

Papago Women's Golf Association

Minutes for General Meeting – December 6, 2023



Welcome - Sally Coffin

Sally introduced the board of directors to the membership.

First Tee Program - Kaitlynn Criswell, First Tee Site Coordinator

Kaitlynn introduced the First Tee Phoenix to the membership. First Tee is looking to grow its membership – children aged 8-18. You can drop off equipment, golf clothing at Papago for the First Tee. If you're interested in volunteering as a coach or getting involved, please contact Kaitlynn. info@firstteephoenix.org

Papago Update – Daryl Crawford

Daryl reiterated his support and passion for the First Tee program. He requested feedback on course conditions. He shared that Papago is still in mode of taking out more turf – the target is 90 acres of grass. Thus, 20 acres to go.

He mentioned that they moved the 18th hole to make room for the Golf House, which will be the culmination of the Papago improvements. The Golf House will serve the state and local golf associations. Construction should begin in the spring and take about a year to complete.

When asked about the short game area, Daryl said that there are plans on the drawing board for an improved short game area – the location is to be determined.

Daryl expressed his desire for us to have great days/games here at Papago. He's open to input. Feel free to contact him directly.

Membership Update- Betsy Owen

Betsy informed the group that we have 26 brand new members and a total of 161 members. The renewal process went very well. (yay!) The auto renew process via the AGA is OFF. Next October members will renew again.

We are allocated 60 spots for play of the day and 68 for tournaments. Don't dilly dally when the announcement comes out for sign ups.

Introduction of our New Treasurer/Treasury Update - Sally Coffin/Dee Dee Ireland

Sally reported that we're in great financial shape. We continue to monitor payouts. We have a detailed budget and if you'd like to see a copy you can, simply email Sally.

PWGA Policies

- No Shows – Maureen Little
Because the membership is strong, it's important to be respectful of the sign up process, including communicating should you are unable to play. Tee Time Helper closes 7am 2 days prior to the day of play, at which time the event will be locked. If you register to play and find yourself unable to play, text Maureen (include your name) so that she can invite the next person on the wait list to play.
- If you don't turn in your score card, it registers as though you didn't show up. Please turn in your scorecard
- New no show policy:
 - After first no show, email notice
 - After second no show, another communication
 - After a 3rd no show by the same member, that member will not receive play day invitations for 4 weeks.
- Local Rules – Karen Pulz
 - No desert rule here at Papago. Play hard.
 - When your ball is in the desert, you may not sweep loose impediments out of the way. You may pick them up to move them. Under the rules of golf - sand and loose soil are not loose impediments. Papago desert example: If you wish to remove rocks surrounding your ball in the desert do so by carefully picking up the rocks only. If your ball moves doing this, it is a one stroke penalty and your ball must be replaced.”
 - Loose impediments may be moved in a penalty area and in a sand bunker. If it's growing, you may not remove it.
 - Help each other out when out of position, rake bunkers for a playing partner, play ready golf.
 - If you think your ball is lost or OB hit a provisional. You may not hit a provisional when your ball is in penalty area.
 - We have 5 local Rules that do not appear on the scorecard. You can find them on our [About Papago \(azgolf.org\)](http://azgolf.org) (attached to the minutes)
 - Piles of sand on 18 – you may take relief if your ball is in it (not beside it)
- Pace of Play – Doris Thompson
We have more focus on pace of play this year. PWGA sent out a list of suggestions for ways to keep up a great pace of play. Keep up with the

group ahead, not ahead of the group behind. Suggestion from Karen for cart riders – hit your ball and get in the cart (with your club).

Team Updates – Doris Thompson

Papago participates in two Team Play leagues, Valley Team (lower handicaps) & East Valley Team (higher handicaps). If you are interested in participating, please contact Sally Chambliss or Linda Pizza for East Valley and Doris Thompson or Pier Flemming for Valley.

Opens – All

State Medallion - Maria shared that there is a different commemorative medallion every year.

Sign ups for weekly play are one week before play day. The email goes out around 4pm. Sign Ups for tournaments go out 2 weeks in advance.

Debbie Waitkus thanked those who “shopped” in the Golf It Forward auction that ended this past Saturday. The auction raised enough money to support two Marilyn Smith Scholarships. The annual Marilyn Smith Pro-Am will be at Gainey Ranch on Monday, April 29th followed by the Arizona Women’s Senior Open (partner event) on April 30 & May 1. The scholarship portal is open through January 31st. Please share with the female high school seniors in your life – at least 25 scholarships will be awarded for incoming freshman in the fall. Find out more about the Pro-Am/Senior Open and the scholarships at www.GolfitForward.org.

Eclectic Winners - Jennifer Gustafson/Karen Mahoney
Results to come.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Waitkus