

TLQWGC GENERAL MEETING

Final Minutes – December 8, 2020

Date: December 8, 2020

Call to Order: 3:05 pm

Pam Rutherford, President

*Future Zoom General Meetings will be on the scheduled dates shown on the calendar, but from 3pm-4pm PST.

*Pam identified herself as “Pam, the Pandemic President”. It’s been tough with the need to announce one cancellation of fun events after another.

*Today's Sweeps was a shotgun start, but with the latest COVID restrictions, the driving range and putting greens were closed in order to keep people from gathering. That is a problem for the Golf Course as they are also scheduling public play at the same time and the practice facilities need to be open. SO, starting next week we will be going to tee times beginning at 8am. (Thanks to Pam for pushing back on a 7am start time!!) With that change, the sign-ups for Tuesday play will now have a **cutoff of Friday at 5pm**. There will still be a wait list to fill in any last-minute cancellations.

*Membership renewals are coming in.... so far 59 ladies have renewed; there are 14 we expect will renew; a handful we’re not sure of, so Board members will be contacting those ladies. That brings us to about 72-73 members, 10 off from last year’s total membership.

*Pam gave a shout out to the team handling Sweeps with the new process due to both utilizing Golf Genius and due to COVID restrictions: Mary Jane Blanchfield, Lyna Newman, Sandy Jamison and Melissa Smooke. Thank you, ladies!!

*Pam wants the membership to know that we do listen to ideas/suggestions/questions so keep them coming!

**Last week a Board member shared that some ladies feel the Sweeps games has too much math....

Because we aren’t going in for lunch it’s challenging to compare cards, figure out discrepancies when everyone is ready to go home. As a result, from now on, the only thing you **MUST** enter on your score cards is your gross score. Golf Genius will calculate the game. The cards will still be layed out with the game scoring, so for those of you who like to keep the game scores, you can. NOTE: Even if you are only keeping your gross score, you still need to know and understand the game so you don’t inadvertently pick up on a game hole which would DQ you. On the other hand, if you are on a non-game hole and shooting your max, you can just pick up to help speed of play.

**Another comment to a Board member was that some ladies weren’t aware they could choose the green tee box to play from for the season. So, anyone who wants to select Green needs to do so before this Thursday 5pm so Lyna can work on the YLE cards for Tuesday.

**Another question came up about joining YLE now. The original deadline was for no refunds on the entry fee. You can join the YLE anytime, for the full amount of the entry fee.

*Snowbirds, please continue to update Pam with your travel plans back to Trilogy.

*Think of ways to have some fun, but still be safe, with our golf days since we’re not able to get together. Pam asked everyone to dress for the holiday and decorate your carts Christmas week. Knee sock competition? Melissa suggesting sending to our FaceBook group photos, fun info on what you’re doing.

Board Member Reports:

Sandy Warman, Vice President

The Low Net of the Month for November was Denise Tjalma with a 69. A reminder that the monthly and seasonal awards are given for accomplishments during Tuesday play only. (Except Hole-in One and First Time Milestone....those are anytime as long as it is a round witnessed by TLQWGC member.)

Helen Richards, Secretary

*After discussions with the 9-hole leadership it has been decided to cancel the Friendship Game, since it encourages even more new people to play together and there likely will be no opportunity to gather for lunch or happy hour. Both Clubs agreed to put it on the calendar for next year. Pam suggested that maybe this summer we try to put a day together with both Clubs.

Melissa Smooke, Handicap

*Melissa thanked everyone for dropping their cards off at her house and for posting scores for games not played on Tuesday.

*Almost half of the membership has had a soft cap applied to their handicap by SCGA. It's part of the new World Handicap Calc that if your Index increases 3 points from your lowest index, the handicap will increase at only 50% of normal. If this applies to you, there will be an exclamation mark by your Index...click on that and the explanation will pop up.

*Our membership Roster is pulled from the SCGA data base. There was a glitch when the GHIN system moved to their new system. As a result, many of the phone numbers on our Roster are wrong. Melissa, Rosina and Pam are working to correct the numbers and will be reaching out to you to validate the information.

Lyna Newman, Tournament

*For those of you who aren't here yet, the golf course is in amazing shape!!

*The Member/Guest tournament will be cancelled this year; it will be replaced with a Member/Member tournament. Details to follow.

*The YLE score cards will be distributed with the Sweeps cards next Tuesday. Return your YLE card with the score cards to Melissa's house as is our new normal.

Linda Wheat, Rules

Linda explained the following rules:

*If your feet are in the perimeter, but the ball is not, you get a free drop no closer to the hole.

*The Men's Club has replaced red and red w/black top stakes on the course, but they are spaced quite far apart. Be sure to look for the stakes in an area you may have hit into to determine which rules apply. A simple way to remember, is if it is in the DG, it is red with black top (penalty, no play); if it is in acacia or bushes with no DG, it is red (penalty, can play with all the rules that apply to that). For example on #9, the new landscaped area is red with black top stake: penalty, no play area (DG); further down on the same side is red staked, penalty area and can play out or use other appropriate rules.

*The #17 drop area is to be used when the ball is hit into the water. It is NOT to be used when the ball is hit into the bushes on the right side.

*On our Website, under Rules, Local Rules, is a great cheat sheet for situations on each hole. Linda recommends you print and have in your bag for easy reference for most situations that come up on the course.

*If you hear rumors of rule changes, contact Linda to find out if true!

Mary Jane Blanchfield, Sweeps

* With the change to tee times, we'll notify everyone how to get your cards next week for Sweeps/YLE. The money envelope will be handed from one 4-some to the next for collection. UPDATE since meeting: Pick up your game cards at the starter station. Completed cards and foursome money to be taken to Melissa's house.

Rosina Cortesi, Membership

*We have two new members: Sheri Calkins and Darlene Beacom. Sheri is traveling, but Darlene is here and playing and loves the group! She had heard the 18-holers were not nice....she's going back to those ladies to tell them how much fun she's having! 😊

*It's been difficult to recruit new members. Rosina has flyers in the mailroom, and also an article in the weekly emailed Lifestyle newsletter. She is going to add that members can now choose to play from the green tee-box which might entice more ladies to join.

Julie Johnson thanked Pam and the Board for dealing with such a tough year and keeping it fun.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: January 5th 3pm-4pm via Zoom

Meeting adjourned at 4:01 pm by Pam Rutherford.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Richards,
Secretary