

DWGA MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MARCH 25, 2017
NEWARK COUNTRY CLUB

1. Welcome, Board Member Introductions
 - President Judy Larson welcomed the attendees, introduced the current Board of Directors and recognized past Board members in attendance.
2. Status of the DWGA
 - Judy updated the membership on the Association's status after providing a brief history of the DWGA and its operations during that time. She stated that the Board elected not to renew the contract with the DSGA, and the current Board was handling day-to-day operations.
3. Number of Member Clubs/Members & Treasurer's Report
 - Treasurer Sherry Pie' confirmed that there were currently 32 member clubs and 220 individual members.
 - Sherry also advised that the Association had a good cash flow.
4. Roll Call
 - Secretary Karyn Osmundson took the roll call. Twenty delegates from 32 eligible member clubs were in attendance, so a quorum (30% of member clubs) was present and eligible to vote. Clubs in attendance were Baywood Greens, Chesapeake Bay-Rising Sun, Chisel Creek, Deerfield, Delcastle, DuPont, Ed Oliver, Hartefeld, Heritage Shores, Inniscrone, Jonathan's Landing, Loch Nairn, Maple Dale, Newark, Ocean City, Odessa National, Patriots Glen, Rock Manor, The Rookery and Wild Quail.
5. Minutes from Last Membership Meeting
 - A motion was made and seconded to waive reading of the April 2, 2016 general membership meeting minutes. Motion passed.
6. Nominations of New Board Members
 - Judy nominated Becky Caprano to the Board of Directors. A motion was made and seconded to confirm Becky's nomination. Motion passed.
7. Tournament Schedule, Sites, Formats
 - Vice President and Tournament Director Sue Bennett went through the tournament schedule for 2017:
 - 4/25 & 4/26: Bash to the Beach at Kings Creek and Cripple Creek. Presently, 33 teams were registered, and there is room for a maximum of 52 teams.
 - 6/14 & 6/15: Amateur Championship at Heritage Shores.
 - 7/25: Senior Championship at Bear Trap Dunes.
 - 8/7: Solheim Cup at Hartefeld.
 - 8/26: DeLaWarr Blue/Gold at Wild Quail.

8. Pace of Play
 - The Board discussed the pace of play issue as it was the number one problem last season. Attendees were advised that the Association will proceed under USGA pace of play policies in all events this season. Various Board members also discussed ways to keep the pace of play moving.
 - Sherry also discussed the institution of a local rule, per the USGA, dealing with the accidental movement of a ball on putting green. The Board suggested that members discuss this with their pros to determine whether their clubs will institute this local rule for the season.
9. USGA Women's State Team
 - Linda Knorr, Tournament Committee Member, presented the eligibility and qualifying requirements to apply for a spot on the state team. Three golfers will be selected to represent Delaware. Please refer to the website for the requirements.
10. Fall Meeting
 - Newly elected Membership Chair Becky Caprano discussed the Closing Meeting which will take place at Baywood Greens on October 24. It will include breakfast with golf immediately following the meeting.
11. Hole in One Presentations
 - Judy announced the 2016 Hole in One Club members. They were:
 - Towar Whitehead (2 holes in one): Jonathan's Landing, hole 13, 9 iron from 89 yards and Jonathan's Landing, hole 4, 9 iron from 95 yards.
 - Bernadette Reed: Chesapeake Bay at Rising Sun, hole 2, 9 wood from 140 yards.
 - Ann Reed: Bear Trap Dunes (Kodiak course): hole 13, 9 iron from 108 yards.
12. Website
 - Sherry discussed the new website, stating it was still a work in progress, and asked the attendees to provide suggestions for items they'd like to see on the website.
 - Sherry noted that open days begin April 1 and requested that attendees patronize our member clubs since they are providing financial support to the Association. A suggestion was made that the Board look into online registration for open days.
 - Sherry explained that there is a section on the home page where we are posting member club events that would be of interest to members such as invitationals and clinics. She asked the attendees to email these types of events to our website address (website@dwga.com).
 - Sherry mentioned that as time allows, the Board will be going through the historical documents it has in its possession and certain of that information will be added to the members only section of the website.
 - A suggestion was made that we create a membership card for people to print to get discounts at Golf Galaxy and other stores. Sherry explained that members could pull up the website on their cell phones and show store associates the section listing members by club to prove their membership. This suggestion will be discussed at a future board meeting.