

COTTONWOOD LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

DATE: February 1, 2024

LOCATION: Room 2 in the conference center

ELECTED OFFICERS PRESENT: Zara Logan, Deb Feist, Sandy Worden

CHAIRPERSONS PRESENT: Pat McRoberts, Rachel Rainville, Terry Gaube, Sandy Eeds, Mary Anne Lofquist, Alice Barber

The meeting was called to order at 1:18 pm by President, Zara Logan.

QUORUM: The 3 officers and 6 chairpersons constituted a quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Sandy Eeds moved to approve last meeting minutes. Terry Gaube seconded. Motion passed.

BUDGET: Zara Logan announced that Treasurer, Paddy Newton, couldn't be here. The budget report from last month had few changes and will be posted on the CLGA website.

PATIO LUNCHESES: Deb Feist said that since people can't hear when we have patio parties, she bought a microphone. She is prepared to donate it to CLGA if necessary. The microphone in the pro shop is also better after they turned up the volume.

MEMBER GUEST: Alice Barber reported that plans are moving forward. They have at least 40 bottles donated for the cocktail party on Wednesday evening. More will be appreciated, and doesn't need to be alcohol. Bottles will be prizes for the putting game. She produced a tentative budget for 120 entrants but can fit up to 144. Lunch will cost about \$20 per person. The special drink will be Vodka Sunrise at \$4. They plan to pay minimum of 3 net places per flight, 1 gross. Terry Gaube offered to review game instructions before finalizing. Registration will be on line. Tee prizes may run high so they are looking at increasing the fee to \$75. Mary Anne Lofquist moved to raise the entry fee to \$75. Rachel Rainville seconded. Motion passed.

HANDICAPS: Since Nancy Hermanson was not present, Terry Gaube presented three key changes to the World Handicap System (WHS):

1) A lower minimum length for a golf course to obtain a Course Rating™ and Slope Rating™. Before 2024, an 18-hole course had to be at least 3,000 yards to receive a Course Rating and Slope Rating (or 1,500 yards for 9 holes).

With the 2024 WHS Revision, the yardage requirements have been cut in half, to 1,500 and 750 yards, respectively. This is good news for golfers who regularly play par-3 and shorter-length courses and have wanted those scores to count toward their Handicap Index®.

2) A new treatment of 9-hole scores. In 2023 and previous years, 9-hole scores were combined in the order posted to create an 18-hole Score Differential™. This meant that a 9-hole score could have been combined with another 9-hole score from days, weeks, or even months before – which at times lead to volatile results.

Today, when a player posts a 9-hole score, it is combined with their expected Score Differential over 9 holes to create an 18-hole Score Differential for immediate use – with expected score based on the player's Handicap Index at the time the round is played as well as a course of standard difficulty.

3) An updated approach for holes not played. Prior to 2024, when a hole was not played (due to darkness, for example), the score recorded was a net par. With the 2024 revision, when 10-17 holes are played, an 18-hole Score Differential is determined by adding the player's Score Differential from the holes played to an expected Score Differential for the number of holes not played. Since a player's expected score is not specific to a course or reliant upon the course's stroke index allocation (as net par was previously), this will lead to more consistency. Gaube will give Eeds the link to post this info on the website.

MEMBERSHIP: Patti Hegenbarth was not present but had submitted that membership is at 83, no new members posted.

STATE MEDALLION (SM): Mary Anne Lofquist reported that SM games can be posted on Golf Genius. The dates are Jan 25, Feb 29, Mar 7, and Mar 21. Winners will be announced next November.

PUBLICITY: Cindy Edwards will need to return home early although can do Splash articles for March and April. Judy Onken has agreed to do May.

BYLAWS: The ballot will be put out tomorrow with a 2 week window for voting. The proposed changes have been posted for 30 days.

Zara Logan has more bylaw changes in the works so will reactivate Bylaw Committee: Zara Logan, Sandy Eeds, Nancy Hermanson. Proposed changes will be presented at next meeting.

CLGA SIGNUPS: It was discussed that Jon Griglak is inconsistent in sending out Golf Genius (GG) emails for sign up and it is confusing. Zara will talk to Jon to discontinue using GG for sign ups.

There was discussion about how to sign up for CLGA when you cannot play in the multi-day or special event but want to play with CLGA on Thursday. These members should sign up on Chelsea as CLGA event. Any special event (multi-day tournies, special events or luncheons) will be managed by the respective chair, who will provide the list to the pro shop. The website will provide the chairs with members registered for the special events.

NINER/CLGA EVENT: Kathy Sulser wants to create cohesiveness between clubs and is working w Minna (Niner President). Date is set for Feb 22 afternoon, Niners to host the 9 hole event. Niners will pay prizes and CLGA will contribute \$150 toward sack lunches. We will not have a CLGA game that morning although will do pairings. Therefore, CLGA members can play both morning and with Niners, quitting early in the morning if need be. Sign up sheet will be posted.

CAGD: New schedule of upcoming tournies will be posted in pro shop Ladies restroom.

PICO: Pat McRoberts said this event will be limited to 44 players per club. \$35/pp at Ironwood and Cottonwood courses. 8am start, registration 7am. No breakfast, just snack bags. Lunch after last day play in San Tan Ballroom. Taco buffet, \$4 Margaritas. Flyer will be posted on website. Registration will begin on Mar 1 (on website) and close on Mar 21.

PRO SHOP: Travis has expressed interest in attending our board meetings and so Zara will invite him.

OLD BUSINESS

- . Microphone provided by Deb Feist.
- . Paddy Newton had asked for more money for Solheim payouts. Mary Anne Lofquist so moved. Rachel Rainville seconded. Motion passed.
- . Deb Feist and Sandy Eeds will form the committee to explore options for CLGA Member-at-Large.
- . CMGA/CLGA event will be Match Play format, CMGA V CLGA, Sat, Mar 16, 8am. Michael Moore, President, will prepare flyer. Snacks and drinks, \$15/pp.
- . CLGA social will be at Sisk Park, Feb 15, 4-6pm. BYO snacks and beverages. Flyer to come.

WEEKLY RULES: Terry Gaube stated that she needs to be informed whenever our pro shop issues a ruling on our game day. They issued a ruling recently which was incorrect.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Mar 7, 1:30pm, will be the next Board meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:25pm.