

**WSSGL
WINTER MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2007
SCITUATE COUNTRY CLUB**

Present: Mary Donovan, Scituate, Sandy Allen, Scituate, Susan Souther, Scituate, Terry Baker, Scituate, Margaret Smoragiewicz, Marshfield, Sharon MacAllister, Marshfield, Beth Nightingale, Marshfield, Barbara Chandler, Marshfield, Denise Royer, Marshfield, Deb Annese, Marshfield, Betsy Mitchell, Hatherly, Ellen Granfield, Hatherly, Anne Adrien, Wollaston, Marike Alsbach, Wollaston, Maureen Traverse, Wollaston, Lorraine Duggan, Cohasset, Donna Fitzwilliams, Cohasset, Diane Nessralla, Halifax, Kathy Moody, Plymouth, Diane Fardy, Plymouth.

Mary Donovan, League President, called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM. She welcomed all in attendance and asked that all present please take a moment to introduce themselves.

Old Business:

- Debby Drain, Secretary, was unable to be present. Having provided members copies of the minutes of the fall meeting, a motion was made and carried to accept the minutes as presented and waive reading them aloud.
- Sandy Allen, Treasurer, presented the treasurer's report. Sandy noted that the special assessment of \$100 for each club for the creation of the league web site had been received with the exception of Halifax CC. Halifax will look into the matter and be sure their payment is forthcoming. A motion was made and carried to accept the report.
- The format for Opening Field Day was revisited in order to settle on the specifics of the competition. After discussion, it was decided to play a Bramble format at 60% handicaps counting the two best balls of each foursome. In the event of a threesome, each player must declare, prior to the start of the round, on which *six consecutive holes* she will play two balls. Mary urged the individual chairs and presidents to be sure to go over the Bramble format at their respective spring meetings. A detail of the format will be provided by Kathy Moody's committee and available on carts for Opening Field Day. As always, it is imperative that we mind the pace of play and encourage our ladies to *please pick up when they are out of the hole*.

New Business:

- The Team Play and Special Tournament Schedule was present by Beth Nightingale. The schedules were accepted without adjustment with the exception of one team match between Halifax and Plymouth which will begin at 8:00 AM. This has been agreed to by the Captains and clubs.
- Kath Moody presented revised tournament budgets and estimates of the cost of this year's tournaments. It was noted that the entry fees will increase during 2007. Final figures will be determined by the tournament committee over the next month as final cart and meal expenses are calculated. It was noted that the fees from our tournaments have remained steady for several years as we reduced the

overage in the treasury. We will need to raise our fees to reflect the rise in costs of holding the Special Tournaments.

- Discussion moved to the progress of the Web Site. Construction of the site remains steady and more information will be included as it becomes available. Tournament entry forms should be ready for downloading before the season. The directory portion of the site will be delayed until there is a consensus on exactly what information we would like that portion to contain. At a minimum it will be accessible only via password and all participation will be voluntary.
- Beth Nightingale addressed reducing the printing of this year's pink book. All information contained in the pink book will be available on the web site. Therefore, it was agreed that we would limit the number of pink books printed to about ½ of what they have been in the past as we move toward a more limited use of the books. This will also serve to reduce this cost in 2007. As this transitional year will carry extra expense, any cuts will be prudent.
- The meeting concluded with a broad discussion on the progress of the inclusion of Black Rock and Indian Pond into the Special Tournament play for 2007, with an eye on bringing them into the league for team play in 2008. Mary explained the progress of her meetings with the Women's Presidents of each club. Both clubs appear very interested in joining us both this year and in 2008. Black Rock has indicated a tentative invitational date for the WSSGL of May 15th with a rain date on the 22nd. At this time they are inclined to limit sign ups to the first 12 players from each of the WSSGL member clubs and fill out the tournament as needed on a first come first served basis. There will be more definitive information on this by the March meeting. In addition, Black Rock has expressed interest in helping to revive the Junior Program.
- It was noted by Deb Annese, and agreed, that we will need to be sure to inform the players from both Black Rock and Indian Pond that, while we welcome them to play in our tournaments, no player who is not a member of a WSSGL affiliate club can be eligible to win any of our perpetual trophy's. They will be limited to winning prize chits only. It is not anticipated that this will be a problem.

There was no additional new business. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 15th at 7:00PM at Scituate Country Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary E. Donovan
President