

LACWGA
Board Meeting
Zoom
April 24,2025

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 by President Patricia Martzen

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were provided on-line prior to the meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ana Marie Lizarraga and seconded by Coralea Harbushka. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Toni thanked Debbie Christian and Jean Spero for their exceptional record keeping of the finances for Monthly Tournaments and Major Tournaments. Currently there is a bank balance of \$16, 544.00. \$6000.00 came from membership. Toni reported the association is financially strong.

Monthly Tournaments

The recent Skylinks tournament had a huge response. The results will be posted tomorrow. The number of cancellations or no-shows for monthly tournaments has dropped considerably since the implementation of "paying in advance". Previously there were 4-8 no-shows a day. Course contracts hold the association financially responsible to cancellations and no-shows. Consideration is being given to increase payouts with the funds not lost to course reimbursements.

Major Tournaments

The upcoming Rio Hondo Tournament is full with a waiting list. The Lakehouse Tournament enrollment is currently at 78 participants. The LACWGA Championship Tournament is in July. It was discussed that participation in recent events is up allowing players to meet the 5-day participation requirement needed for the LACWGA Championship. At the beginning of the year Debbie Christianson provided a spread sheet listing the number of events played by each member of the association. This enabled Jean Spero to send a personal email to each member with their current eligibility for the championship. It is felt the new policy is effective in increasing participation.

Membership

There are currently 657 members in the LACWGA. This is an increase of 20 over last year. Kathleen Gavin requested a membership list and Heather Daims requested a President and Representative list.

Team Play

11 teams participated in last year's Team Play. June 15 is the deadline for clubs to enroll their teams for the 2026 fall season. Some competition days will most likely conflict with the aeration of greens on the courses and teams may need to play through the condition. Teams will be able to play the team play fee by Zelle and must indicate on memo line that it is for teams play. The handicap boundaries for handicap will remain the same. A teams must have a handicap lower than 22 and B teams between 18 -40. Course handicaps will be determined by handicap index and not the Precise Handicap Index. There was much discussion about ways to increase the number of teams. Christine Bucklin introduced the following ideas

- Allow individuals not associated with clubs, or members of a club who do not have enough interested members for a team, to join to form a new team. Issue would include the \$25.00 fee, determining captains and a one plaque awarded to the winners of the finals.
- Contacting the clubs that only participate in team play for WPLGA and not LACWGA and encourage them to play both. This would require non-members to join LACWGA by May 1. Ana Marie Lizarraga will send out an informational invitation by email for all WPLGA and LACWGA members.
- Change or add additional formats such as partner match play and following the LPGA Cup Tournament format.
- Encourage large clubs to have more than one team such as an A and a B team or two B teams.

Rules

Kathleen Gavin will be making a Rules Committee for Major Tournaments. She is requesting suggestions for players who are very knowledgeable of the rules of golf.

Public Relations

Ana Marie Lizarraga has sent several photos of events to the webmaster for publication

Hospitality

Coralea Harbushka has completed plans for the San Marcos event including popcorn and peanuts. There will be a birthday cake and about 30 items for the raffle. Ana Marie will assist in finalizing the raffle. She will order the cup for the LACWGA Championship in Ventura by May. She asked for suggestions for parting gift for the tables. Ideas included drink tickets, golf towels or give nothing.

New Business

Patrica Martzen will be traveling during next board meeting. It was decided the next meeting will be held in July by Zoom.

Heather Daims brought up the issue of board is only represented by only three clubs and by the same repeat people. Suggestions were made to increase representation

- Recruit members by personal discussion

- Require clubs to have one member on the board once every 3-5 years
- Add a Member-At- Large position

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:58

Helen Quayle
Secretary, LACWGA