 to move it from her personal account to Lowcountry team.
- Ruth went to GoDaddy to review options as they host the site.
- Ruth then was able to acquire the domain name of: lowcountryteam.org and developed a brand new website.
- The site has a new cleaner feel and will be easier to navigate in all formats (computer, tablet and smart phone)
- The cost for 5 years is \$190 versus \$290 per year under the old set up.
- Excellent move by Ruth!

Ruth will communicate the change to the Team Captains first and Linnea can send a blast via the LWGA database (with the LWGA Board's permission) to communication the domain name change to the membership at large, as most team play members are also LWGA members.

Facebook content is being deleted by Connie as it is not used.

Calendar

- 2020 match schedule will be posted by 6/30/19 for Divisions 1-4. Division 5 schedule is pending the feedback from the Team Captains on ability to field a new team (need 7 teams)
- Board of Directors meeting will be held on Monday September 16th at 10am in the Belfair Sunroom
- Handicap revision date (this year) is 12/15/19
- Team roster deadline is 1/15/20
- Captain's meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday January 13th. Ruth will send the dues form to captains outlining whom to make the checks out to and for how much.
- Annual Meeting and BOD meeting will be on the same day. Scheduled tentatively for Friday March 27th. Ruth is looking at options including Hampton Hall (with Mary Jane's help)

NEXT BOARD MEETING – MONDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH BELFAIR SUNROOM

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Linnea Wilson – Secretary/Treasurer