

DELAWARE WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
NOVEMBER 9, 2019  
MAPLE DALE COUNTRY CLUB

Board Members Present: Linda Knorr-Sullivan, Debbie Grant, Rosella Champion, Ronnie Dannerhoj, Katia Foret, Judy Wetzel, Sue Bardsley and Susie MacNab

Others present: Becky Caprano, Sue Bennett

**TOURNAMENTS – Judy**

Judy had performed a study of the DWGA demographics and recommended that the Senior Amateur Tournament award champions in 3 categories instead of the current 2. The new divisions would be Senior (50-59), Super Senior (60-69) and [to be named] (70+). The board agreed.

There was discussion regarding how to encourage and incentivize delegates to attend the Opening and Closing meetings. It was suggested that an informal competition may be arranged.

There was discussion of a potential tournament of club champions and an officers' appreciation tournament.

Judy had several comments and questions regarding the results of 2019 tournament surveys.

Becky will meet with Judy to help with flighting tournaments.

Judy will form a Site Selection Committee to work on obtaining 2021 tournament sites.

It was agreed that there should be only one winner of each 50/50 drawing.

**2020 TOURNAMENTS – Linda**

Opening Meeting – April 4, 9:00 at Maple Dale. At 10:00, Laura Heine of DSGA will speak regarding the new handicap system.

Bash to the Beach – May 4 (to be confirmed), at Kings Creek. Based on the difficulty of obtaining 2 clubs, the board agreed to make the Bash a one-day tournament, with a happy hour and possible trunk show the night before. Judy and Debbie will chair.

Senior Amateur – June 10-11, at Cripple Creek. Sue Bardsley and Judy will chair.

Red White and Blue – June 30 at Chesapeake Bay Rising Sun. This will be 2 9-hole formats, scramble and better ball, with 2 person teams. Rosella and Susie MacNab will chair.

Amateur – July 14-15 at Maple Dale. Pat Carlson and Katia will chair.

Blue/Gold – September 24 at Heritage Shores. Rosella and Ronnie will chair. This format will now be a shamble using each player's drive at least 3 times on the front 9 and 3 times on the back 9.

Fall Frolic – Date and location to be determined. Linda and Susie will chair. Susie will try to get a date at Deerfield the first week of October. It will be the same format as Blue/Gold and promoted as a member/guest or member/member tournament.

Closing Meeting – October 17 at Maple Dale.

Clinics – One at a northern club in April and one at a southern club in May was proposed.

#### **FINANCIALS - Debbie**

Debbie advised the new board members of the online reimbursement form.

The financial reports will now be generated quarterly instead of monthly.

2020 budget items should be submitted to Debbie before the February meeting for inclusion in her budget.

The formatting Tournament Report will be changed to include both the budgeted amounts and the actual amounts spent for each tournament.

There was a discussion of the growing balance we have in our bank account. We discussed several options for reducing the balance over time, including subsidizing certain tournament and clinic expenses and possibly reducing membership dues. Debbie will prepare an analysis of year to year income and expenses and balances to support further discussion at the next meeting.

#### **MEMBERSHIP – Becky C.**

Becky will meet with Sue Bardsley to familiarize her with membership responsibilities.

Becky will meet with Chad (Techno Goober) and Ronnie regarding the website.

There were 291 paid members in 2019.

Based on requests for proof of membership, it was agreed to notify members to use their confirmation email received when joining or renewing as proof of membership.

#### **MEMBER CLUBS – Linda**

Potential member clubs for 2020 include River Marsh, Chester River, Rum Point and Ocean Pines

Invoices to member clubs will go out mid-December. Deb will divide up the list of clubs for board members to assist with follow-up.

#### **WEBSITE – Ronnie**

February 15 is the deadline for member clubs to join.

February 16 is the first day that existing members can renew. New members can register beginning March 16.

Techno Goober's proposal for website assistance for 2020 in the amount of \$2,310 was approved.

Judy will assist Ronnie with Mailchimp issues regarding distribution lists. If the issue cannot be resolved, the board approved a \$50 monthly fee to upgrade our subscription.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Bash giveaways – The DWGA will subsidize food at the social the night before the Bash

The Vice President's position is still vacant.

There are passes available for the PGA Show in Orlando January 21-24, Demo Day January 22.

There was discussion about member clubs who will not make their clubs available for tournaments. Clubs should be encouraged to offer more open days.

The Delaware Senior Olympics golf competition (flighted by age) will be September 15 at Wild Quail for qualification to Nationals at Fort Lauderdale in 2021.

There was discussion about making more use of delegates to promote the DWGA through emails targeted directly to delegates.

The Board thanked Becky Caprano and Sue Bennett for their service to the DWGA.

The next meeting will be February 8, 2020 at 10:00 am at Maple Dale.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50.