

WSSGL
FALL MEETING
TUESDAY OCTOBER 30, 2007
SCITUATE COUNTRY CLUB

Present: Mary Donovan, Susan Souther, Donna Rapa, Patti Aizenstadt, Sandy Allen, Carol Neuger, Pam Winters, Anne Adrien, Jeanne Murphy, Betsy Mitchell, Ellen Grandfield, Marianne Glassanos, Terry Baker, Deb Annese, Denise Royer, Sharon MacAllister, Kathy McCarthy, Diane Fardy, Susan Eno, Kathy Moody, Diane Nessralla, Gini Johnson

Mary Donovan, League President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Mary introduced Donna Rapa and Patti Aizenstadt (representatives from Indian Pond and Black Rock).

Old Business

A motion was made and passed to waive the reading of the Secretary's report of the August 23, 2007 meeting written by Betsy Mitchell, in Marianne Glassanos' absence. Report accepted as written.

Sandy Allen distributed copies of the financial report. There is still \$749 in unredeemed chits from tournaments which will revert to the fund as of Nov 1 if unclaimed. Balance as of 10/29/07 is \$1,380.45. Report accepted as written.

Tournament chair Kathy Moody distributed her report that compiled player turnout from each club for the all of the tournaments with comparisons to previous years. All tournaments this year were on target for cost. Cost for tournaments for 2008 is expected to remain the same. Kathy distributed tournament sheets for 2008 to those clubs hosting an event and requested they be returned by Jan 1.

Discussion of hole markers was tabled.

New Business

The decision was made to follow the WGAM guidelines in regard to use of GPS devices. Devices will not be allowed during any matches or tournaments. This will be added to the pink book for 2008.

Any changes to the information in the pink book should be submitted to Carol Neuger, Beth Nightengale or Mary Donovan as soon as possible. Carol would like to include club chairs and team captains on the WSSGL website. She encouraged all players to use the website.

Mary asked for feedback regarding the Bramble format for opening day and whether this format should be continued next year. This was approved by vote and will be the format used.

Mary asked for feedback regarding the size of teams for next year since several clubs had problems fielding 14 players each week. It was suggested that the handicap index might need to be lowered to encourage higher handicap players to play if needed. Most clubs felt that the team size should remain unchanged. Chairpersons were asked to elicit feedback from their members about this and it will be readdressed at the January meeting.

Mary led a spirited discussion regarding the participation of clubs in events other than team. Discussion evolved around possible reasons for decreased participation (too many events, more members working, declining numbers of women golfers at various clubs). There was some discussion about the possibility of eliminating or continuing to decrease the number of tournaments that are held each year. Mary encouraged everyone to do their best to get women to play in these tournaments.

Mary spoke at length about the need to recruit a Vice President and President for next year when her term expires. She suggested assigning clubs on a rotating basis to provide the leadership. There was some lively discussion about this option since it is very difficult for most clubs to get members to volunteer. Another suggestion was a nominating committee. Diane Nessralla, Terry Baker, Gini Johnson, Denise Royer and Deb Annese volunteered to form a nominating committee. They will invite past presidents to participate on this committee.

Mary discussed proposed tentative schedule dates for next year's tournaments and events. She distributed a calendar and we will revise this at the January meeting. The Mixed Scotch will be held at Indian Pond on Sunday, July 27 to hopefully encourage a large turnout.

Mary proposed that the Four Ball tournament be renamed in honor of WSSGL members of distinction. She suggested several names and would like people to get feedback and discuss at the January meeting.

Next meeting, Jan 8, 2008 at 7pm at Scitutate Country Club.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm
Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Glassanos, Secretary