Minutes of electronic Special Called meeting of WCWGA Officers via email 3-15-2024

President Kathy Morgan sent an email to all WCWGA Officers to review 4 topics prior to the Spring WCWGA Board Meeting

The email asked for input from all Officers as follows:

I have done a great deal of research and have now spoken with each of you regarding 4 issues we need to come to a consensus on to present to the reps at the spring Board meeting at Thornblade. I will present the topics and ask for your comments ( support or opposition)  to be sent back to all of us. If all will agree, we will go with the majority's wishes to present to the reps.

1  One Day Championship:  the appointed committee suggested that a member must play in at least one tournament that year to be eligible to win the WCWGA Championship Low Gross and Low Net Championship. (you were emailed a copy of their report on 3/12/24).  All members may play in the Championship Tournament in October each year and be eligible to win flight prizes and specialty prizes (CTP), just cannot win the Low Gross or Low Net Prize even if she has not played in at least one tournament that year.  The Low Gross and Low Net eligibility will be determined by the 2nd VP after the September tournament. In the event of a tie for the Low Gross Champion, there will be a sudden death playoff on the course beginning with hole #1. If there is a tie for Low Net Champion, the winner will be decided by scorecard playoff. (they have both been sudden death playoff on the course and there was a conflict this past year with one person eligible for both and they couldn't be in two playoffs).  The committee also suggested the idea of providing raffle tickets for those who played in a certain number of tournaments to win $25, $20, $15, $10 to incentivize participation this year only, due to the increase in tournament fees and the 70th Anniversary.  In my opinion, a raffle would not be setting a positive precedent from a financial perspective and I am not in favor of that. And this year we again have close to 180 members and each club only allows anywhere from 82 to 100 to participate.  I would be willing to revisit this in the future if our membership and participation declined. Lastly, it would require someone to manage that and I don't feel like the volunteer officers have time to take on more duties.  We have talked about doing a bigger "celebration" for the 75th anniversary (2029)

2 Cliffs Valley and Mountain Park

Diane has contacted each  Cliffs course to confirm their status and each one stated they had  a Ladies Golf group except Mountain Park. The Mountain Park ladies pay dues to Cliffs Valley Ladies Golf Association and play with them. Last year there were 5 members from Mountain Park that were a part of Cliffs Valley.  This year, there are 8 ladies from Mountain Park that are with Cliffs Valley.  Also this year 2 ladies from Mountain Park hold officer positions in the Cliffs Valley Ladies Golf Association, one in fact is President (Gay Shaclkelford) and the other is Treasurer (Amy Marklin).  We would not be allowing other Cliffs courses to join Cliffs Valley because the other Cliffs courses all have their own Ladies Golf Association (per the ByLaws).  Mountain Park did host a ladies member guest tournament this year that was done entirely by the pro shop. Jean Dawson has been very honest, calm and reasonable throughout our 2+ years of discussion on this issue and I appreciate that. At this point in the year, we cannot disallow any Mountain Park players for this year and should continue as we have since 2019 when we had a declining membership and financial issues and President  Marcia Skiba allowed Mountain Park ladies to play with Cliffs Valley.  My suggestion is that we allow Mountain Park to continue with Cliffs Valley as long as Mountain Park does not have a ladies golf association. At which time they do establish a ladies golf association, Mountain Park would no longer be allowed to participate in Western with Cliffs Valley.  They would be eligible to apply for membership in WCWGA as a separate individual club when an opening occurs.  This should be written in a letter to both Cliffs Valley and Cliffs Mountain Park as a memorandum of understanding. This past year we did not have any full field tournaments, but we did come close.

3 2025 Schedule:  needs to be revisited

Greenville cannot host in 2025 (they signed up for September) due to closing of Chanticleer for renovations. Since Cliffs Valley could not host in July, their club has agreed to host in September 2025 when Greenville was signed up for. That means we need a course to host in July 2025, supposed to be a SC course but if we can't get a SC course we could ask for a NC course.

Holly Tree will close later in 2025 for renovation but believes they will now be ok to host in 2025 (they signed up for April 2025) and will need one of the earlier months in 2025 so that the course will still be in good condition. So bottom line, we need a course to host in July 2025.

4 ByLaws change

Sherry has prepared a small ByLaws change which changes the Two Day Championship to a One Day Championship. If any of you read the ByLaws and notice anything else we should address, please let me know.

If there is any other topic for our Spring Board meeting that I may have missed please so advise.

**Thank you, thank you, thank you** for taking time to read and think about all this.  After I receive your feedback, if you recommend, or I feel we do not have consensus and need to have a zoom meeting to discuss this or any other issues we can do that. If you would like to discuss anything further, or something is not clear to you, feel free to call me.

Kathy Morgan

WCWGA President

The responses were as follows:

Deborah Altman: Very well presented.  I agree with all 4 items.

If Mountain Parlor ladies hold an office in the Valley WGA then it is a no brainer to also, include them with Valley in Western.  That information should seal the deal!

Diane Frost: I agree with all of your points below.  As far as the raffle, as a one time anniversary award, I would agree to that only if for some reason we find ourselves with a significant surplus and if that’s the case I’d propose we purchase another set of tee markers first

Pamela Ritchie: Thank you so much for presenting this so succinctly. I agree with all points

Andrea Davignon: I am in Agreement with all your points, the idea of raffle is interesting but think maybe 75th would be a better time to start this if the membership is dwindling.   If someone agrees to host for Greenville, that would be best. They may be hosting two years in a row but the following year Greenville could go in their host time. Thanks again for all the work and drafting this email. You are good to proceed in my book.

Barbara Anderson: Well presented, I agree with all your points

Sherry Sims: I agree with your position on all of the issues.

With a unanimous consensus of agreement, these items will be placed on the agenda and presented at the Spring Board meeting April 25, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Altman, Secretary