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## **NEVADA STATE WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION**

### **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes September 29, 2008 Somerset Country Club**

President Virginia Bonar called the meeting to order at 2:10 PM at Somerset Country Club in Reno, NV. In attendance were Virginia Bonar, Larren Buckley, Rita Byorick, Kathy Dunn, Mary Ann Johnson, Beth Juri, Barbara Kelly, Linda MacDonald, and Carol Mitchell. Absent were Margie Bowgren, Sherry Corsello and Melinda Welch.

#### **Approval of January Minutes**

Minutes of the January 26, 2008 meeting were approved as submitted to the Directors in January.

**Filing of 2007 Tax Return-** According to the January minutes, Rita was to forward materials on to Brenda Knott for preparation of the 2007 tax return. On 9-27-08, Virginia received a letter from the IRS saying our 2007 Return had not been received. Barbara will contact Brenda and make arrangements to have the 2007 Return prepared and filed, if Brenda has not already done so. Brenda was moving early this year and she may have overlooked filing the Return. A motion was made by Linda MacDonald and seconded by Rita Byorick to submit the tax Return.

#### **Financial Reports – Operating Statement and 2008 Tournament Reports-**

Virginia explained the Operating Statement Barb Kelley prepared. This shows our book balance as of 9/26/08 to be \$14,913.07. We are in good financial shape.

Regarding the 2008 Partners Tournament held at ArrowCreek in July, there were 54 players and the subsidy used was \$659.03 out of a total subsidy of \$1200. The financial reports show the final budget for the tournament. See Attached. There were net receipts of \$540.97 so we used \$659.03 of the total \$1200 subsidy.

In the Quad Tournament, which took place at Boulder Creek in Las Vegas, there were 76 players and the net receipts came to \$472.43. There had been a deposit of \$1480 paid in '07, (\$280 over the allotted \$1200 subsidy). After paying this back to the general fund, net receipts were \$192.43. We ended up using \$1007.57 of the \$1200 subsidy.

Deposits for Partners, the Quad, and the Amateur were made in 2007 and are credited towards the subsidy available for the respective tournament. The amount of the total subsidy used (including the 2007 deposit) is shown on the Operating Statement but since

these payments were made in 2007, they do not affect the 2008 book balance or bank balance. See footnotes to the September 29 Operating Statement.

Linda MacDonald questioned why the State pays tournament deposits. She said NNWGA does not pay deposits for its tournaments. Rita said WSNAGA pays deposits for all its tournaments. In discussion it was stated that a contract is not binding unless a deposit is made. Linda asked whether the deposit is refundable when a course is sold. Virginia said that selling does not change the course's liability, but if a course closes, we might have to file a claim for return of the deposit.

For the State Amateur, the remaining subsidy was \$1700 after the \$500 deposit made in 2007. Total subsidy was \$2200. Actual expenses have not yet been calculated, but it appears we will use approximately \$1600-1700 of the subsidy.

Rita motioned to approve the Operating Statement and actual tournament budgets for the Quad, Partners and the tentative budget for the State Am. Kathy seconded. The motion passed.

Virginia will attend the 2009 January meeting and continue to act as President until a new President is elected at that meeting.

### **Committee Reports**

**2008-Tournaments North** - Carol Mitchell reported that player numbers are down for tournaments in the North. In both North and South, the economy played a significant part. Players traveling pay not only golf fees, but meals, lodging, car rental etc., so that it might cost as much as \$1200 to attend. It was suggested that maybe championship tournaments for NNWGA and WSNAGA should alternate and be held only every other year. It was also said that maybe 5 major tournaments are too many given how crowded the calendar is in the North from June to October. After discussion, it was decided to leave the NSWGA Amateur as an annual event.

Virginia said that there are 33 clubs in the North and the calendar is very crowded when you consider club invitationals, championships, team play, senior league, member-guest days, etc. Beth Juri suggested we have qualifications for north and for south separately, then hold a smaller tournament in each area with a different format. Rita stated that all states have state amateurs and why should Nevada be any different. Virginia said she has been in touch with other areas and they also have experienced a drop in tournament participation. Rita then suggested a state championship in match play format, but it was said many of the players do not really know what match play is which means poor participation. It was decided that the annual stroke play championship would remain.

**2008 Tournaments South- Larren Buckley-** Larren reported she was initially concerned about the handicapping of the Quad Tournament but it appeared to all work out. The perception of hot weather, the economy and the crowded calendar was probably

a factor in keeping the numbers down. The Results of the Quad tournament, Gross and Net, were given to the Board members in the Board packet.

The 2008 Silver Cup is scheduled for Painted Desert on October 19-22<sup>nd</sup>.

**2009-Future Sites North-Kathy Dunn-** The 2009 Quad Tournament will be held at Genoa Lakes on August 17-19. The 2009 Silver Cup is tentatively set for Somerset Country Club on September 21-23. Greens fees for both will be \$50 per player per day.

**2009-Future Sites South-Rita Byorick-** 2009 Partners will be held at Dragon Ridge in Las Vegas, June 15-16. The State Am will be at Mountain Falls in Pahrump on October 12,13 and 14 (Mon., Tues., and Wed.). Greens fees for both will be \$50 per player per day.

**Junior Golf-Beth Juri-** Beth contacted Danielle Gladd several times to get junior girls names from the South so that they could be invited to the State Amateur tournament. She never received a response. She gave Virginia the names of 3 Juniors from the North and these girls were invited; 2 are playing.

**Rules and Handicaps-North-**Linda MacDonald had nothing to report. No reports were given for Rules South.

### **Old Business**

**1. By-Laws-** Linda MacDonald asked whether tournament subsidies are part of bylaws or state rules. They are not. It was stated it was not appropriate to place the subsidy amount in the Standing Rules or By-Laws for a variety of reasons. Subsidies are part of the budgeting process which the Board must consider each year.

**2. Renaming of Silver Cup Trophy-** A discussion took place about renaming the Silver Cup to honor Berta Kirchner as suggested in a letter from Lori Elliott. After discussion, a motion was made by Linda MacDonald, seconded by Mary Ann Johnson, to rename the Silver Cup trophy to: **Nevada State Women's Golf Association, Silver Cup Matches, Kirchner Trophy**. The motion passed unanimously. Other tournaments have been named after dedicated players such as Skippy Pasutti and Helen Cannon. All three of these women are unique in their long time support and organization of women's golf in the Nevada.

**3. Repository for Records, Minutes-** Sherry Jackson has been maintaining the files and records of the Board for some time. They will now be put on our web site which will be a repository for permanent records.

### **New Business**

**1-2. Changes to Tournament Standing Rules re: Handicapping of the Partners and Quad Tournaments-** In June, 2007, the Board voted to change the

handicapping of the Partners tournament to follow the guidelines in the USGA Handicapping System Manual. Before then, each player was given 95% of her handicap and a 10 stroke maximum handicap between partners was allowed. The USGA recommends using 95% of the player's course handicap and imposing a limitation of 8 strokes between the 2 partners. If this limitation is not imposed, the USGA says an additional 10% should be deducted from each player's handicap.

Linda MacDonald said there had been a problem at the North meeting because friends want to golf with friends in tournaments and players were angry when they couldn't do that without incurring the additional 10% reduction which they viewed as a penalty. Virginia stated it is not a penalty, but rather a player handicap given for a team event when the team is not scoring with just one player's ball. Women are used to playing with 95% of their handicap and a 10 stroke handicap limitation. Rita said we are Nevada and we need to do what's good for NV, not other states. She said if we don't change our handicapping for these tournaments, she is afraid no one will want to play.

Virginia said it is an issue of equity and fairness, and that as a state board, we have to have the fairest tournament we can have. She said she talked to the Executive Directors and Presidents from other state and regional associations (CA, AZ, and CO) and that for a Four Ball (1 Best ball of 2 partners) event, many use 95% of each player's handicap and thereafter, a maximum 8 stroke difference between handicaps is set as a condition of the competition. (Results of her survey were included in the Board packet.) In the past, we have played with 95% handicap and 10 stroke maximum difference without the additional 10% penalty. Virginia stated that when talking to the Associations, many said they had found it easier to impose the strict 8 stroke limitation and simply avoid the additional 10% reduction. Women did not like the additional 10% reduction but were ok with the 95% and 8 stroke maximum difference between partner handicaps.

At this year's Quad tournament, each player was given 95% of her course handicap, and if the difference between the lowest and highest handicapped players on the team was greater than 8 strokes, each player received an additional 10% reduction in handicap. It was said that many teams in both the Quad and the Partners tournaments received the additional 10% reduction and were not happy, although many were net winners anyway.

After further discussion, Virginia recommended that the Standing Rules for the Partners Tournament be amended to give each player 95% of her sloped course handicap; then an 8 stroke limitation on spread between the player's handicaps would be imposed. For the Quad, each player would be given 95% of her sloped handicap, then all team members would play down to no more than 10 strokes above the lowest handicapped player on the team. Rita made a motion consistent with the foregoing. The motion was seconded and passed 8 to 1 with Carol Mitchell opposed.

## **Other Revisions to Tournament Standing Rules**

After discussion, Rita made a motion, seconded by Larren, to amend the Standing Rules as follows:

**a. Cell Phone Policy** – The Standing rules for each tournament will be amended to comply with the cell phone policy used by the Colorado Women's Golf Assn . A 2 stroke penalty cannot be imposed for anything other than a violation of a rule of golf.

**b. Handicapping Provisions** - Handicapping at the Partners Tournament will be 95% of course sloped handicap and a maximum 8 stroke difference will be allowed. At the Quad Tournament, it will be 95% of course sloped handicap and a maximum 10 stroke difference will be allowed between the lowest handicapped player and all other team players, as stated above.

**c. Walking versus Riding between Holes when using a Caddy:** To maintain pace of play, a player and her caddy can ride in a cart between holes but must walk tee to green.

**d. Juniors Playing in the Championship-**The entry fee will be the same as all others entering the Championship Flight.

The Motion passed unanimously. Virginia will make the changes to the Standing Rules and circulate the same to all Board members.

The next meeting will be held tentatively on January 17, 2009, in the north. Location is not yet determined. No other business was discussed, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Johnson