

## **Minutes for the Lowcountry Team Board Meeting on May 16, 2023**

Attending: Ruth Bartlett, Laura Collins, Kathy LaBonte, MJ Peebles, Carol Hammond, Niza Hall and Denise Harris

Not Attending: Suzn Stewart

Meeting was called to order at 2:06 PM by Ruth Bartlett

### **Agenda discussion:**

Because our current By-Laws limit the number of board members, Division 6 will be represented by Kathy LaBonte who has agreed to handle 2 divisions. After the 2024 season, we may consider asking the membership to vote on a By-Law change allowing us to add an additional person to the board to handle Division 6.

### **Slate of officers are listed below:**

General Chair - Ruth Bartlett (Sea Pines) 2 years remaining on term  
Division 1 Denise Harris (Belfair) 3 year term  
Division 2 Niza Hall (Long Cove) 3 year term  
Division 3 Carol Hammond (Colleton) 3 year term  
Division 4 Kathy LaBonte (Palmetto Hal) 2 years remaining on term  
Division 5 Laura Collins (Moss Creek) 2 years remaining on term  
Division 6 Kathy LaBonte (Palmetto Hall) 2 years remaining on term  
Secretary/Treasurer - Suzn Stewart (Spring Island) 1 year remaining on term  
Ex Officio - Mary Jane Peebles (Hampton Hall) 2 years remaining on term

### **Duties were assigned to each board member as follows:**

Ruth Bartlett - Administrative  
Denise Harris - Preseason Captain Materials  
Niza Hall - Meeting Coordinator  
Carol Hammond - Score Posting  
Kathy LaBonte - Post Season Organization  
Laura Collins - Next Season Planning Part 2  
Suzn Stewart - Next Season Planning Part 1

### **Treasurer's Report (by Ruth Bartlett)**

All 2023 costs have been paid including both of our charitable contributions.  
Balance as of today is \$5,767.61.  
2024 dues will remain at \$360 with tips remaining at \$144 (same as in 2023).  
Luncheon costs will be raised to \$40 up from \$35 in 2023.  
2 new plaques will be ordered - 1 for Div. 6 and the other to replace the Div. 4 plaque.  
Treasurer's report and recommendations were approved and seconded.

**Draft calendar of matches**

We have received the last contract for the 2024 season. The calendar will be finalized and uploaded to the website in June.

**Website Review**

All forms will be reviewed and any updates/changes will be made this summer. Any requested changes should be emailed to Ruth Bartlett ASAP.

**Team Waitlist**

Currently, we have no waitlist. However, we have 2 new clubs that have expressed interest in participating in Lowcountry Team. We are waiting on their paperwork before finalizing their admission. Those clubs are Oldfield and Riverton Point.

**Subcommittee to study Lowcountry Team 's future**

With the tremendous growth our area is experiencing, it is not going to be feasible to keep adding new divisions to our roster. Everyone is in agreement that 6 divisions are all that can be handled with our current structure. A subcommittee has been formed (chaired by Kathy LaBonte) to study ways to re-structure Lowcountry Team to accomodate future growth. Carol Hammond and Laura Collins have agreed to help with the study. Kathy will be contacting members who have moved from other areas of the country to see how they handled their match play competitions. The sub-committee will consist of 6-8 women and will probably start discussions in the fall.

**Upcoming Duties for Division Chairs**

Division chairs need to email all captains in their division to confirm who the captains and co-captains will be for 2024. We will need to obtain not only their email address but also a valid phone number for texting purposes as texting is often faster than email. This information needs to be sent to Ruth Bartlett over the summer.

Request that 2023 captains pass along their team folder to any new team captains.

Have team captains review the website for the captains duties.

Highlight to team captains the need to review the revised eligibility requirements as stated in the standing rules, section VII. Team captains are responsible for assuring the members on their roster meet our eligibility requirements.

**Other Business**

It was decided that we will do away with our flags for slow play. A verbal warning will be given in lieu of the flags.

**Next Board Meeting will be held in November--date not yet determined.**

**Meeting was adjourned at 3:55 PM**

Minutes submitted for Suzn Stewart by Kathy LaBonte

