

**WOMEN'S SOUTHERN NEVADA GOLF ASSOCIATION
REGULAR MEETING
January 9, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Women's Southern Nevada Golf Association (WSNGA) was held on January 9, 2023 at the Las Vegas National Golf Club. President, Rusty Beckel called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. Delegates from all associations were either physically present or by proxy.

Agenda

President's Report: "Rusty" Beckel

Approval of Minutes

Treasurer Report: Sandy Jenkins

Secretary Report: Monica Kaili

Tournament Director(s) Report: Liz Bridge and Sherry Jackson

Vice President Report: Tracey Blake

Team Play: Nancy Lauback

Committee Reports:

- SNGA Report: Ann Sunstrum / Kat Marks
- Rules: Sue May
- Handicap: Deanna Imboden
- Silver Cup Team Captains: Christine Soscia, Regina Quintero
- Golf Genius Website Updates: Sandy Barletta

Old Business

- Standing Rules Changes

New Business:

- Associate Members Representative
- Expanded Tournament Committee Concept

Next Meeting:

Request Motion to Adjourn

Rusty started the meeting off with the introduction of Barbara Irwin who is a rules official and is a part of Sue May's team. She volunteers for SNGA events as well as WSNGA and State Amateur events. She then mentioned that this was not an election year and the members of the Executive Board and Committee members will remain the same with the addition of Kelly Nelson as Parliamentarian.

Insert: Liz Bridge's Slide presentation that was sent to the delegates.

The presentation included the women's participation rate in Southern NV events as well as everything being presented at this meeting. (Please refer to it if there is any confusion in the minutes) Sherry Jackson inquired into the countrywide participation rate. Unfortunately, it is unknown if there is a National model.

Rusty then asked for the approval of the minutes from the October 2022 minutes. A motion was made by Sherry Jackson and seconded by Ronda Henderson. After a vote, the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report-Sandy Jenkins reported on the Profit and Loss statement and the Balances in our accounts (please see the slide presentation for statements) and that the 2023 Draft Budget has not yet been finalized. Once it has been, it will be sent to the delegates. Rusty explained that the delay is due to the uncertainty of whether we will receive our yearly funding from SNGA. There is no reason to think that we will not receive the funds but it is dependent on their budget. Until we are certain, Rusty did not want to present the Draft Budget.

Secretary Report-Monica Kaili mentioned that she has still not received several associations' 2023 Officer Lists. Her new email distribution list is being updated but it is dependent on receiving the names of your new delegates. Unfortunately, 2022 delegates who may not be your 2023 delegate will still continue to receive her emails. In effect, your **2022** Officer List will be included in the **2023** booklet if not received by print date (that's usually a week before the next meeting). She will send your update separately to the delegates to add to their records..

Tournament Directors-Liz Bridge started with her Fun Days report and emphasized they have been a comfortable entry point for High Handicappers or those without a HC. Low handicappers enjoyed them too and there were several first time event players. The participants were especially pleased with the pace of play-the Fun Day at Eagle Crest last July was right at the 3 hour mark! Liz thanked SNGA for the funds to allow WSNGA to provide goodie bags at these events. The first Fun Day for 2023 will be held at Dragon Ridge CC on February 20th. The entry forms have since been sent. (to date this event is already full)

Updates on State and Southern NV Events- First, plans are in place to provide more information on Silver Cup to be added to the website. Second, the State Association has yet to vote to combine the State Am with the State Sr Am. With the help of Kat and Ann we are hoping that this will be settled soon. If the vote is yes, then we will hold a So. NV Sr Am in the South. If the State Sr is held in the South then we will not hold a So NV Sr Sherry reiterated that our Amateur events are hurting for participation and hopefully we will know by the end of January what the outcome of the vote is There is a possibility that The State Sr will be rotate every 2 years in the South and 1 year in the North instead of swapping every other year. She also reminded us that for the first 19 years, the State Am and the State Sr were combined until some participants wanted to be able compete for both. However, playing from different tee boxes made that impossible.

Liz continued by discussing the Citywide Invitationals that our member associations hold annually. To date, there are 11 on the books out of the 23 associations and are very popular! She has made herself available to any association who would like assistance in setting up their tournaments using Golf Genius.

Vice President-Tracey Blake had nothing to report at this time.

Team Play-Nancy Lauback stated that there will be a Captains meeting to immediately follow this meeting today. She announced her Co-Coordinator (Red Division) as Monica Kaili and Sherry Jackson to assist with the Golf Genius side for scoring and set up. She mentioned that Mountain Falls has been added for a total of 19 teams again. The season will run from January 30th to May 23rd with the Playoffs and Team Play party to follow shortly after May 23rd. As of today, there is a conflict with the Playoffs and the State Partners but she is currently working to resolve the conflict. Lastly, there will once again be two divisions-Red and Blue.

SNGA Representative-Kat Marks reported on the Tournament of Champions scheduled for February 6th at Spanish Trail CC. Invites have gone out and if you haven't received one then please reach out to her. This is a "kick-off" for the season and eligible participants -up to 100- come from your field of Gross and Net winners from whatever type of Championships your association holds. State or Southern Nv Am Winners as well as Silver Cup team players (if the team has won) are also eligible. * There is also an Awards Banquet afterwards. Next Kat reported that the details for the City Am, have not yet been finalized but will definitely continue to be a part of City Am week. The dates are tentative for the last week of October or the first week in November. Lastly, Kat would also like your recommendations for people or organizations for their Featured Stories in the SNGA newsletter, your upcoming events and pictures too.

Rules-Sue May reported that there will be some changes for 2023. She and her team will be going to rules school in the next several months. Eventually, seminars in video form will be made available through the WSNGA website.. A new Hard Card (sent to the delegates in a separate email from Secretary MK) with the explanation of the new Animal Dung Rule is now in effect. Please have your members print and keep with them for play at all times. Below is that explanation again.

MODEL LOCAL RULE F-12 HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE HARDCARD

“At the player’s option, dung from geese or other bids may be treated either as:

- **A loose impediment that may be removed under Rule 15.1, or**
- **Ground Under Repair from which relief is allowed under Rule 16.1. Proceed as follows-If your ball sits on top of the dung then Mark, Lift, Clean and drop on on the nearest point of relief. If your ball is not on top of the dung, then treat as Loose Impediment and move the dung.**
- **This relief is available for lie of the ball, area of intended swing but *not stance*.**

Rusty extended her thanks to Sue for her hard work and always being a great representative for WSNGA as well as nationally.

Handicap-Deanna Imboden had nothing to report at this time.

Silver Cup-Regina Qintero and Christine Soscia were not present

Golf Genius Website-Sandy Barletta was not present but Liz reported for her. First, Liz mentioned how to access entry forms on the WSNGA website and how to sign up for events. You can navigate by going to www.SNGA.org then clicking on the Women's tab and scrolling down to Tournaments. On that page you will then click on the Upcoming Events tab which then takes you to a listing of all events. Find the event and then click on View at the top right of each box. You can download and print a flyer from there. Second, Liz mentioned that there is also a Team Play portal in Golf Genius and can be accessed by going to WSNGATeamPlay2023.golfgenius.com. You can access the TP Calendar and once play starts results can be viewed.

Old Business-Rusty reiterated that she is still continuing to work on changing our Standing Rules and Bylaws but the delay is a result of the having to wait for a vote to change the State Association's Bylaws. In conjunction with SNGA and the State Association her hopes and goal is to have a representative from WSNGA to be on that State Board. There has been no conclusion as far as the Bylaws at the SNGA and State level and until that's finalized we cannot move forward with changing our Bylaws and Standing Rules. When the times comes for any changes that may have been voted on, she will rely heavily on our new Parliamentarian, Kelly Nelson and Rules, Sue May to assist with the process of changing our Bylaws for review and an eventual vote by the delegates.

New Business-Communication and Networking is imperative in getting our information out to your members. The website lists all our member clubs with contact and general information and is a good tool for new residents looking for a club to join. Rusty had great example of a lady from Australia who found us through our website. Additionally, the ever updated Events Calendar helps everyone with possible conflicting dates for your tournaments.

Rusty's goals for 2023 include:

- Improve participation in our Championships
- Continue to build diversity through our Fun Days
- Create 'depth of bench' in Team Play tournament volunteers
- Improve website presence
- Update WSNGA Bylaws and Standing Rules
- Expand our 'associate member' reach

Our Bylaws state that an associate member is a woman with a HC who plays golf in Southern Nevada but who is not duly represented by a WSNGA member association. Rusty was contacted by a long time past delegate, Maggie Bowgren who is interested in representing these associate members at some of the ladies groups that she plays in. Maggie suggested that this would be a non-voting role and she would be responsible for distributing our information to these associate members. In effect, this could inspire them to join a member club and eventually to participate in our events. As President, Rusty suggested that she make this appointment and for her and Maggie to define her roles and to eventually add to the Bylaws. A vote will not be taken today but this is a work in progress. A question arose of where do these women play (Durango Hills and LVN) and will Maggie represent ALL associate members and not just the ladies groups she plays in. The general consensus was positive and that it could only help create the additional participation. The question arose of how many women do not know that WSNGA exists and fortunately, the newsletter-FOREWomen and all associate members should be receiving this through email from SNGA. Rusty is going to move forward and will update us at the next meeting. * Lastly, Rusty mentioned that the WSNGA has no structure for the broad array of awards for recognition at the Tournament of Champions Awards Banquet. While the men have 15-16 different awards we give one and it's not awarded on your playing ability. She suggested the creation of a Tournament committee whose job would be to define the type of awards we want to present to recognize our women. If you are interested in being on this committee to please reach out to her.

A motion to adjourn was made by Sue May and seconded by Sandy Jenkins. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 am

The next meeting is scheduled for April 3,2023

Approved: Jan. 25th, 2023