

QCLGA Board Meeting Minutes
November 28 2023, 3:00pm
Silver Room, Madera Clubhouse

Present: Terri Bacon, Patty Harmon, Marie Cook, Michele Gazica, Debbie Riddell, Bonny Wilcox, Cheryl Opsal, Patty Zatzkin, Janet Johnson, Linda Ulery, Dena Knox, Stacia Sower, Julia Fox, Kathy Brogdon, Phyllis O'Brien, Jacquie Owens, Jan Scissons; Robin Brannan, Susan McCune, Ronnee Epstein, Beth Davis

Absent: Dena Knox, Kathy Thompson, Lindsay Dickinson, Jan Delcour

Executive Board Reports

President: Terri Bacon

- Terri Called meeting to order at 3:03.
- Reported that all Committee positions have been filled and distributed contact information. Deb Riddell will be in a new role, supporting the Tournament Chair, Robin Brannan, and her committee by providing technical assistance and liaising with the AGA and Golf Genius. The New Member Committee has been reorganized into two separate committees: New Member Ambassadors are Janet Johnson and Kathy Brogdon; and Hospitality Chairs are Beth Davis and Ronnee Epstein.

Vice President: Patty Harmon

- Room requests for 2024 confirmed. The 2024 Holiday tournament and luncheon had to be moved to Wednesday, December 11, because the ballroom was not available on Thursday, December 12.
- The Chip in for Charity event on 11/8 went well, raising over \$13,000 for the charities. Due to a wi-fi outage campus-wide, some credit card donations could not be processed, nor could the 18-hole results be announced during the luncheon. There was a discussion for next year to warn charities to be prepared to process credit cards manually, and to ask our members to consider paying by check. Beth Davis asked if anything could be done to receive more information about the charities before the luncheon, by which time most donations have been made. There was also a discussion about the luncheon starting late and a suggestion that the 18-hole players tee off a half hour earlier. Patty will take these comments into consideration at the post-event evaluation meeting on December 8.
- The Holiday luncheon on December 7 will follow a PYP event and precede the general meeting. Menu is chicken pot pie, side salad and red velvet cake. Sixty one women have RSVPd to the luncheon.

Treasurer: Marie Cook

- There is currently a \$900 surplus in the LGA account. Marie requested all outstanding requests for reimbursements be sent to her immediately, so she can finalize both the financials and the Committee Budget reporting for the year.
- Quarterly financials will be published on the website sometime in mid-January. Year-end financials will be audited by Susan McCune and Linda Ulery.
- Skins payouts for 2024 will be rounded to the nearest whole dollar. The skins administrators will use (a) mathematical rounding conventions and then (b) their best discretion to pay out all skins entry fees each week. Marie asked the tournament managers to request members pay skins entries with small bills. There was a question of skins entries could be paid through Northstar and distributed by the Pro Shop as winnings. Terri will bring this up with the membership in the General Meeting on December 7. Cheryl Opsal asked if there could be three flights rather than two flights. Deb

volunteered to run a Golf Genius test to see what the payouts would look like under a three flight scenario.

- Membership renewals for 2024 are lagging. 87 of 130 members have renewed. The AGA reported number of members have auto-renew set to December 7. Marie does not receive an accounting of these members from the AGA until January 3. The invite for the first tournament of 2024 goes out December 21, so those who auto-renew on December 7 may not receive it. Deb Riddell volunteered to *[provide Marie with an email list or send an email through Golf Genius]* encouraging members to renew their memberships earlier.

Past President: Dena Knox- Terri reported on Dena's behalf that there are 81 players signed up for the Kachina Dolls tournament taking place Monday, December 4.

Tournament Chair: Deb Riddell (incoming chair: Robin Brannan)

- Deb stated it was beyond time to formally announce whether the QCLGA would host a member guest tournament in 2024. Terri stated no Chair had been identified, and suggested two alternatives, one being that we make the Member Guest a bi-annual event and the other being that we have a one day member-member/member-guest. Other attendees suggested ways to find a Chair. Terri will call for a volunteer one last time at the General Meeting December 7. If no Chair has committed by then, the QCLGA will put on a no-frills one-day event.
- Deb made a presentation on breaking ties, explaining how the various methods are applied, giving examples of the results, and explaining that the QCLGA has some game formats that defy the most commonly accepted tie-breaking methodologies. She asked the Rules committee to review her written materials and QCMGA practices, then collaborate with the Tournament Committee to bring a final recommendation to the executive board. Before this work begins, Terri will seek consensus from those attending the General Meeting December 7 that breaking ties is acceptable.
- Robin handed out the 2024 calendar, and explained it will be accessible on the website shortly.

Committee Reports

Handicap Committee: Cheryl Opsal, Bonny Wilcox and Jan Delcour—Per Cheryl, the Committee will begin sending group emails to individuals who are not posting scores, rather than individual emails. Cheryl asked to read at the General Meeting a prepared statement about the obligation of members to timely post their scores. The Executive Board reminded the Handicap Committee that it supports the Handicap Committee's use of the authority granted by the WHS to post penalty scores for those members who do not post nor respond to multiple requests to post scores. Another remedy approved by the Board is to refuse tournament admission to chronic posting refuseniks.

AGWA/ADWGA: Kathy Brogdon--Peg Avent will represent the QCLGA as the Low Gross player for the State Medallion. Susan McCune will compete as our Low Net player.

Rules Committee: Bonny Wilcox, Stacia Sower, Phyllis O'Brien and Julia Fox-Bonnie would like to poll the membership to see what rules they would like to hear about. She also wants to ask the members if they find the hard card valuable and would use it if updated. Someone suggested that rules questions that come up during competitions are the best ones highlight.

Ringers, Birdies & Chip ins: Phyllis O'Brien—Phyllis is preparing the annual report in anticipation of handing out awards at the General Meeting. Kris Weinberg will assist Phyllis by reviewing her results.

New Member Ambassadors: Janet Johnson and Kathy Brogdon—Janet and Kathy are meeting with new members to educate them about the QCLGA website, the GHIN and Golf Genius apps, how to pay fees (or not) if one is an annual or non-annual member, the special competitions. They are also providing them with maps that can be used to navigate to the correct holes on shotgun starts.

Webmaster: Cheryl Opsal—No report.

Hospitality: Beth Davis and Ronnee Epstein—Beth and Ronnee are sending welcome cards to new members; and cards of appropriate support, condolence, etc. to existing members, when they are informed of the need to send such a card. They asked for donations of blank condolence and get-well cards in order to defray the cost of their mission. Beth and Ronnee are also sending e-cards to members on their birthdays.

Interclub: Linda Ulery and Jacquie Owens—Jacquie will be meeting with the other clubs in January to determine playdates. Jacquie also reported last year's shirts were ill-fitting on all body types, so she is working with MJ Cooley to find new shirts for 2024. Board and committee members were asked to look at the two potential shirt styles in the Pro Shop and provide feedback to Jacquie.

Junior Golf: Patty Zatkan

- Marvol Barnard's program continues, with monthly clinics to teach young girls golf. There are a number of QCLGA and QCLGA 9ers who assist Marvol at these sessions. The coaches for the HS teams welcome the donation of equipment, but do not need used golf balls.
- Debbie said there is a desire to hold a swap meet for clothing and equipment, and solicited volunteers to steer this initiative. Terri asked Deb for a list of the women who regularly attend the clinics to see if there is a possible Swap Meet chair among them.

New Business:

- HIO and Eagle awards: Terri has certificates for Holes in One. Phyllis has the Eagle pins.
- 2024 Board Meetings are set for January 10, March 6, August 7 and November 20. All meetings take place at 3:00 pm in the Mesquite Room.
- Marie has investigated using credit cards to pay for luncheons, and reports that we would be charged a 3% surcharge. The QCMGA grosses up their lunch amounts to cover the surcharge, but Marie believes increasing the cost of our catered meals will be met with disapproval.
- There are two special golfing events in November (Prickly Pear, Couples Club Championship) that compete with the Give Back to the Community tournament we have been holding in November. We will move it to October in 2025.

Meeting adjourned at 5:14

Respectfully Submitted
Michele Gazica, Secretary