

ILGA Board Meeting

Monday, September 18, 2023 – 3:00 PM Oakwood Library.

Present: Sue Pederson, President; MJ Boscombe, Vice President; Barb Amedro, Treasurer; Leslie Smith; Linda Thrash; Betty Lauer; BJ Schuller; Ann Gavin; Jamie Smith; Sue Olson. Absent: Sandy Knight

President Sue Pederson called the meeting to order.

Approve minutes. Board members reviewed the May Board minutes and any recommended changes were submitted to Secretary Sandy Knight. BJ Schuller moved that the minutes be approved. Leslie Smith seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report. Barb Amedro provided the August 2023 Treasurer's report to all Board members on August 25, 2023 for their review. Discussion ensued. Linda Thrash asked if the league will be overbudget by year-end as the report indicated. Barb does not think so. Linda Thrash also asked if we planned to continue to accrue \$1,000 for IRS Tax Reinstatement for 2024. Barb said she plans to continue accruing despite no comment from the IRS. Other budget items discussed: Leslie Smith has \$520 left to spend but is working on how to spend those dollars. MJ Boscombe stated ILGA is one of the PICO hosts, providing coffee on the first play date and water on the second play date. Monies for these items should be included in the 2024 budget. Barb Amedro is in the initial stages of preparing the new budget. She asked that Board members let her know of any changes that are needed.

Jamie Smith said Carolyn will provide coffee and related items (creamer, cups, straws, etc.) for \$1/person for the Member/Guest tournament in December. Originally, Carolyn offered \$4/person, but Jamie negotiated, and it was reduced to \$1/person.

Overseeding and course closure. Ironwood will close on Monday, September 25th for overseed and reopen Monday, October 16th - cart-path only. The remodeled Pro Shop is planning an open house on Sunday, October 15th. The first day of ILGA league golf after overseeding will be October 19th (150 yards in).

Tournament Chair Report. Leslie Smith reported that the luncheon for the low-net tournament will be held November 16th after the second week of play. Jamie Smith will be organizing the food for the luncheon.

A few members report that they are not receiving e-mails, i.e. Ruddy, McCarthy and Weber. Linda Thrash will change the email information in Golf Genius. There is some disconnect on why e-mail addresses for the member roster and those in Golf Genius are not always in sync. GHIN feeds the roster, but it is unclear what action can be done to get a complete download of refreshed email addresses for all members.

Leslie Smith said there will be proxies on all Par 3's for the remainder of the year, except for the 150 yards in (October 19th) and Member/Guest (December 7th). She will update the 2023 Game Schedule to reflect these changes.

2024 ILGA Calendar. Sue Pederson asked if there were any questions or discussion about the 2024 Calendar. The first luncheon will be February 29th after the Sadie Hawkins Blind Date game of the day. Leslie Smith said the game will be a combined Stableford, with a 9 a.m. shotgun start, followed by a

luncheon. Sue Pederson said the winners of the Club Championship (played on Jan 25th; Feb 1st and Feb 8th) will be announced at the February 29th luncheon.

MJ Boscombe reported that the Home & Home luncheon will be January 4th. Jamie is making the arrangements for the luncheon.

Sue Pederson provided an update on the December 7th Member/Guest tournament. The theme is "Cowgirl Christmas." Judi Walker is in charge and Tammy Bailey is assisting with prizes. Judi is still determining how participants will pay if they use punch cards or are nonmembers. Cost is \$130 total for a member and her guest. Jamie Smith said Giggle Golf items have been ordered and the menu for the luncheon has been approved. It will cost \$25/person as costs have increased. Luncheon will include pulled chicken or beef; baked beans, potato salad, and a brownie. MJ Boscombe reported that there is \$115 in unclaimed gift card funds for guests from two years ago. She plans to add these funds to the Member/Guest budget since prizes are now paid in cash vs. gift cards.

Lunch and Social Events. Jamie Smith reported that she is working on the November luncheon. She is also refreshing the bulletin board in the computer room.

Membership. Betty Lauer said there has been no change in memberships, currently 175 members. 2024 Membership Instructions are on the ILGA website. Registration will be available starting October 4, 2023 on the AGA's www.azgolf.org website. Membership dues are increasing \$10 (\$125 total) and a handicap-only membership is increasing \$5 (\$65). AGA is not offering an early renewal discount for 2024.

AGA. Nothing to report this meeting.

Website News and Name Tags. Ann Gavin informed the Board that we should keep using the ILGA website until our new one is up and running. The training that was offered through AGA was not helpful. Ann, Linda Thrash and Dennis will be receiving training from AGA's Anj Brown this Friday on the new website, and Board members will be trained, as needed once the website is up and running.

Ann has put in an initial order for 10-12 name tags to review before mass ordering. Name tags have a blue background, white lettering, bold print and include ILGA under the person's name. They will have a magnetic back (unless a member is unable to wear the magnet) and cost \$10 each, payable by check to ILGA. Ann's contact person does orders on Tuesday, so Ann anticipates putting the ILGA order together on Mondays to meet the Tuesday deadline. There is no definite timeframe on when members will be able to order the name tags.

Ringers and Birdies/Holes in One. Sue Olson reported there were two holes-in-one recently, Glo Malmberg and Kelley Wojack. \$100 checks and AGA Hole-in-One Certificates were given to them. Session 2 Birdies and Ringers winners were identified, and dollars are being distributed to winners at league play dates. There are 47 players who paid to participate in the Session 3 Ringers Tournament.

The Board discussed raising the fee for Ringers participants to \$5 per session or \$15 for the year in 2024 and increasing the budget for Birdie payouts to \$150 per session to allow more payouts. All agreed this was reasonable. MJ Boscombe moved that the cost per Ringers session be raised from \$2 to \$5. Betty Lauer seconded it. Motion carried. Sue Pederson moved that we raise the Birdie payouts from \$125 to \$150 per session for 2024. This will equate to \$30/flight for payouts vs. \$25/flight previously. MJ Boscombe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pairings. BJ Schuller wants to transition out of Pairings Chair. Debbie Flinn and Ladonna Wheat have expressed interest in learning the process so will be working with BJ, Barb Amedro, Judy Darnell and MJ Boscombe on pairings.

Summer League. MJ Boscombe reported that Summer League was good this summer. Everyone did a nice job. It was very hot and in retrospect, MJ said they could have possibly shortened the days to “9 and dine” or 15 holes. This is something to consider for future summer league play.

Battle of the Valley Flyer. Sue Pederson presented the Battle of the Valley Flyer. ILGA has been invited to participate in this team event which runs from November-January and consists of 6 matches. The Board discussed the yardage and maximum handicap requirements. All agreed it would be difficult to field a team, particularly since the matches are during a busy league time for ILGA and coincide with travel team commitments. Sue Pederson moved that ILGA decline the invitation. Linda Thrash seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Team Play. Judy Kirschenbaum was not at the meeting. Sue Pederson reported that Judy has ordered the team shirts. Team play at Ironwood will be Thursday, November 30th and Thursday, January 11th.

2024 Officers – Nomination Committee News. Peggy Cooper heads the Nominating Committee. Sue Pederson said current nominees are MJ Boscombe, President; Jamie Smith, Vice President; Linda Jones, Secretary; Barb Amedro, Treasurer. MJ Boscombe reminded the Board that the notice for election of officers needs to be posted a minimum of 30 days before the November 16th election date, which is the second day of the low net tournament. The notice should be posted around October 15th. Sue Pederson stated installation of officers will be on December 14th between the morning and afternoon shotgun starts for league play.

Some committee chairs are retiring or transitioning out of their positions in 2024. Linda Thrash, AGA (Sue Pederson may assume this role.); BJ Schuller, Pairings; Betty Lauer, Membership/Handicap (Transition to Ann). All other Committee Chairs will remain in place for 2024.

New Business/Discussion.

Leslie Smith stated later tee times for morning and afternoon shot gun starts will begin October 19th after the overseeding. Morning tee times will transition to 9 a.m., unless it is too hot. Grill on the Green opens at 11 a.m. so will be available after the morning rounds are complete.

Betty Lauer asked about the status of the Newsletter that had been discussed at an earlier meeting. MJ Boscombe volunteered to create a Newsletter.

BJ Schuller organized a pizza party for the grounds keepers at both Ironwood and Oakwood a few weeks ago. It was well received. Everyone agreed that grounds keepers should be thanked and recognized when the opportunity arises during league play or otherwise. They do a great job.

Sue Pederson told the Board that a memorial service for ILGA member Diane Coughlin, who tragically lost her life in a car accident this summer, will be held on November 18th. ILGA will provide a donation to charity in Diane’s name. Sue Pederson will find out the name of a charity from her family or friends. BJ Schuller moved that ILGA provide a donation in Diane’s memory. MJ Boscombe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

No further business. Linda Thrash moved to adjourn the meeting. Leslie Smith seconded. The Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m. The next Board meeting will be October 16, 2023.

Submitted by: Sue Olson – Acting Secretary