

WSSGL
SUMMER BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2008
MARSHFIELD COUNTRY CLUB

Present: Mary Donovan (Scituate), President, Carol Neuger (Plymouth), Webmaster, Sandy Allen (Scituate), Treasurer, Marianne Glassanos (Hatherly), Secretary, Maureen Traverse (Wollaston), Betsy Mitchell (Hatherly), Beth Nightingale (Marshfield), Deb Annese (Marshfield), Ann McGovern (Halifax), Kathy McCarthy (Halifax), Susan Eno (Plymouth), Kathleen Welch (Halifax), Diane Nessralla (Halifax), Jeanne Gismondi (Black Rock), Jo Ann Klepper (Black Rock), Patti Aizenstadt (Indian Pond), Jet St. Laurent (Indian Pond), Susan Souther (Scituate), Anne Dillon (Scituate), Barbara Chandler (Marshfield), Denise Royer (Marshfield), Donna O'Connor (Cohasset), Lorraine Duggan (Cohasset), Kathy Moody (Plymouth)

Absent: Duxbury representatives

Mary Donovan called the meeting to order at 1:45 pm., indicating that the purpose of the meeting was to review the plan for inclusion of Black Rock and Indian Pond as members of the WSSGL. Mary read an opening statement which is attached to these minutes.

Summary of the points of discussion

The first concern raised was that of equity of results from a combined team. The combination of both Indian Pond and Black Rock is a temporary experiment that will eventually result in either both teams fielding individual teams after a trial period or both teams withdrawing from consideration for permanent entry into the WSSGL.

Beth Nightingale (incoming President WSSGL) asked Jo Ann Klepper (Black Rock) what IP/BR saw as their goals. J. Klepper stated the goals were to encourage more women to play golf in the WSSGL team and tournaments and to continue to develop the large number of junior golfers that they have. Hopefully, this window of opportunity as a combined team would help both clubs to develop their current members to eventually become participants on their own respective teams.

Discussion ensued regarding handicaps. Several board members felt that not all individual team scores were being posted and thus, handicaps might be affected. All representatives from IP/BR were not aware that it is usually the team captain's responsibility to post all team match scores, or to at least to ensure that all scores are posted by those players.

There was discussion that it would be most fair if IP/BR team matches were comprised of 7 players from each club (the lowest handicaps) and that if one club could not field 7 players a player might have to play alone or a match may need to be forfeited. J Klepper asked about allowing the higher handicap players who want to play to be allowed to play to encourage them to participate in team. But, each club must follow the rules book and

use their lowest handicap players available. It was decided that for the remainder of the 2008 season that IP/BR would field their teams with 7 players from each team, following the team rules for handicaps and rules for matches with less than the required number of players.

A suggestion was made that to equal out any scoring inequity regarding which course the opposing team plays when playing at IP/BR that in each of the next two years one course is selected for play each year. The IP/BR representatives felt that this might dissuade members from playing if they were not able to play any matches on their home course.

Concern was addressed regarding the extended length of the season and the bye week that is needed. Most members do not prefer the longer season and bye week but do feel that this has been an unusual calendar year and that another year of a trial would give us a better feel for the season. M. Donovan also suggested that by extending the season (when some such as teachers cannot play) might allow others who would like to play team to participate.

Mary summarized much of the discussion by saying that this was a work in progress and that fall discussions would determine how things would progress. At some point there would need to be a vote of the WSSGL membership (those who belong to the women's association at each club). Each club would then have one vote after the voting by their members. This process will need to be developed as we near the completion of the trial period.

At this point it was felt that a motion should be made that the board could vote on so we could proceed with plans for the rest of this season and the 2009 season.

The IP/BR representatives were asked to step out during the discussion of the motion. After discussion a final motion was made by Lorraine Duggan to have IP/BR complete the 2008 season, playing with 7 players from each club, and that the WSSGL would begin the process to work through the team rules fine-tuning that affect the combined team. These areas are: the number of players from each club for weekly team matches, the immediate posting of all scores for handicap purposes, the location of matches, and adhering to team rules as stated in the handbook. At the end of the 2009 playing year the board will reevaluate the feasibility of both Indian Pond and Black Rock continuing to participate as individual teams.

The motion passed. Unfortunately the IP/BR representatives had left. Mary Donovan will contact them with this information.

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Discussion will be needed regarding which scores should be posted as tournament scores. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

Mary Donovan reminded everyone that speed of play has been a problem in some team matches and encouraged all to keep pace. Also, she has had some complaints regarding behavior during team matches and asked that everyone try to improve upon this.

Maureen Traverse (Wollaston) raised a suggestion that we might consider decreasing the current size of team from 12 to 10. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

Mary reminded people that we are still in need of a Vice President for next year. Also, if anyone is intending to resign their current board positions please try to find a replacement for that position and please inform Mary of your plans.

Meeting adjourned 3:45 pm
Respectfully submitted,
Marianne Glassanos, Secretary