**2022 WCWGA Fall Board Meeting**

Tuesday, October 18, 2022

Green Valley Country Club

President Priscilla Hoffman called the meeting to order at 8:12 a.m.

Members present:

Asheville – Carol Mills

Biltmore –

Carolina – Ginger Finder, Diane Frost

Catawba – Andrea D’Avignon, Sue Hardman (PP)

Champion Hills – Carol Gislason-Kemp

Cleveland – Marcia Skiba (PP)

Cliffs Valley – Jean Dawson

Green Valley – Sharon Miles (PP)

Greenville – Priscilla Hoffman, Jane Gwinn, Barbara Anderson

Hendersonville – Kathy Morgan, Margaret Arnold

Holly Tree – Savannah Gresham

Kenmure – LaVonne McKay, Sue Amsler

Spartanburg –

Thornblade –

The board voted to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2022 Winter Board meeting held at Thornblade Country Club and the minutes of the May 10, 2022 Called Board meeting held at Kenmure Country Club. The motion was made by Sharon Miles and seconded by Sue Hardman.

Treasurer’s report was submitted by Barbara Anderson. Highlights include the following:

 Balance forward 2021 = $1,165.19

 Dues income 190 x $30 = $5,700.00

 Total = $6865.19

 Expenses:

 Website renewal = $119.04

 Bank fees & check order =

 Gifts = $200.69

 Office supplies = $60.76

 Stamps =

 Signs =

 Tournaments = $3,670.00

 Total Expenses = $4,050.49

 Balance = $2,814.70

Beginning balance for 2023 will not be the same as the end of the year balance due to some additional expenses.

Andrea D’Avignon moved that the Treasurer’s report be accepted and Marcia Skiba seconded.

Old Business –

1. Picking up signs at your last hole played – helpful and working well
2. Pace of play – Improvement noted
3. Article IV – Membership
4. Membership in the association shall be limited to those women golfers: who are a member of their clubs Women’s Golf Association (WGA), or if their club does not have a WGA, a member with full golfing privileges, in good standing with their private member club;

This was approved by 13 clubs and abstained by 1 club. This will be brought to the whole membership attending today’s tournament for a vote at the luncheon meeting.

New Business –

1. 2023 Schedule

April 26 - Greenville Country Club

May 18 – Country Club of Spartanburg

June 6 - Champion Hills Country Club

July 18 – Catawba Country Club

August 17 – Cleveland Country Club

September 7 - Holly Tree Country Club

October ?? – The Cliffs Valley (Championship)

The end of the year Championship will remain 1 day. The original plan was to have a 1-day Championship for several years and then revisit. A higher payout compared to the usual 1-day payouts was arranged. Poor participation in previous 2-day tournaments was the main reason for changing to 1 day. Other hindrances were travel-related to include length of drive to and from host club, hotel expenses, and difficulty leaving family members overnight. Another issue is that many host clubs have difficulty committing to 2 consecutive days for an outside tournament. Jean Dawson from The Cliffs Valley stated that many of her members are unhappy with a 1-day Championship and believe it is not a true reflection in naming a Champion for the year. Another concern is that there have been times when the winner is someone who has not played in previous Western events for the year and loyal members who support events throughout the year object to this outcome. Diane Frost mentioned that Interclub requires a certain number of tournaments during the season to be eligible to win the Championship. This topic will be up for more discussion next year.

1. Barbara Anderson, Treasurer – Requests that Clubs send 1 check next year by March 31, 2023 for their members signing up for 2023 season.

Explanation: This request is related to the Initiation fee of $30 per year to participate in Western. The bank charges a fee for extra transactions. Barbara was able to get the bank to reverse the fees this year, but she is not hopeful that she could convince the bank a second time. At Greenville Country Club, the Western Rep gathers the names of all ladies who wish to participate, gives the list to the head pro and the head pro then charges each person’s member account. Next one check is written to Western for all those who will participate and this check will be mailed to the Treasurer. It will be very helpful if all clubs will submit one check. When handled as a member charge, those ladies who are not living locally when the checks are submitted will not have to worry that their fee is not paid in a timely manner.

1. With 190 members this year, should we keep our Index at 33? Yes
2. Reminder, attendance from each club is a minimum of 3 tournaments each year. There was an exception during 2021 due to Covid. There is a letter that is sent to clubs not in compliance with a 1-year probation.
3. There is currently $45 for 4 closest to pin prizes at each tournament. Should we raise it to $60? We last increased it from $30 to $45 in 2016. Currently, the Western rep of the host club decides if the check should be written to the Rep or the Club. The Rep chooses the gifts. Sue Hardman said that considering 3 instead of 4 prizes might be more affordable. Sharon Miles indicated that she added a Most Accurate Drive prize. The group agreed that the Rep will decide regarding the extra prizes and will continue to choose the gifts. The proposal to raise the extra prize money to $60 was met with approval. Barbara Anderson proposed the motion to increase the prize money to $60 and Marcia Skiba seconded. The board members voted and all were in favor so the motion passed.
4. New signs are needed to replace 1 set. The last replacement set was obtained in 2018 from a place in Greenville. Priscilla obtained a quote from Fast Signs for signs with wire and the number printed on one side only. The estimate was $247.10 for 18 signs. It is the responsibility of the board to decide when new signs are needed and to approve the cost. Currently one set is missing some numbers and the signs have deteriorated. Barbara Anderson agreed to check on other types of signs that may be more sustainable and she will get some estimates for cost.
5. 2023 Nominating Committee – Appointed committee consists of Sherry Sims, Marcia Skiba, and Sue Hardman.
6. 2023 WCWGA Slate of Officers – Nomination and Vote at General Meeting

President – LaVonne McKay, Kenmure CC

1st VP – Kathy Morgan, Hendersonville CC

2nd VP – Diane Frost, Carolina CC

Communications – Andrea D’Avignon, Catawba CC

Parliamentarian - Sherry Sims, Hendersonville CC

Secretary - Sue Amsler, Kenmure CC

Treasurer – Barbara Anderson, Greenville CC

Motion to approve the new slate of officers was made by Andrea D’Avignon and seconded by Savannah Gresham.

Sharon Miles thanked all outgoing and incoming officers.

Kathy Morgan mentioned an email that she received from Jane Young (Thornblade) last evening. The content indicated that Thornblade plans to withdraw due to lack of participation. Jane indicated she had tried numerous ways to increase participation from the ladies. The pro at Thornblade is working with 40 ladies to increase golfing skills and interest, but it will take awhile to accomplish this goal. Thornblade is not due to host again until 2024. Since Thornblade is in SC, the replacement club will have to be in SC. The clubs on the waiting list are: Cliffs at Keowee Vineyards (SC), Bright’s Creek (NC), and Keowee Key (SC).

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Gwinn, Secretary

Priscilla Hoffman, President