

**Minutes of EBLGA General Meeting**  
**June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Jan Gordon, President called the meeting to order at 1:48pm.

**Results of June 9<sup>th</sup> Scramble** – Jan announced the winners: 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Debbie Tietge, Carol Sadeckas, Nancy Idler and Jan Cutshall with a score of 61.10. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Vicki Hammer, Shirley Trent, Martha Katz and Kathie Chesnos with a score of 64.90. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Cindy Parker, Gina Walthall, Teresa Holm, and Donna Stevenson with a score of 65.40.

**Raffle** – Linda passed out raffle tickets for a one-hour golf lesson with Karen for 4 members. Winners of the raffle were Kathleen Wipprecht, Donna Stevenson, Marilyn Fredrickson and Shirley Trent.

**New Members** - Teresa Holm introduced our new members: Alison Green, Jodi Holzworth, Margie Solberg, Carol Sadeckas, Meredith Endsley and Donna Stevenson. Welcome!

**New World-Wide Handicap System** – Connie Kalberg gave the membership the following update:

1. Handicap committee volunteers supporting Connie for this year are Kathy Barkus and Barb Ramsey.
2. If members do not have a Montana State Golf Association (MSGA) handicap, please talk to the Pro Shop. Membership to the MSGA is free and if members have an active GHIN handicap from another course, when a score is posted to the GHIN system it will feed directly to the MSGA system. Members can post scores through the MSGA app or the USGA app. Having all EBLGA members identified in the MSGA system simplifies handicap look up for the Pro Shop as they prepare scorecards for Tuesday games and tournaments.
3. 7 countries got together to create one world-wide handicap system. Below are a few of the changes that were implemented:
  - a. Daily posting and daily handicap updates – players post their scores daily and the handicaps are updated daily.
  - b. A playing conditions calculation (pcc) has been added to adjust handicaps to account for abnormal conditions such as weather which is based on scores recorded for that day.
  - c. ESC goes away and is replaced with a maximum score of net double bogey. Net Double Bogey is equal to Par + 2 + any handicap strokes (pops) received (based on the player's Course Handicap).
  - d. To post an 18-hole round of golf a player must complete 14 holes. To post a 9-hole round of golf, a player must complete between 8-13 holes.
  - e. If a player posts a score incorrectly the Pro Shop can correct the score.
  - f. A "soft cap" and "hard cap" will be included within the Handicap Index calculation. The soft cap will slow upward movement by 50% if a 3.0 stroke

increase takes place within a year. The hard cap will prevent upward movement beyond 5.0 strokes. This will make it quicker for a handicap to go down and slower for a handicap to go up.

- g. If you have any questions, reach out to Connie Kalberg.

**Raising the maximum handicap index from 36 to 44** – Jan shared that the Executive Committee reviewed the new world-wide maximum handicap of 54 and decided to raise the maximum handicap index for EBLGA from 36 to 44. Discussion among members took place to clarify what the maximum handicap would be on a given Tuesday play day or in a tournament. After the meeting adjourned, the EBLGA Executive Committee decided to simplify the standing rule. The new rule will read as follows: Members must have an established handicap and play to a maximum of 44.

**Website** – Jan mentioned to members to review the website. The website has lots of great information regarding our upcoming tournaments, weekly results and pictures taken by our photographer Teresa Holm. The website is [WWW.EBLGA.com](http://WWW.EBLGA.com).

Jan adjourned the meeting at 2:25pm.

Next meeting will be July 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm (after golf).

Respectively submitted by:

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