

WSSGL OPENING MEETING
DUXBURY YACHT CLUB
JUNE 4, 2009

President Beth Nightingale called the meeting to order at 2:25 pm. She opened the meeting with comments about the weather, how the rain held off and the sun finally appeared. She asked for a moment of silence for Terry Baker of Scituate who passed away in April. Terry was the Ladies Chairperson from Scituate and a former member of the WSSGL Board.

She hoped that the crowd was not too surprised at her acceptance of a second term as President of the League. The 2009 WSSGL Board was introduced, Diane Fardy (P), Vice-President (present), Sandy Allan (S), Treasurer (present), Marianne Glassanos (Hy) Secretary (absent), Kathy Moody (P) Tournaments (absent), Barbara Chandler (M) Prizes (present), Susan Eno (P) Prizes (absent), Maureen Traverse (W) Publicity & Team Coordinator (present), Deb Annese (M) Historian (present), Carol Neuger (P) Webmaster (absent), and the tournament committee members, Jane Hale (D), Anne McGovern (Hx), Betsey Mitchell (Hy) (absent), Pat West (W) (absent) and Kristen Lilly (C) (absent). Beth spoke of the need for Board volunteers for 2010 as many posts will need to be filled. She went on to thank Jane Hale and her committee for the fine job of organizing today's Opening Field Day and the luncheon that followed. Also thanked were head pro Randy Grills for his help and Carol Neuger for the score cards.

Old Business

Beth hoped all had a chance to review the minutes on their table taken at the 2008 Closing Business Meeting and then asked that a motion be made to waive reading of the minutes. The motion was made, seconded and so voted.

Treasurer Sandy Allan was introduced and reviewed the Treasurer's Report, copies of which were left on each table and one is attached to these minutes. She noted that the report did not include today's tournament entry fees or expenses and our major expenses to date for 2009 were the pink book & captain book printing charges. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to accept the Treasurers report. Sandy also reported that she was in her last term as Treasurer and asked for volunteers to fill her post.

Cathy Moody sent a report reviewing the new "Tournament Policy" which states that no entries will be accepted after the closing entry date of a tournament as the committee needs time to make the final plans for tournaments. Applicants have a full 10 day period in which to get their entries in. Once the tournament roster is done it is too difficult for the committee to make changes. She also requested that the Club Chairs promote the league's events among her players.

Participants were asked to review the League's policies as listed in the Pink Book and on-line at www.WSSGL.com. It is each player's responsibility to know the League's policies and to abide by them. During today's tournament it was learned that a foursome used range finders during play which are prohibited by the League's policies. That foursome was disqualified from the tournament. Please familiarize yourself with the policies to avoid this unfortunate situation in the future.

New Business

Over the winter Denise Royer, Marshfield's Captain, was given the task of forming a committee to review and update Summer Team Rules. Denise was also asked to hold a Captain's meeting to go over all the new rules so all would be on the same page. Marianne Glassanos of Hatherly hosted the meeting at her home. There have been a number of changes made to the rules, please take a minute to familiarize yourself with the latest rules for Team. Thank you to Denise and her committee for their efforts and also to Marianne.

Pace of play continues to be a problem for Team and Tournament play. It is the responsibility of each foursome to keep pace with the group in front of them. Each foursome is urged to police themselves.

There has been a request for a copy of the League's 75th Anniversary History Book as compiled by Deb Annese and the late Carol Burns. If there is enough interest more books could be printed, however a minimum of 10 books would have to be ordered to keep the price reasonable.

There will be a short meeting for Team Captains immediately following today's meeting. If a Captain is not present, Beth requests that a representative from that club attend. The minutes of that meeting are attached.

At this time, there being no more New Business, Beth introduced Barbara Chandler and Dianne Fardy of the Prize committee to award the day's prizes. She thanked them for determining the winners in such a timely manner. The winners of today's tournament are also attached.

The next scheduled event is the Mixed Championship at Halifax on July 16th, 1:30pm shotgun start. Flyers announcing the tournament will be sent to each club shortly. Beth encouraged all to play in this fun event.

Louise Mariani announced that Halifax was also hosting an invitational tournament on the 6th of July. The tournament is a foursome event, the aggregate of one best ball gross and one best ball net. She encouraged all to enter as she expected it to be a fun event. Coincidentally, the tournament is named the "Louise Mariani Open".

Jean Donoghue suggested that perhaps the League could give something back to the community by holding a can goods drive during Opening and Closing Field Days. She thought players could each bring three or four canned or nonperishable foods to be donated to a local food pantry. She volunteered to be in charge of delivering the goods. The suggestion was received very favorably and will be so noted on the poster that goes out for Closing Field Day.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.