

WSSGL FALL MEETING (Amended minutes)
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2011
SCITUATE COUNTRY CLUB

Present: Pam Winters, President (Scituate), Ellen Grandfield, Vice President (Hatherly), Marla Minier, Secretary (Hatherly), Anne Dillon, Treasurer (Scituate), Mary Donovan, Website Coordinator (Plymouth), Victoria Hurley, Tournament Chair (Cohasset), Deb Annese, Historian (Marshfield), Diane Fardy (Plymouth), Anne McGovern (Halifax), Barbara Cleaves (Scituate), Beth Nightingale (Scituate), Jane Gould (Scituate), Anne Adrian (Wollaston), Pat West (Wollaston), Pam Mansbach (Wollaston), Kathy Offen (Hatherly), Susan Cook (Hatherly), Jane Goodwin (Plymouth), Marcia Bailey (Plymouth), Ayres Thompson (Duxbury), Dianne Taylor (Cohasset), Many Ann Ward (Cohasset), Denise Royer (Marshfield)

Pam Winters called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm.

Pam Winters introduced the new members of the WSSGL board: Ellen Grandfield, Vice-President; Marla Minier, Secretary; Anne Dillon, Treasurer; and Victoria Hurley, Tournament Chair.

Marla Minier read the minutes from Closing Day. It was mentioned that minutes from the spring meeting should have been read. Those minutes were also read. The minutes were accepted.

Anne Dillon presented the treasurer's report with the assistance of Susan Eno, former treasurer. The balance in the treasury is higher than necessary. This will be discussed under Old Business. The report was accepted.

Tournament Report – Pam Winters, former tournament chair reported that this season pros printed our scorecards for all tournaments except for Opening Day. Previously, WSSGL board members printed out the scorecards, which is a labor-intensive process. The TPP system is complicated to learn, but the pros use it all the time, so it is less time consuming for them to use the system. Discussion ensued.

OLD BUSINESS

Handicaps for Team Play

Louise Mariani, not present, has proposed returning to 100% handicaps for team play. According to research by the USGA, handicaps for four-ball match play should be 100%.

Beth Nightingale made a motion to change the handicap percentage used for summer team from the current 85% to 100%, as recommended by the USGA for 4-ball match play. Discussion ensued. The motion passed 12 to 10.

Bank Balance

As Stated in the treasurer's report, the WSSGL has a high bank balance. There are several reasons for the surplus:

1. Tournaments have been making about \$1,000/yr
2. Unused chits have been about \$500/yr
3. We no longer donate unspent chit money to junior golf.
4. We no longer sponsor a junior golf tournament.

Suggestions to remedy the situation are as follows: lower club dues, lower entry fees, contribute to charity, and increase tips for pros (delete this - was not one of the reasons for big balance). After discussion, it was decided to table the issue until January.

Wollaston Summer Team

Pamela Mansbach stated that Wollaston would again be unable to field a full team of 14 players next season. She made a motion to reduce team play from 14 players comprising 7 teams to 12 players for 6 teams. After a lengthy discussion, the vote failed 3 to 19.

Discussion continued about how to maintain Wollaston in the WSSGL. Suggestions were as follows:

1. When other clubs compete against Wollaston, the field would be reduced to 12 players comprising 6 teams, traditional match play, similar to the 2011 season.
2. Each club would have 7 teams. Most teams would consist of 2 players competing against 2 players from the opposing club. Some matches could be single player teams, similar to spring team. The players involved in the one-person team would be at the discretion of the captains. This way, there would be a consistent 126 points for each match.
3. When a leave of absence was suggested, the Wollaston representatives felt that they would never return to the league.

Mary Donovan made a motion to table the issue until the January meeting. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Pro Tips

Pam Winters suggested that the pros should make the scorecards and cart signs for the tournament they are hosting, if they are able to do so, and be tipped more for this work. They are more familiar with the GHIN system because they use it all of the time for their own club tournaments. If a pro is unable to produce the printing, then a WSSGL representative will be responsible for cards and cart signs.

Ellen Grandfield made a motion to increase the pro tips to \$200 if they handle the printing and scoring for the tournament. Also, the 2 pros who printed score cards this year, Plymouth and Cohasset, will receive a retroactive \$100 additional tip.

GPS sportsmanship

Team members are encouraged to share information on GPS devices. This is good sportsmanship. Team captains were asked to convey the message to all team members.

Proposed Team/Tournament schedule

The four-ball was moved to a week earlier due to the Keyes Cup being played at Marshfield CC on August 13 and 14. Marshfield also has a bye this year in the WSSGL tournament schedule as they haven't had one in over 10 years.

Team captains and chairs were asked to check with their golf committees to get approval for the proposed schedule.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Minier