

Mountain View/Preserve Lady Niners Board Meeting Minutes – May 7, 2024

Marcy Tixier called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

Present for this meeting: Louise Bidwell, Helen Biggs, Barbara Bloch, Deb Bunker, Marla Butcher, Jo Carter, Raye Cobb, Mary Cummins, Joyce Deutsch, Diann Klousiadis, Charlene Leach, Kathy Schoenwetter, Rita Smith, Eileen Snearly, Marcy Tixier, Kay Tomaszek, Sue Wilson.

Guests: none

- Marcy took a minute to share the beautiful crystal State Medallion trophy that was given to Maria Miller and herself by AZ golf, for winning the state medallion.

Minutes:

- The minutes of the March MPLN Board Meeting were reviewed, and there was one correction. Wanda Brown did not play with Helen under partner for par – it was Moira Morris.
- Rita moved, Helen seconded to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report: – Jo Carter.

- Balance was \$17,013.36 at 3/31/2024. Income for 04/2024 was \$480.00. Expenses were \$1,200.66 which left an ending balance 4/30/2024 of \$16,292.70. Paid out 2 Hole in Ones.
- Kay was surprised money was a check given to her and not in her golf account. Money comes from sponsors.
- Deb B motioned to approve. Helen seconded.

Old Business:

Tee Shirts – Rita

- Saga continues. Rita had spoken to Mike. Mike said t shirts should be coming anytime. Greg Norman had suspended the golf account due to personal invoices by 2 staff members. This has been taken care of and the balance is paid off. We should have an update soon.
- Money for shirts is in our treasury.

Standing Rules Subcommittee: Rita

- Kudos to Rita and committee for doing an excellent job.
- Committee had to look at what was there as well as what needed to be added.
- 16 pages to review. Members need to take policies that are already written and compare it to the new rules document. Board members will need a few months to look it over.
- August will be the month for Board input and discussion. If you are a snowbird and leave, please get info to Rita before the August meeting (if you will not be back in August.)

Webmaster subcommittee –Joyce S., Kathy Schoenwetter

- Kathy and Joyce S will continue to meet.
- They have looked it over, however the system did an update and some information was lost. That has been fixed. Looking at the AGA website, it is user friendly, however it mostly takes you to links – so a lot of point and click and not as pretty.
- Joyce S. has found a man through the library system who is knowledgeable and had some information that could be of value. She will continue to investigate that option.
- The financials are also being needed to look at.
- A third person is also needed on the team.
- The committee needs to compare the website now, to AGA to what the library system has.

Local rules review – Kay

- Sprinkle issue – had been clarified last meeting.
- Most recent local rules were published Feb 2022 or early 2023.
- Kay will review local rules.
- Marcy will include local rules in next niner notes

Recruiting new members – Sue, Char, Helen

- Club cannot put anything on walls. A new bright green slip has been put in our black box and has Rita's phone number and email. It is easy to spot.
- Mike did say there are flyers in the drawer in the Pro Shop. He will train staff better so that his staff knows they are there and can be passed out. When people come into the Pro Shop and ask about Ladies Golf in Saddlebrooke.

New Business:

Bring A Friend/Bee a Friend Update:

- 44 people are playing golf. 25 are Lady Niners, 19 are invited friends. 7 will be Brunch only.
- The course will be modified.
- Check in will be in Room 1 next to the Pro Shop at the Preserve. That room is available 6:45-9:45 AM morning of the event.
- Marcy will send out one more notice so everyone knows where to check in.
- It should be a nice event with a good brunch afterwards at 10:00 at Mountain View Ballroom.

Holly Jolly Update: Joyce S. / Char

- June 20th 2d meeting
- Snowman theme
- Next meeting is at Charlene's house
- Anyone wanting to help can join in.

June and July board meetings- Marcy

- Last year June and July, no board meeting was held.
- Deb stated anything that needed mentioning – Marcy could send out in Niner Notes.
- No meeting in June and July.

Committees:

Pairings-Caryl, Deb, Becky, Maria, Raye, Linda M –

- Everything is fine. Becky reported out.

AGA Liaison – Helen

- Helen got Charlene Leach's AGA certificate will be presented at Bee a Friend. (for Hole in One)
- Thank you to Pairings who got info to Helen.
- Medals were ordered. Helen requested to mail them in November as she won't be here.
- Arizona Golf Association sent a survey to all. Trying to collect info on participation in AGA tournaments. Please fill it out if you got it. Hoping to get more events closer to Tucson and more 9 hole events.
- Helen gave them suggestions.
- Next event: Aug 3rd, 2024 SEWAILO Golf course - \$124 men and women if anyone wants info or going it is the one and only event in Tucson to participate in. Go to AGA website to sign up.

Webmaster – Joyce S, Kathy S., Linda R.

- Nothing else to add

Outside Invitational's – Mary

- 2 save the dates for next year.
- Ranch = April 15, 2025
- Views – April 3, 2025
- Mary is reluctant to bring up the invitational in Flagstaff Az. They sent us information. \$145. Don't know if there is an interest.
- 21 people signed up for Invitationals. Most at annual meeting, others first board meeting in January. Invitationals are first come and if too many sign up a drawing is held.

Social – Diann

- Bee a Friend is going well. Brunch will be served.

Publicity – Eileen

- All Holes in one stories have been submitted.
- Will check on status.

Partners for Par – Mary

- Wanda Brown has still not played.

Par/Ringer Board – Barbara

- Nothing to report

Membership- Rita

- 4 or 5 ladies who are participating in Bee a Friend, might be interested in become members.
- We need someone to mentor with Rita.

Sponsors and Signs – Jo

- Nothing to report

Handicaps – Louise and Maria

- Marla will be leaving. Louise will give out pins etc while Marla is away.
- If we want the handicap report, Louise will send it out as requested. It is updated bi-monthly.
- Webmaster will not have handicaps on website anymore.

Rules – Kay/Sue W

- Mike mentioned he would like the Niners to play to take no more than 2 hours.
- Helen stated, maybe teams of 3. Kay stated that takes up more tee times.
- Some groups end up with men hitting into the group. Mike suggested he wants players to play faster. Often there are outside players groups of 3 who then want groups of 4 to go faster.
- Residents do have priority.
- We need outside play for the bottom line however we need that extra 15 minutes to finish.
- Helen also heard a difference of where to place the rakes. They belong in the sand trap parallel to the green. Today Mike stated rakes go outside the sand trap parallel to the sand trap according to AGA rules. Marcy will clarify and put in Niner Notes.
- Char mentioned: slowness has been mentioned many times. Char does not think we can get to 2 hours. We need to have a conversation with Mike and tell him, 2 hours and 15 minutes is the best we can do now. Not everyone plays consistently, every week. An open conversation with Mike to discuss this is needed.
- People who historically play slower should be in groups of 3 and placed at the back.
- We do play ready golf. It is ok to hit out of turn and putt out of turn to keep pace of play.
- Lost ball limit to 3 minutes for looking.

Open discussion:

- Marcy: Rating of MV will need to wait. Can't do it before opening date due to heavy equipment. Rating will come out June 12, 2024. Our handicaps will be affected.
- Kind suggestions about Club Championship. We changed the play for more inclusivity however we didn't recognize the top 5. Maybe adjusting the way we do it so people who have worked hard also get recognized. Club Championship and Presidents Cup.
- Kathy S stated it seemed anticlimactic that only Diann M name was announced and no one else.
- Kathy mentioned she has played 2 weeks of straight golf, no games, and top 3 in each flight are then seen by all. Maybe low gross for one and low net for the other. And announce 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Several agreed it was anticlimactic for just one winner.
- Mary stated one of the reasons we did it this way this year was because it allowed more people to play. That was the main reason why it was changed.
- Sue W. stated we liked what happened this year; however add more names for 2nd and 3rd place of each flight.
- Rita said monies come from sponsorships. Monies are there as flights are normally paid out anyway. Many sign up for Follow the Field, instead of championships.
- Kay asked if golfing 2 weeks, instead of 2 days in a row was that better. Play with the same people, and play the second day. The murmur in the room was yes that was better.
- More recognition seems to be the main concern.
- Barbara stated more recognition is easy to do. Pres Cup is net game. Play 2 games differently and see what most decide they like best. Policy still says Pres Cup and Follow the field go together.
- Discussion in August
- Kay: how is Ace of the Month going? Going well. 2 new people won.
- Rita: renamed to Pairings Team need bylaws change. Also a support position for Partner or Par. Will Need a vote in Nov.
- FYI: Sue w – some people are not feeling that welcome in our league. Let's remember to make them feel that we want them there. A smile, a hi, or friendly conversation helps.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:19pm

Deb Bunker motioned and Helen B seconded.

Next Board Meeting will be August 13, 2024, 1 pm.

Submitted by Joyce Deutsch,
MPLN Secretary