

WSSGL FALL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2010
PLYMOUTH COUNTRY CLUB

Present: Diane Fardy (Plymouth), President, Susan Eno (Plymouth), Treasurer, Marla Minier (Hatherly), Acting Secretary, Mary Donovan (Scituate) Webmaster, Anne McGovern (Halifax), Aurella Levesque (Halifax), Anne Adrien (Wollaston), Jean Donoghue (Marshfield), Susan MacDonald (Marshfield), Deb Annese (Marshfield), Beth Nightingale (Scituate), Debby Drain (Duxbury), Ayres Thompson (Duxbury), Mary Ann Ward (Cohasset), Lisa Borger (Cohasset), Diane Taylor (Cohasset)

Diane Fardy called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. She announced that the League sent a check to First Tee in remembrance of Nancy Black and Helen Schug. A note of acknowledgement was received from First Tee.

Sheets were sent around for attendance and to update the list of Executive, Club Chairmen, and Team Captains.

OLD BUSINESS

Susan Eno presented the Treasurer's Report. She is still waiting for the remainder of the prize chits to be sent by the club professionals. Most have been sent but some are still outstanding. The deadline is November 30. The report was accepted.

The minutes of the Spring Meeting were presented and accepted.

Diane Fardy announced that the League made a slight profit on each tournament this year. The Boros made extra money because it lost money the year before and the tournament chair was cautious about expenses.

There was a discussion about the Bramble format for Opening Day. How should the league handle threesomes when someone cancels at the last minute? Threesomes tend to win, which is not always fair. Most players seem to like the Bramble format which allows more play than a Scramble.

The Mixed Scotch was not scheduled again this year. Perhaps Scituate could hold it on a Friday this year, maybe during 4-Ball week.

The cost of the Four-Ball prize pitchers should come out of the prize budget for the tournament. This would necessitate less pay-out in chits. Entry forms for all tournaments should include Club and GHIN numbers, both on the website and in the Pink Book.

Mary Donovan, new webmaster, will be very strict about entry deadlines.

A discussion was held about the new format for the Boros. The reason for the change was to increase the diversity of the winning teams. Despite the change, all prizes went to three teams. Payout was more representative with the former format when winning foursomes came from a greater variety of clubs. Teams without gross players are handicapped in this tournament, but it is still popular because it is a fun and historical tournament. We need to find a format to meet the needs of all of the clubs. This will be revisited in January.

Food Bank collections will be held at only one tournament – the Four Ball.

Slow play continues to be an issue. Time limits for team play were discussed but not supported. Captains are encouraged to stress pace of play and picking up balls when players are out of the hole.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussions were held regarding issues brought up at the Closing Field Day meeting. Despite a few clubs having difficulty fielding full teams, there was a consensus to maintain 7 teams for each team match.

A motion was made by M. Donovan to reconfirm the rule that team players take a cart for all matches. It was reiterated that the use of carts is a courtesy to the host club and has an effect on the pace of play. The motion was accepted.

Packets prepared by Louise Mariani were handed to each club in support of changing to 100% handicaps for all tournaments and team play. After discussion, consensus was to maintain the 85% rule.

When cancelling a team match, make sure that you speak to a live person. Do not leave a message. This will avoid any confusion.

Proposed schedules for the 2011 season were looked at. It was decided to move the Four – Ball to August 15, 16 instead of August 22, 23. The tournament hopefully will be played at Duxbury and Plymouth. Week 7 matches will be moved to the week of August 25 and the rain date Thursday will be August 18. It was hoped to have the rain date at the end of the season.

The next meeting will be held on January 26 at Plymouth Country Club.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Minier