

(APPROVED)

**THE WOODS WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION (WWGA)
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 13, 2021**

Present via Zoom: Cindy, Robin, Karen, Liz, Sheila, Sally, Ron, Joyce

Absent: Wendy

- I. The meeting was called to order by Cindy at 4:04pm.
- II. Approval of the Agenda – The agenda was approved.
- III. Approval of the Minutes – Approved via email responses from all for posting on the website in April.
- IV. Reports
 1. President – Cindy- Opening comments- Opening Scramble went well as Cindy received several positive emails and not one negative comments. Thanks to all for their hard work.
 2. Vice President – Robin- Comments about Tuesday Play.
 - Mary Forte has changed the Tuesday Sign-up on the website to make it easier to sign up.
 - Have revised the Tuesday Rules for the SL9 golfers to reflect the skillset of this group. Instead of handicap based games, they will be playing low putts and scrambles. They are hitting from the best ball in the fairway until they get to the green. We are not keeping track of penalties, only actual hits (up to 6) and putts 9 (no more than 4). The new golfers will not have a handicap for a while, and I told them they could still play in the combined scrambles on Tuesday without a handicap.
 - June 1st will be the first combined scramble on Tuesday. We will be playing Mountain View with a shotgun start. We will do a 50/50 and meet in the Pavilion afterwards to find out the winners and do the 50/50 drawing. A notice of the event will be sent to all members. This event is open to all members.
 3. Treasurer – Wendy gave balance to Cindy in her absence- Have \$5382.62 in Treasury.
 4. Secretary – Joyce- Report any comments received from last months posted minutes. No comments received.
 5. Membership Chair- Liz- Update on current membership- 80 members and includes 10 new members
 6. Tournament Chair- Karen
 - a. Ladies Match Play and Mixed Match Play Update – Joyce
 - Email sent to all participants with applicable rules and brackets with start and completion dates
 - Ron to post all brackets on wall outside Pro Shop
 - Mountain View Ladies Match- 8 players with 3 rounds; runs from 6/1- 8/31

- Mixed Match Play- 10 teams; 4 rounds (6 byes) runs from 5/16- 8/31
 - Stony Lick Round Robin Match Play- 7 players; 6 matches- players to decide dates of matches; run from 5/16- 9/8
- b. Opening Scramble- April 24- Karen
 - Cost was \$550 due to lunch offered vs \$250 breakfast in 2019. Members preferred the lunch
 - c. Jack & Jill Tournament Update - May 15 – Karen
 - 28 teams signed up with 56 participants- 30 teams in 2020
 - Changed to a scramble
 - Ron will put instructions in each cart
 - d. Women’s Flag Day – June 13 – Karen
 - Concurrent tournaments to be held on Stony Lick and Mountain View
 - Karen will send an announcement to ask for help to run both tournaments
 - e. Women’s Member/Guest – June 18-19 – Mona updated Cindy
 - 16 people have signed up
 - f. Mid- Season Pot Luck- Tuesday, July 13
 - Open to all WWGA Members and is a 12 Hole Scramble on Stony Lick
 - Will be a shot gun start
 - g. Mixed Charity – July 17 – Karen
 - Linda Ackerman & Jackie Wolf have volunteered to help.
7. Social Chair - Sheila
 - Working on Mid-Season Pot luck
 - Have COVID-19 concerns about serving food
 8. The Woods Representative –Sally - None
 9. The Woods Director of Golf – Ron- An Assistant Pro was hired and can give some clinics.

V. Old Business

VI. New Business –

1. Mason/Dixon update – June 2, 2021 – Cindy
 - Had meeting with Nancy Fairall
 - Has enough volunteers for tournament
2. White Tees/Green Tees in Weekend Tournaments – Robin
 - Last year the WMGA allowed any of their member regardless of age or handicap to play from the green tees in Tournaments. Currently the course ratings from the White Tee for the men and the Gold Tees for the women are equal. This means the degree of difficult playing from these tees is the same for the men and the women. Since the green tees are rated easier for the men and are about 600 yards shorter this gives the men playing from the green tees a distinct advantage. In a net handicap tournament where each player plays their own ball, the handicap adjustments take care of the difference by reducing the men's handicaps by 4 strokes. However, in a scramble/shamble, due to the allowances used, the 4-stroke adjustment is reduced to 0.8 - 0.2 of a stroke. Also the handicap adjustments do not take in account the

advantage distance plays in a scramble. For example, a WMGA member playing from the Green tees with a 17 handicap can drive the green on hole 16, yet the best female player in the WWGA with a 10 handicap cannot drive the green from the gold tees.

- A second issue is the computer formula to create the scrambles/shamble teams is gender neutral. This has resulted in the occasional team of all men and/or primarily women. Again, the all-male team will have an advantage over the all women team because they will have players playing from easier tees. This is supposed to be a mixed event so the teams should be mixed.
- The question is how to achieve parity with Men's green tees during scrambles/shambles. The choices discussed were:
 - Make all men play from the white tees in a scramble/shamble.
 - Set up "event" tees for the women that would have the same degree of difficulty for the women that the men have from the green tees.
 - Instead of temporary event tees, just let the women hit from the 250 yardage markers that would be placed on the course.
 - Don't have any scrambles/shamble tournaments
- The Board agreed to have 'event' tees set up for the scramble/shamble tournaments that would have the same degree of difficulty for women that the green tees have for the men. To ensure the Teams were mixed, Ron does not want to be involved with making changes between tees. Instead he will hand the proposed teams over to the Tournament Chair for review and any tweaks between teams.
- A survey will be done with Ron to determine where to place the tees. We will then have a trial run with the Board members to get their feedback on the event tees.
- The question was raised about having the event tees permanently. This is not a WWGA decision. After we try to the event tees this season, we can use this information to provide feedback to Sally Johnston. Any move to making the "event tees" permanent would require these tees to be rated by the USGA. Whereas we do not need to do this for special "event tee".

VII. Next Meeting Date – June 10, 2021 4:00pm Pavilion

VIII. Adjournment- Meeting adjourned at 5:25pm