

ROSSMOOR WOMEN'S 18-HOLE GOLF CLUB

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

Monday, March 13, 2017, at 9 a.m.

CREEKSIDE BUNKER ROOM

The CAPTAIN called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

In attendance: Marcia Belcher, Myra Belfiore, Jean Carroll, Jacky Dunn, Margo Dutton, Judy Fletcher, Marian Handy, Olivia Hsueh, Mary Hufford, Linda Ingalls, Theresa Kim, Joyce McCann, Robin Moreau, Linda Pingatore, Carolyn Riding, Teddi Swanson, Claudia Terry.

Excused: Janice Davis, Joan Munn, Del Poirier, Denise Pratt.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

OLIVIA HSUEH, Treasurer, referring to the financial report for February 2017, said that cash in hand stood at \$9,686.39.

So far in 2017, expenses were slightly over budget because the golf club rosters were now being prepared by an outside printing company, which charged for mailing. The Launch the Season party had also gone over budget because the price of food had gone up..

CO-CAPTAIN'S REPORT

No report.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

TEDDI SWANSON, Captain, said it was important to remember that anyone who signed up for an Open Day had to play, rain or shine. Stella Chan was to be commended for her work as Open Day Chair.

She also thanked Kay Doyle for being responsible for envelopes, Margo Dutton for working as the Master Blaster and Linda Pingatore for the wonderful job she was doing as Membership Chair.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TOURNAMENT

MARCIA BELCHER, Assistant Tournament Chair, said that there had been only one tournament so far. The Committee had scrutinized the scorecards and had disqualified some players, but had explained why in email correspondence.

MARY HUFFORD said that, according to USGA rules, the Tournament Committee was responsible for adding up players' scores.

MARGO DUTTON said that she would send out an email blast with some examples of scorecards filled out correctly.

CLAUDIA TERRY, Website Coordinator, said that she had been putting sample scorecards on the website.

PAST CAPTAIN

No report.

RULES

JOYCE McCANN, Rules Co-Chair, said that the 9ers had contacted her and Theresa to find out whether the rules seminar to be held on May 1 was open to other clubs. Following consultation with the 18ers Captain, it had been decided that two representatives of the 9ers would be welcome to attend.

TEDDI SWANSON, Captain, pointed out that the 9ers were not members of WGANC, whose representative, Suzanne Olsen, would be the presenter of the seminar.

The issue of a rules seminar for all clubs might be discussed at a Golf Advisory Committee meeting.

JOYCE McCANN, Rules Co-Chair, said that, at the recent WGANC meeting she had attended at Mira Vista, she had gone to a breakout session on rules which had been attended by only 10 or 15 people and had therefore been very successful in terms of conversations and discussions.

THERESA KIM, Rules Co-Chair, recalled that she and Joyce would be going to the NCGA rules seminar on March 19 to 21 and asked when they might make a presentation on what they had learned.

JOYCE McCANN, Rules Co-Chair, said that, depending on what they had learned, another rules seminar might be held later in the season.

SOCIAL

No report.

WEBSITE COORDINATOR AND PUBLICITY

CLAUDIA TERRY, Website Coordinator and Publicity Chair, said that she was now starting to publicize the Spring Fling.

SPRING FLING

JUDY FLETCHER said that she would ask the 9ers to send out an email blast about the Spring Fling on April 6, which would be a mixer between 9ers and 18ers. The cost of breakfast and lunch would be \$30 and the green fee would be \$12.

MEMBERSHIP

LINDA PINGATORE, Membership Committee, said that there were 125 members of the 18ers, 123 of whom were active; one GHIN number was being maintained. She was looking for mentors for the latest new members and would then organize an orientation meeting.

HANDICAP

MARGO DUTTON, Handicap Committee, said that the Committee would normally be trying to determine whether there were any great differences between tournament scores and ordinary play day scores, but there were no sample cards to look at because the course had been closed and scores could not be posted. It would also compare sign-up sheets and postings.

GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TEDDI SWANSON, speaking on behalf of Mary Hufford, who had been away, said that Tim O'Keefe had been present and Mark Heptig and Blake Swint had given reports on golf course conditions.

The weather station had recorded 33.44 inches of rainfall during the first months of 2016-2017. The season had begun on July 1, 2016. During the same period of the previous year, 10.07 inches of rain had fallen, but 1.49 inches of rain had been recorded in the first six days of February 2017.

Seven trees had been lost, the restroom on hole 16 had been badly damaged and work on bunkers had been placed on hold. New drain lines had been installed and fences had been placed around trees to protect them from wildlife.

Blake had said that, in order to keep golf going in Rossmoor for the next 50 years, a water recycling program was being established along the lines of the one at Diablo Country Club; the Golf Shop was encouraging members to pair up in carts; and work was being done with Securitas on measures to deal with on-course emergencies. Golfers were encouraged to take pictures of any irregularities they might encounter on the golf course.

Mark had said that the 2016-2017 winter had been of historic proportions, with only 836 rounds in February 2017, compared to 4,450 in February 2016. The income situation was even worse, with a shortfall of \$50,000 in green fees when compared to the 2016 budget. Golf shop sales had been miserable, staff had been encouraged to take vacation and some had had their hours cut.

TEAM PLAY

LINDA INGALLS, East Bay Team Play, said that her team would play its first team play matches on April 6 and April 11, so she had no scores to report yet.

On June 1, both the 18ers and the 9ers would be hosting team play matches, but the necessary coordination had already been discussed with a view to avoiding conflicts.

JEAN CARROLL, Diablo Valley Team Play, said that her team's first match was on March 21 at Round Hill. On March 30, it was hosting team play and volunteers would be needed.

The Diablo Valley Team Play captains had agreed to adopt the new local rule concerning a ball moving on the green. In the event of bad weather, the Golf Shop would decide whether winter rules were in effect.

NEW BUSINESS

TEDDI SWANSON, Captain, said that she would like the Board to decide at the next meeting what it intended to do money-wise because, at present, it was over budget. By the end of the year, it would have run out of money.

Membership dues, which had not gone up in five years, would have to be increased and, to that end, there would be a budget meeting in August.

One solution for raising money would be to ask all members to pay an additional \$10 or \$15 in dues; a second was to ask them to pay an extra \$2 or \$3 on Thursday play days; and a third was to ask them to pay \$2 or \$3 more for lunches. The men's club always charged \$20 for lunch and prizes.

Following a discussion of ways of increasing income, she proposed that the issue should be dealt with more broadly at the Board's April meeting.

It was so decided.

MARCIA BELCHER said that the whole idea of the course care committee was to educate people about the proper way to take care of the fairways and greens. Each member would write a small article that would appear in the Rossmoor News. Perhaps a video on a specific topic could be placed on the website once a month.

ROBIN MOREAU said that the preparations for Guest Day on April 27 were well underway: a poster had been put up on the bulletin board in the Golf Shop, the menu had been decided and an email blast would be sent out soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Riding