

WSSGL SUMMER MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPT. 1, 2009  
SCITUATE COUNTRY CLUB

Present: Beth Nightingale (Marshfield), President, Diane Fardy (Plymouth), Vice President, Marianne Glassanos (Hatherly), Secretary, Sandy Allan (Scituate), Treasurer, Carol Neuger (Plymouth), Kristin Lilly (Cohasset), Debby Drain (Duxbury), Barbara Chandler (Marshfield), Marylou Lawrence (Cohasset), Susan Eno (Plymouth), Anne Dillon (Scituate), Anne McGovern (Halifax), Susan MacDonald (Marshfield), Jolen Dolabany (Hatherly), Anne Adrien (Wollaston), Maureen Traverse (Wollaston), Rainey Fellows (Wollaston), Pam Winters (Scituate), Kathy McCarthy (Halifax), Deb Annese (Marshfield), Kristin Emerson (Duxbury), Betsy Mitchell (Hatherly), Denise Royer (Marshfield).

Beth Nightingale called the meeting to order at 6:40pm.

Sandy Allan reminded all that the final treasurer's report will be read at closing day on Sept 4. As of tonight there are still about \$2000 in unclaimed prize chits from tournaments.

Marianne Glassanos presented the minutes from the April meeting. The minutes were accepted.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Beth reviewed the discussion and results that the Decision Committee arrived at in their meeting prior to the general meeting.

The decision involved resolution of the problem of Cohasset using two players who had not yet posted 5 scores in their first team match against Wollaston. The committee decided that Cohasset will still retain the championship of the WSSGL. The issue of how to assess penalties for breach of this rule will be discussed tonight. All congratulated Cohasset on their victory.

Next, Beth presented several changes/updates to team match rules, some of which were suggestions she received from team players by email or phone.

The first discussion was regarding Rule #4, the posting of 5 scores before a member can compete in a team match. There was also discussion about

whether those 5 scores must be posted before the handicap revision that is used for the first team match. A motion was made by M. Glassanos that the penalty for playing without 5 scores would be loss of all 18 points in that match. The motion was defeated. D. Royer made a motion that we should do away with the 5 score requirement, especially since some years with weather concerns and early start of team matches it is difficult for some to post 5 scores. The motion was accepted. It will no longer be necessary for each player to post 5 scores in order to play team.

The next rule discussion was regarding Rule #5, including an asterisk near “available” players to define available player as one who has committed to be available for a majority of the team matches. K. McCarthy made a motion for this change. Motion was accepted.

The next rule discussion was Rule # 11, involving the use of cell phones during team matches. There was much discussion regarding the penalty for cell phone usage, especially if the whole team should incur the penalty or just the person committing the infraction. K. Lilly made a motion that the penalty for cell phone usage during team matches is to the offender only and that penalty is loss of that hole. There would be no limit to the number of holes that the offender can be penalized. Motion was accepted.

The next rule discussion was Rule # 12, use of GPS devices during team matches. Historically we have followed WGAM rules which currently do not allow GPS devices. There was much discussion regarding their use and that they might speed up play. D. Royer made a motion that beginning with the 2010 season that GPS devices will be allowed. Motion was accepted.

The next rule discussion was Rule #13, just to include a wording change regarding the submission of scores to the publicity chair. The wording should now read that the results are to be faxed or emailed by 3:30 the day of the team match.

The last rule discussion was Rule #19, the posting of team scores. Some team captains are not posting these in a timely fashion. Beth just reminded all to get the scores posted.

Beth also reminded all that the Rule # 22 for winning championship pins is that each team member needs to have competed in at least 3 matches to be awarded a pin.

## NEW BUSINESS

Lousie Mariani requested that Beth raise the possibility of changing the team handicaps to 100% from 85%. The USGA rules define a 4 ball match as being played at 100%. S Eno made a motion to keep the current handicap system for team matches at 85%. Motion was accepted.

There was suggestion of changing the Boros format from it's current format of one gross and two net teams, each comprising 4 players. Some clubs have difficulty fielding a strong gross team and the suggestion was made to change to Boros to 3- 4 person teams with one best gross ball and one best net ball for each hole (same person may NOT use their ball for both gross and net). The club team score would be the total from the 3 groups. A. McGovern made a motion to change the Boros format to the above described format. Motion was accepted.

A request was made to use the tee markers for charity events outside of the WSSGL. K McCarthy made a motion to deny use of markers to events outside the WSSGL. Motion was accepted.

## BLACK ROCK/INDIAN POND

The minutes from the executive board meeting were distributed and read by M. Glassanos. There was some discussion which included questions as to whether either club had done any further soliciting on their behalf in regards to joining on a permanent basis. Beth had not heard from either club, except as mentioned in the executive meeting minutes. Ballots were distributed and each club chairperson and each club team captain and each board member voted. The vote was unanimous to NOT include Black Rock and Indian Pond as separate teams next year. They will not be able to participate in other WSSGL events since they will not be WSSGL members.

Beth distributed a handout for all to share with their clubs regarding how to post ghin scores from other clubs, especially for those who play in the south over the winter.

Rainey Fellows made a motion to decrease the size of team from 14 to 12 or even 10 since it is difficult for some clubs to field a team on a weekly basis. It was decided to table this discussion until the fall meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.  
Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Glassanos