

PWGA BOARD Meeting - Minutes for November 19, 2020

President:	Linda Schneiter (P)
Vice President:	Donna Rotondo (P)
Secretary:	Mary Vicenik (P)
Treasurer:	Jill Hemingway (P)
Social Chair:	Mary Lou Steere (P)
Tournament Chairs:	Grace Hill (P) Lorrie Larson (P)
Tournament Chairs Elect:	Carol Angus (P) Ellen Connors (P)
Members at Large:	Patty Hmel (P) Paula Fitzpatrick (A)
Past President:	Sally Manich (P)

P = Present

A = Absent

I. CALL TO ORDER:

This PWGA Board Meeting was called to order by President Linda Schneiter at 3:00pm on November 19, 2020. The Board met in the Holly Room at Pinewild Country Club, but continued to practice the “social distancing” requirement mandated by the coronavirus pandemic while sitting around the large meeting table.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Ellen Connors and seconded by Carol Angus that the minutes of the PWGA Board Meeting held on October 15, 2020 be approved by the Board. Motion unanimously carried. Minutes are posted electronically on the PWGA website.

III. REPORTS:

A. Treasurer’s Report made by Jill Hemingway.

Jill Hemingway submitted a written report to all PWGA Board members. As of November 19, 2020, PWGA checking account balance is \$6,679.65. This includes \$1,865 which is designated to the 2021 Member/Guest (\$950 in sponsorships and \$915 in Raffle monies). PWGA has had another Hole in One since our last meeting on October 12th: Peggy Clark has received a check for \$100.00. There is currently a balance of \$470 in the Hole In One

Account. All reimbursements submitted to date have been made and financials will be ready for year-end distribution.

B. Tournament Directors' Report by Grace Hill & Lorrie Larson.

Grace Hill & Lorrie Larson were both pleased with the participation by all PWGA members on the final PWGA Tuesday Play Day on November 17, 2020. 60+ players participated & there were 17 PWGA members who played the Magnolia orange course (or roughly 1/3 of the players that date!)

C. 2020 Member/Guest Update Report by Donna Rotondo.

The PWGA 1-Day Member/Guest event was held October 21, 2020 on the Holly course. Committee Members were: Donna Rotondo (Chair) & Jill Hemingway, Judith Kelley, Sally Manich, Shirley Wake, April Zelinski, Linda Schneiter, Paula Fitzpatrick, Carol Angus, Kathy Lannon and 2 volunteers for the day (Terri Birkhauser & Ann Leonard). The original event ("Roaring into the '20's "Puttin' on the Ritz") scheduled for April 28-29, 2020 was cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic. It was determined that a 1-day event to be held in October was a viable alternative in view of the pandemic restrictions. The new theme was "The New Holly with Old Friends". To accommodate "social distancing" requirements, there were tee times on split tees (front & back) & there were no formal social events. The number of guests was limited & a member could invite only 1 guest. There were 76 participants. Format was a 4-person team (2 members + 2 guests) in a Stableford event. (1 best ball of a member added to 1 best ball of a guest); low gross & low net points. Cost was \$50 per person, which included the round of golf, breakfast snacks, boxed lunch, a PWGA tote bag and awards (Pro Shop Gift Cards). There was a raffle with several nice prizes. The raffle drawing took place by the volunteers while the players were out on the course enabling the winners to take their prize home after they finished their round of golf. Box lunches were provided to participants at the Tiki Hut between Hole #9 & Hole #10. The weather was beautiful.

D. Member at Large Report by Patty Hmel & Paula Fitzpatrick.

Patty Hmel distributed the 2020 PWGA Member-At-Large Report to all PWGA Board members. There were 4 new members who joined PWGA this past year: Laurie Fabian, Monica Mooney, Candace Schafer & Rose Ward. Pam Appleman (a past member of PWGA) has rejoined. Patty reported that either she or Paula Fitzpatrick met with each new member at the Club to acquaint them with Play Day golfing procedures, etc. They also presented the new member with a small token of welcome to the PWGA.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

A. **Play Day Points System Report given by Jill Hemingway, Ellen Connors & Carol Angus.**

A discussion continued regarding the possible options available for updating the current PWGA Play Day Points System. (The Board had a previous discussion at its September 3, 2020 meeting about this subject.) After further review of the current point system and possible options for change, the Committee submitted a Proposal to Manage Payouts for Play Days. The PWGA By-Laws state that it is the Tournament Directors' duty to "establish and monitor a system of awarding prizes or points". In keeping with this responsibility, a proposal has been developed instituting a revised system for the 2021 PWGA season. The recommendation is to abolish the point system and to go with a pay-as-you-go system. In the current PWGA system, the amount of money to be divided among the players on a per point basis is unknown until the season is completed. Also unknown is the amount of points awarded on a weekly basis during the season. The more members who participate on a weekly basis would logically increase the number of points awarded and thereby decrease their value at the end of the year, as the amount of available funds does not change. It makes no sense that less weekly participation will actually increase the value of points. Ideally, greater participation should increase the value. Currently, the funds used to pay points comes from dues paid by the entire PWGA membership. Whether you play or not, your dues are used to pay those who play. In a pay-as-you-go system, only those playing pay for the winners each week. (Those who do not play are not financing the winners.) Money is easily divided without excessive bookkeeping and calculations and is immediately available to the player through their credit book. Another benefit is that by paying weekly winners from money paid on a weekly basis, funds are freed up in the PWGA treasury to be used for the entire membership. We will be able to finance "extras" at special events (such as a complimentary beverage cart, or having a final lunch paid for the membership). The additional funds will give the PWGA more flexibility in operations.

In summary, under our current point system: (a) money is paid out following the calendar year of play & money earned is not available until January of next year; (b) the amount depends on some unknown factors: (1) money available to PWGA at year-end; and (2) number of points awarded during the year; and (c) labor intensive system for maintaining, awarding & compensation. In a Proposed Pay-as-you-go System: (a) no points are awarded; (b) only pay if you play; (c) field is paid based on money collected; (d) winners are paid on a weekly basis; (e) money won is available in your credit book weekly; and (f) ease of awarding winnings and of accountability.

Jill Hemingway made a motion that the PWGA abolish the current point system and replace it with a Pay-as-you-Go System. Motion was seconded by Mary Lou Steere & was unanimously passed.

B. Most Improved Golfer Award by Grace Hill.

Grace Hill reported that the PWGA originally had 25 regular Tuesday Play Days on its 2020 golf calendar. The coronavirus pandemic made it necessary to cancel golf events for several weeks. At the PWGA Board meeting held on June 11, 2020 there was a discussion regarding the Most Improved Player award for 2020. Those minutes stated: "To qualify for this award, a minimum of 40 rounds must be played from March through September and the player must have been a PWGA member from the Opening to the Closing meetings. (Rounds played away from Pinewild may be included in the 40 round requirement.) To be awarded "Most Improved", a member needs to play 8 play days during the PWGA season. Because this year's golf season was severely shortened by the coronavirus pandemic, it would be difficult to meet this criteria, therefore it was determined that there would be no Most Improved Player award for this year. After discussion, it was decided that the number of play days required for eligibility for this award should be changed from 8 play days to 12 play days." Even though the PWGA had to cancel several play days early in the season, Grace reported that we were able to have 24 actual play days in 2020 once we were able to play golf safely once again! Ellen Connors made a motion that the criteria for awarding the Most Improved Player award should be reinstated and that the eligibility for this award should be changed from participation in 8 play days to 12 play days. Lorrie Larson seconded motion & it was unanimously approved.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Tournament Directors'-Elect Report by Ellen Connors & Carol Angus.

Ellen Connors, Tournament Director-Elect, gave a report on behalf of Carol Angus and herself about the upcoming 2021 PWGA season. They have attempted to continue to have a variety of events for 2021 comprised of Peer Play, ABCD, and AB/CD events, so about 1/3 of events will be Peer Play, 1/3 of events will be ABCD events & 1/3 of events will be AB/CD events. Ellen was able to give us the following "Save the Dates for 2021 Events" information:

- March 9: PWGA Opening Day (Holly)
- April 5-6: Holly Challenge
- April 20: Pinetop (Holly)
- May 25: Tar Heels (Mag)
- June 1: PAL/PWGA (Holly)
- June 15: Think Pink (Holly)
- July 13: Interclub (Holly)
- August 17: Holly vs. Pines (Mag)
- September 13 & 14: Solheim Cup (Mag) (NOTE: 2-Day Event)
- October 12 & 13: 2021 Member/Guest (Holly/Mag)

- November 30: PWGA Closing Day

Some of these dates may require a slight adjustment once the Pinewild Country Club schedule/calendar has been finalized for 2021.

B. 2021 PWGA Dues Update.

Treasurer, Jill Hemingway, presented information about 2021 PWGA dues. Thanks to the Pro Shop, effective January 1, 2021, all PWGA Member Dues, Birdies, Chip-Ins, Ringers and Hole-in-One costs will be billed on your January 2021 Pinewild Country Club statement. All PWGA members will be billed for the Annual Dues (which now includes Birdies, Chip-Ins & Ringers) and the Hole-in-One Club. Total Cost is \$60 (which includes \$50 for dues + \$10 for the Hole-in-One Club). All current PWGA members will be billed for the Annual Dues + Hole-in-One UNLESS YOU CHOOSE TO OPT OUT. To opt out, e-mail Jill Hemingway no later than December 31st at jjhemingway22@gmail.com. If she does not hear from you, the total amount of \$60 will be billed to your account in January. New members who join the PWGA after January 1, 2021 may pay their dues by personal check.

c. Annual Meeting/Closing Luncheon Update.

Due to the restrictions mandated by the coronavirus, the Annual Meeting/Closing Luncheon scheduled to be held on December 1, 2020 at the Club will not be held this year. Instead, the Annual Meeting (minus the luncheon) will be an on-line occurrence this year only. Voting for all Board positions to be filled continues via paper ballot which is to be completed, signed & deposited in the ballot box in the Club lobby. Voting closes on November 22nd. All year-end reports (Treasurer's Report, Tournament Directors' Report, Tournament Directors'-Elect Report, Members-at-Large Report, Handicap Report, Publicity Report, Birdies, Chip-Ins & Ringers Reports, Points Awarded, Holly Challenge Summary Report, 2020 Member/Guest Summary Report, Holly vs. Pines Summary Report & Solheim Summary Report) will be sent via the PWGA e-mail system to PWGA members. In view of this extraordinary Annual Meeting, it was determined that all year-end reports would be distributed via the PWGA e-mail system between November 23-30. This is, of course, contingent upon the timely receipt of all reports.

D. Meet New PWGA Board Officers Event.

An event will be held on December 1, 2020 so that all PWGA members will have the opportunity to meet the new PWGA Board members. This event has been planned for everyone to play golf on the "Wee Berry" course (far forward yellow tees). There is a 48 player maximum. Please sign up on Golf Genius.

VI. ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion made by Ellen Connors, seconded by Carol Angus & unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Vicenik
PWGA Secretary