

JPWGC Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 1, 2023 7pm- 9pm by Zoom

Present:

Judy Ozuna, Captain
Barbara Bendrick, Saturday Captain
Nancy Fukuhara, Tuesday Captain
Pat McShea, Treasurer
Terry Cartier, Handicap/Rules Trustee
MJ Mitoma, ex-officio member
Pat Owen, Secretary

Reports:

Tuesday Captain – Nancy Fukuhara: We had a great season with a lot of new members. Many have pledged to be back next year.

Saturday Captain – Barbara Bendrick: We had a handful of new members and typically used 8-10 tee times. Three field days were held. Everyone seemed to enjoy them. There were several rounds where we struggled with pace-of-play. We will include a reminder with the tee sheet each week and will discuss issues with specific players/groups.

Handicap Chair/Rules Trustee – Terry Cartier: November 14th is the last date to post scores. There was discussion about rules regarding searching for a lost ball, local leaf rule, etc. The group agreed that we need to educate our members about the Rules of Golf. We agreed that a multipronged approach is necessary to reach everyone. Strategies are: review major rules at the Spring membership meeting, send emails to the membership, encourage knowledgeable players to explain rules to playing partners while on the course and have informal rules discussions after play is completed.

Judy stated there will be new rules for posting scores in 2024. Two of these are 1) golfers may post incomplete rounds, but only through the hole they played (GHIN tool calculates the holes that were not finished) and 2) golfers must post hole-by-hole. Terry will update to the membership next year.

Treasurer – Pat McShea: Three reports (Paid Membership, Tuesday Weekly winners and Saturday Weekly winners) through the end of September were distributed to the board. Since the leagues just ended, Pat will need to update a couple of these reports. Confirmed that the financial support for GSWPGA (tournament) and WSWPLA (raffle gift) came through. Current balance (minus 3-line items): \$5003

WSWPLA/GSWPGA – Judy Ozuna

- GSWPGA – from Lorrie Alfonsi, Vice President:
Seventeen players participated in GSWPGA tournaments in 2023. In Team competition, coordinated by Debbie Yee, there were 19 participants and JPWGC placed 2nd in both gross and net play. The participants will get individual awards for 2nd place net.

Lorrie is due to be the President for 2024. Per Debbie Yee, who is on the board, GSWPGA is updating its Standing Rules – this has been going on for a couple of years. Included in the Standing Rules is the rotation schedule for VP, Hosting City Championship and Tournament Director.

- WSWPLA – from Pauline Wilder, coordinator: More participation this year. The April tournament had 4 participants, August had 3, September had 2 and October had 3. Participants placed in each tournament.

Old Business:

- Trophies for Captain's Cup and Club Champion

UPDATE: Judy forgot to ask this year's winners if they'd prefer an individual trophy over a payout, so both received \$40. She asked the Club Champion after the fact if she would like an individual trophy and she said she would. The Captain's Cup champion did not care to get a trophy.

Judy called J&E trophies and did not get a response, so she investigated trophy options at Mr. T's Trophies in Kenmore and found a lot of choices, including low cost items such as customized ball markers. Pat checked on Nancy and MJ's loyalty to J&E. MJ advised she's had no response from J&E either this year, so the board decided to go with Judy's location and no longer use J&E. Also, the board decided to spend no more than \$50 total (\$25 per award) and to focus on a ball marker-type of award. **ACTION:** Judy will pursue this. **ACTION:** Pat O given permission to continue to get the plaque/cup updated, but would like to talk to Judy some more about this. She will contact Judy.

- End-of-season party: Not enough of the general members are interested in the end-of-the season party to cover the expenses. Judy and Barbara discussed the options and decided to hold a gathering after the Saturday league finished play on Saturday. This included the Tuesday group as well. **DISCUSSION:** This seemed to work well for the Saturday group. Nancy had some questions about budget item for snacks if Tuesday's group had a separate event. The 2023 budget had a separate dollar allocation for the Tuesday group. Nancy will plan on this for next season.

New Business

- Pace-of-Play and general rules review: **ACTION:** Terry was asked to write a proposal for how best to educate the membership. **SEE** group discussion above in the Handicap/Rules Trustee section.
- ECCY competition next season **DISCUSSION:** This will be for both Tuesday and Saturday leagues. Terry suggested that each participant (\$5 entry fee) have a card on which to enter the scores each week. Honor system will be used. The board agreed to create 3 or 4 flights based on end of the season handicaps and do payouts for first place in each flight. **ACTION:** *We need someone to take the next step.*
- **Tournament Director DISCUSSION:** Barbara brought this up because of issues she had during the Captain's Cup and the Club Champion tournaments. There were many hypothetical questions about course conditions, etc. Judy wondered if we should play 'winter rules' during tournaments, but Terry advised that some people would not be happy with that choice. Perhaps focus should be on unusual course conditions. Regardless, members should seek permission from their playing partners about their choice. If no agreement can be reached, the player should use two balls and consult with the director. **ACTION:** MJ just read an article about Winter Rules. She will distribute it to the Board for review. **ACTION:** Draft the process for these situations. Terry, Barbara, Nancy and Judy will work on this. This will be sent out to the membership in the Spring.
- **Officer Slate:**
 - Captain, Secretary, Tuesday Co-captain and Ex-Officio are up for election
 - Per Judy: No one stepped up. **DISCUSSION:** How can we entice membership to be a part of the management of this organization? Continue to talk to others about the opportunity.

- **Changes to constitution**
 - Judy suggested changing the officer definition of Captain to Vice Captain – Captain – Ex Officio (3-year term) to provide better continuity over time. This can be addressed in the future.
 - Revise Secretary duties **ACTION:** Pat O will update the current duties to more accurately represent the responsibilities. Route the draft to the board for review.
- **Volunteer opportunity for KPMG championship at Sahalee**
Contact is Lindsey Hannah (lhannah@pgahq.com) The event is June 20-23, 2024.
ACTION: Judy will broadcast a reminder to all members about this great opportunity.

WAGolf:

Per Judy: The membership dues will remain the same in 2024. \$39 for regular, and \$5 for junior members. **ACTION:** Judy will remind members to renew for 2024.

Addendum re: Action items, other actions since the board meeting

1. The board agreed to set the 2024 membership fees to \$80 for Tuesday and Saturday members and \$117 for Dual members. Judy communicated this to WAGolf.
2. Judy got estimates for customized ball marker tokens for Club Champion and Captain's Cup Champion from Mr. T's Trophies. Cost per item is \$19.95 plus tax (about \$22) with a minimum of 5 items for each award. Therefore the cost of 5 markers for Club Champion is \$110 and for 5 markers for Captain's Cup Champion is \$110. The board needs to address this at the next board meeting in January.
3. Judy sent a reminder email to the membership about volunteer opportunities for the KPMG Women's Golf Tournament at Sahalee in July 2024.