

**STLWDGA SPRING EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Sunset Hills Country Club**  
**Friday, MARCH 31, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by President, Kathy Gugger at 10:15

In attendance were: Kathy Gugger, Gerry Wisniewski, Vickie Ressler, Ronnie Burg, CJ Evans, Laurel Palmer, Bev Frien, Marian Sinnett, Sue Springmeyer & Margaret Farrell. Joyce Jackson was absent.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the Executive Board meeting held at Sunset Hills CC on Friday, Nov. 18th were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Laurel Palmer and seconded by Bev Frien. The minutes were approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Pace of Play

Kathy informed the board that the Pace of Play/video meeting at Sunset CC was canceled. She would like to have it available for the Opening Day scramble.

Discussion - Pace of Play: Kathy does not anticipate a lot of people for opening meeting because of the location at Sunset Hills CC in ILL. There is a plan to show a 40 second shot video of what it means when a warning flag is dropped, a penalty & the process as to when a player is put on the clock.

Kathy asked if Westborough is up and running. Laurel responded, that we can play around if necessary. It is April and piles of mud are everywhere.

Pace of Play Discussion: Who is making the flags? We can buy lining material, do not use red or green, we need yellow to warn a person or group. The plan is to drop the flag of at the tee box of the following hole, something like 3x5 feet, do not know how many we will need. It is usually one group that is slow so there could be one on each nine holes. Could ask the pro shop to put them out. Need to put it up for discussion and get suggestions. The BOD could ask each club. It could be the responsibility of the hosting club. For team events, it could be members of the host club. Some of the ladies would be afraid to do this. Kathy will ask CDs to name 2 people from their club who would be willing to do it. The approach would be that it is in the club's best interest. The BOD could get a list of people & have small group from each club. We could ask someone who might not play in the scramble to do it for district. STL District always has four byes and could find people to do it, Ronnie suggested that it could be part of discussion in regard to Team. Ronnie is on the pace of play committee. We will get the information out to the committees.

### Embroidered Shirts

Kathy informed the board that embroidered shirts are ready and names are on the shirts. She added that stationary & note cards are available, everyone take what they need.

### Back of Score Cards

The rules are on the back of the score cards and they could change so we are hesitant to order more cards at this time. Gerry commented that pro shops could print the score cards. Ronnie & Vickie will have last minute changes. We usually print the score cards the night before the event.

### Rules Seminar/Short Game Clinic

Kathy added that there will be a Rules Seminar/Short Game Clinic at Bellerive. Kathy informed the board that she met with Mike Tucker, Bellerive. He backed out of three-day and wanted to participate with STL District. He can offer a short game clinic on Wed, May 17 with 30 participants in the morning, lunch buffet (\$22+tax & gratuity), another 30 in the afternoon. We could have 3 sessions and limit to 60 participants. Further discussion in regard to how to sign up. He is open to suggestions. We could sign up like a tournament. We might need the merit system. It is free. Kathy will contact each CD & get back by a certain date. She will ask the CDs to generate a sign up. CD will report interested members to tournament chair. Gerry volunteered to take the sign up for the clinic.

## REPORTS

PRESIDENT's Report: Kathy Gugger

Kathy thanked everyone for making the trip to Illinois. It's one of the perks of President that the board meetings and certain other events are at her home club.

The spring mailing was completed and sent out in a timely manner. Kathy thanked Bev Frein for getting everything in the mail. They had the envelopes stuffed this year by the printer. We were quoted a very low price and could not pass it up. We have had only 5 letters returned as undeliverable. Gerry has done a stellar job of updating the database!

Kathy informed the board that the Opening Meeting is being planned at this time. Cathy Croft from Sunset Hills will serve as the luncheon coordinator. Whitney Wallace is no longer the GM. The new interim GM is Stacey Greenwalt. Kathy was reassured that our event will run smoothly.

Kathy informed the board of the Mixed Event that will be on Friday, July 21 at Old Warson Country Club. Marsha Rheinnecker will serve as the event contact. We increased the charge for the event to \$200.00 per couple. Kathy commented that this will be a very popular event and the Merit System will likely be used.

Kathy continued with the Invitational Tournament that will be Monday-Friday, August 7-11 at Westwood Country Club. Julie Frank has agreed to serve as the hospitality Coordinator from Westwood. After the torrential rains at last year's event, Kathy feels pretty confident that we can handle any weather issues that

arise, however Westwood does not have cart paths and we will be at the mercy of their decisions.

Kathy commented that she is looking forward to the start of the 2017 season. We have a great schedule of events at some of the best golf courses in the country.

#### VICE PRESIDENT's Report: GERRY WISNIEWSKI

##### Dues

Gerry informed the board that as of March 13, dues have been received from all 20 clubs. We lost 30 members, picked up 4 new so we had a net loss of 26 paying members.

##### Yearbook

The 2017 yearbook has been updated and printed. A more complete explanation of the Merit system is on pages 5-6 and of the handicap system on pages 35-36. Gerry reminded us that the most difficult part of updating the yearbook is when we do not get the necessary information from the CDs especially as it relates to District positions, CD, Directors etc. and specific Club information.

##### Database

Gerry will send out an updated database once a month beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>.

##### Junior Invitational Tournament

Gerry has 3 entries already for the Junior Invitational that will be at Glen Echo on July 31<sup>st</sup> & August 1<sup>st</sup>. She recently found out that Matt Taken, Pro at Glen Echo has moved back to his hometown in Wisconsin. They are searching for a new Pro. In the interim, the Assistant Pro Mike Herbig is handling any questions. Soon She will contact high school coaches and junior golf contacts at our clubs to encourage their girls to sign up for our tournament. She hopes to get a good turnout this year. Gerry ask the board for help during the tournament. She will need spotters, scorers and shuttle drivers.

##### New Member Coordinator Meeting

Gerry is in the process of updating the materials for the New Member Coordinator meeting and have emailed all the NMCs to confirm who will be in attendance.

#### DISCUSSION/COMMENTS:

Gerry informed the board of a returning member, Mindy Dull who has been out for two years so the merit system will stay. Gerry will have to go back to check her points as she is not considered a new member

Kathy suggested that Gerry talk to CD's in regard to changes in yearbook.

## TOURNAMENT CHAIR's Report: VICKIE RESSLER

Vickie informed the board that all letters and thank you notes have been updated and are ready for the individual tournaments

### Corresponding Directors

Vickie informed the board that the Corresponding Directors packets are assembled for the Spring Meeting Friday, April 21, 2017. She will email the file with all of the information to the CD's. Deadline for signups for the Opening Day Scramble is April 21<sup>st</sup> so they will need to give me a player list that day.

### Opening Scramble

Vickie sent an email to Jimmy Bals the Pro at Westborough CC to let him know what we will need for the Opening Scramble on Friday, April 28, 2017. She followed up with him on Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> about number of players that they can accommodate, carts, etc.

### Golf Genius

Vickie has been spending lots of time with Golf Genius, the new tournament pairing system. She met with Joyce Jackson and Ronnie Burg to enter the course information for each of the 20 courses that we play and checked that information with GHIN.

She met with Joyce and Ronnie again to enter details about each event and tentatively design the scorecards. Until we have players to enter not all of the capabilities of the program are available. She commented that the help section is very helpful and easy to understand; also watching the videos. Vickie has learned a lot from the Pro's and their assistants and they learned a few things from her!

## DISCUSSION/COMMENTS:

Kathy commented that April 28 is the opening scramble, she is not sure as to how many carts we will need and if they can accommodate our needs.

She mentioned that the Golf Genius- help section is big help and no one in STL has a handle on the system. FL has been using Golf Genius for approximately one year. Some of the pro's do not like it.

ASSISTANT TOURNAMENT CHAIR's Report: JOYCE JACKSON has no report.

TEAM CHAIR's Report: RONNIE BURG

### Team Play Dates

Ronnie reported that all five team play dates are set up in the TPP program and just waiting for the start of the season. All correspondence has been prepped and is waiting to be sent.

### Golf Genius

Ronnie commented that she has spent a lot of time trying to learn the Golf Genius system. In order to see some of the functionality she was interested in, she created a “fake lineup” for the first team date at Algonquin. She is hoping she will easily be able to edit it to this year’s information. It is likely she will not be using Golf Genius for the Algonquin event on May 12. She hopes to have everything organized for subsequent events. Her main goal is to get this year’s events finished without any major problems so she will not incorporate Golf Genius until she is more comfortable.

### Pace of Play

She has designed both GROSS and NET scorecards to include Pace of Play guidelines established for this year.

#### DISCUSSION/COMMENTS:

Ronnie is not sure if Margaret has used Golf Genius. Golf Genius has a chat function that is available 24/7.

ASSISTANT TEAM CHAIR’s Report: MARGARET FARRELL had no report.

TREASURER’s Report: CJ EVANS (report attached)

### New Checking Account

CJ informed the board that a new checking account was set up at US Bank. The Enterprise Bank checking account was closed and remaining money deposited in US Bank. Signatures on the checking account at US Bank are Kathy Gugger and CJ Evans.

She informed the board that all participating clubs sent in dues for their District memberships and was deposited.

The Spring Mailing expenses and the website (WIX.com) statements (annual fee) were paid.

All submitted invoices since November 1 were paid.

#### DISCUSSION/COMMENTS:

CJ commented that we should reimburse Patty for Website expense made in previous years. CJ will send monthly updates to Vickie

She informed the board that the Jr Tournament dropped from \$846 to \$200

Laurel made a motion to approve the budget and Bev second

The budget was approved budget as written, all yes.

## RULES CHAIR's Report: LAUREL PALMER

### Local Rules

Laurel reported that during the winter, she has updated the Local Rules for all of the clubs. She will continue to contact the professionals at each club prior to our events to further update the rules before forwarding them to the Tournament Chair and the Team Captain.

### Rule Changes

Earlier in the year John Spencer e-mailed her regarding a rule change about a ball moving on the green. He wanted it to be included in the Local Rules. When she read the changes that USGA will be making in 2019, the rule was included so it will not be included until that time.

Laurel commented that the rule changes may be an issue this year because of members who do not read the fine print. There will be no changes until 2019. Given that, and at a later date, she believes that the board must have a plan to inform our members of these changes as they are numerous.

### Pace of Play

Pace of Play will continue to be a focus for this season. Although she was not able to attend the photo shoot for the video showing what 40 seconds a shot really means, she will support this concept. Laurel is, also, in favor of the signals indicating slow play. She believes this should be for all events; including Tournaments, Team, and Scrambles. Slow play is in all areas.

## DISCUSSION/COMMENTS:

Laurel lead discussion in regard to new rules of golf in 2019. John Spencer would like for us to include the rule concerning a moving ball on the green that could be adopted as a local rule. She can talk to Scott & the club pros about the rule and adopt it as an organization.

## CORRESPONDING SECRETARY's Report: BEV FRIEN

There have been five "Thinking of You" cards mail to Bob Shogren

1 Sympathy card mailed to the family of Mary Lee Britt

1 Sympathy card mailed to the family of Julie Schnuck

Bev informed the board that the spring mailing was mailed to our membership on March 14, 2017. The mailing included 367 President's Letters, Luncheon Invitations and the 2017 Invitation and Programs for the Invitational.

She mailed 20 letters to the current 18-hole chairs from our clubs. For a total of 387 pieces of mail

RECORDING SECRETARY's Report: SUE SPRINGMEYER had no report.

HONORARY PRESIDENT/PARLIAMENTARIAN's Report: MARIAN SINNETT had no report.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Kathy informed the board that the Bogey Hills team event will take place as scheduled, they are back in business. They made 7 modifications to bunkers, 10 bunkers were removed that should not have been there. She is not sure as to whether or not the slope/rating has changed. She added that there is no difference in way the course plays.

Kathy thanked Gerry for having the Yearbooks printed ready for the opening meeting,

She commented that the Spring mailing was sent, database is up to date.

Opening Meeting Information: at Sunset Hills, ready to go

#### Golf Genius

Kathy commented that there was much discussion in regards technology and Golf Genius. Gerry, Kathy & Marion would like to see how to set up events, Kathy thanked Ronnie & Vickie for taking on the challenge to Golf Genius.

#### TOL

Kathy informed the board that we do not have a 50-year honoree and suggest that we honor Jane Watson (Greenbriar & past president), she received Joe Dye award that honors volunteering, STL sports hall of fame and have Lynette Shrenka speak for her. Marian has a video. We need to inform Jane. The board discussed Ellen Port as a possible recipient and a decision was made to make Jane Watson the only recipient.

#### Rule Seminar

Laurel led the discussion in regard to a rules seminar. She suggested to postpone it until the rules changes. Discussion continued as to participants, Wine N Rule with appetizers. The board decided to table the discussion until the new rules start.

Kathy discussed the Opening Meeting and showing the Pace of play video.

#### Membership

Marian brought up raising the resident handicap index to 17.4, membership is down to 370's and we need to consider getting in new people.

#### Cost of lunch

Laurel brought up raising the cost of lunch to other district ladies and they were opposed to it. She commented that we do not need that much food. The board

made the decision not to raise lunch at the same time as dues. Kathy mention to Joyce that we do not require a huge buffet but the clubs want to put on a nice lunch.

There being no further business, Laurel Palmer moved to adjourn the meeting and Bev Frien seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Minutes respectively submitted by Sue Springmeyer.