

WSSGL WINTER MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2012
SCITUATE COUNTRY CLUB

Present: Pam Winters, President (Scituate), Ellen Grandfield, Vice President (Hatherly), Marla Minier, Secretary (Hatherly), Mary Donovan, Website Coordinator (Plymouth), Victoria Hurley, Tournament Chair (Cohasset), Deb Annese, Historian (Marshfield), Diane Fardy (Plymouth), Anne McGovern (Halifax), Beth Nightingale (Scituate), Anne Adrian (Wollaston), Jane Goodwin (Plymouth), Marcia Bailey (Plymouth), Mary Ann Ward (Cohasset), Denise Royer (Marshfield), Susan MacDonald (Marshfield), Sue Kusser (Halifax), Debby Drain (Duxbury), Diane Taylor (Cohasset), Lisa Borger (Cohasset)

Pam Winters called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

REPORTS

The minutes of the Fall Meeting had been reviewed previously and were approved as amended.

The Treasurer's Report was prepared and discussed by Pam Winters. She announced that Betsy Mitchell has agreed to become Treasurer. Two issues that may be concern are that Betsy works in Philadelphia and there would be several board members from Hatherly. These were determined not to be a problem.

Tournament Report – Victoria Hurley proposed that breakfast and treats be eliminated from WSSGL tournaments and team matches. Discussion ensued. These items are expensive and not eaten. A motion was made and passed to eliminate breakfast goodies and snacks at all tournaments and team matches. The Pink Book will be modified to read, "Coffee and tea will be provided prior to tee off and water will be available on the course."

The Tournament Committee will provide tournament information to clubs so the club chairs can organize the tournament to be held at their course. A suggestion was made to serve buffets at all tournaments, but there was a consensus to leave the decision up to the host club. All clubs are encouraged to expedite food service.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The WSSGL has a large bank balance. Discussion was held to lower entry fees for tournaments, thus encouraging participation, and to reduce club dues. The consensus was to keep club dues at \$150. A motion was made and passed to reduce the cost of one-day tournaments to \$50 and two-day tournaments to \$70. It was also decided to keep the large bottom-line as a back-up in case the financial situation changes. If there is still a large balance in a few years, it can be reconsidered at that time.

After discussion, a motion was made and passed that Wollaston GC. will take a one-year leave of absence from team matches, still pay \$150 club dues, and be eligible for all tournaments. Maureen Traverse will remain publicity chair. During the 2012 season, when a team match versus Wollaston is scheduled, the teams will have a bye week. The captains can schedule a fun day of play for those who wish to play at Wollaston or have Wollaston players come to a home course.

A suggestion was made to have either Opening or Closing Day be designated a Play for Pink day. Individual players could donate and participate in the benefit if they wished. Mary Donovan will coordinate with host clubs and Play for Pink. She will research and report back at the April meeting.

A discussion was held to update Team Match Rules, Section 8 in the Pink Book. It was decided to add the following language:

- Every effort should be made to play scheduled matches.
- If an entire team defaults, the team is disqualified from the remaining matches and all their previous points won and lost shall be eliminated.
- On the day of the match, the Captains are responsible to see that all of her players are playing in the correct position.

NEW BUSINESS

These changes were made to the Proposed 2012 Calendar: Opening Day will be held at Halifax and Closing Day will be held at Cohasset. All team matches currently scheduled with Wollaston will be changed to a bye. Hatherly is scheduled to host the Boros. We are waiting for the Hatherly Board of Directors to approve the tournament.

Mary Donovan will send out a test email to determine if any corrections are needed. She told the board that our website is very basic and many improvements have been made in website design since ours was developed. It would be costly to make our website more current and more informative. A suggestion was made that updating the website might be a good use for some of our extra funds. Mary Donovan will provide information about costs and improvements for the April meeting.

More attention should be made to pairings for tournaments. Players should be flighted by handicap on the first day of tournament and by score on the second day. Golfers should be paired within their own flight and, within the flight, should be paired with players of similar handicaps and scores.

Congratulations to Cohasset GC. for winning the WGAM Fall Cup.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Minier