

**DELAWARE WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION
OPENING MEETING MINUTES
HELD VIA ZOOM ON MARCH 27, 2021**

Welcome and Introductions. President, Debbie Grant, called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m., welcomed all delegates and members and introduced the members of the Board. Debbie added a special welcome to Mary Ann Veitch of Kings Creek, who was appointed to the board in 2020 as Tournament Chair to replace Judy Wetzel.

Delegate Roll Call. Pat Carlson called the roll. Fifteen of 34 member clubs were present. The required quorum of 30% of the clubs was met.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting. A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the minutes of the Fall 2019 Closing Meeting.

Financial Report. Treasurer, Pat Carlson, reported income will be slightly reduced this year because dues were waived for both renewing members and clubs. Also, certain tournament deposits paid to clubs last season where tournaments were cancelled due to COVID have been carried over to this season. She noted that the Association financials remain strong.

Membership Report. Membership Chair, Sue Bardsley, reported there are 216 active members with 55 inactive. She noted 54 of the active members are new members. She is hopeful the 55 inactive members will renew for 2021.

Tournament Report. Tournament Chair, Mary Ann Veitch, reported there will be a link on tournament registrations for members to donate to the Delaware Food Bank, an important charity for many affected by the pandemic. Mary Ann confirmed the dates and clubs for the 2021 season and that tournament registrations would begin on April 15:

Bash to the Beach – May 17 at Bear Trap Dunes; May 18 at Kings Creek CC
Senior Women's Amateur – June 1 and June 2 at Cripple Creek CC
Solheim Cup – June 17 at Heritage Shores
Amateur Championship – July 12 and July 13 at Rock Manor Golf Club
DeLaWarr Blue & Gold – August 23 at Deerfield Country Club

A discussion ensued relating to the use of carts and pairings for the Senior Women's Amateur. It was agreed the DWGA would follow course protocols for all tournaments as has been done in prior seasons. Mary Ann will reach out to Cripple Creek to ascertain its position on providing single player carts to those who are uncomfortable riding with an unknown cart partner, and whether a cost would be assessed.

2020 Hole-In-One Recipients. President, Debbie Grant, shared a Zoom listing of all 2020 recipients, including distance to the green, club used and recipient's golf course. She reported every recipient receives a nice hole-in-one golf pendant/necklace, and the association sends a congratulatory email to all members recognizing the hole-in-one accomplishment. The Hole-In-One Club is listed under the Program drop-down menu on the Home Page and goes back to 2008.

Web Site Update. Web Master, Ronnie Dannerhoj noted some members have difficulty in registering for tournaments. Members can access the tournament registration area by entering the Member's Area. In the Member's Area the registration links can be found in the lower blue menu on the left. There is a waiting list and a partner list for tournament sign-ups, if needed. In the alternative, questions may be directed to Ronnie, who is happy to assist.

Delegate Activities. Debbie Grant acknowledged the DWGA's appreciation for the work of its Delegates and noted we have 34 clubs with 20 Delegates. She has made it her mission to increase the number of Club Delegates. She announced that the DWGA is planning an end-of-season, Delegates-only luncheon, and tournament at no cost to show its continued appreciation. Delegates are tasked with acting as a liaison between DWGA and their clubs, encouraging participation in DWGA events and enlisting volunteers to assist with DWGA events held at their home clubs. Delegate responsibilities are shown on the web site under the Membership drop-down menu.

Clinics. Debbie Grant noted the DWGA is exploring the possibility of offering clinics this season. Becky Dengler, LPGA Teaching Professional at Ed Oliver, is willing to assist as she has done in the past. Dr. Deb Weeks, a noted professional of the Mental Game of Golf, with whom Becky has a relationship, could offer our

members a clinic, which would be conducive to a Zoom clinic. Becky is also willing to teach a short game clinic for members.

Other Business. Meeting participant, Sue Bennett, inquired whether tournament posters would be printed this year for posting in member Club pro shops. Due to COVID and difficulty with distribution, it was suggested the tournament schedule posted on the web site under Opening Meeting could easily be printed and posted in club member pro shops. It includes a note to visit our web site at DWGA.org. Delegates will be encouraged to print and post the schedule at their clubs and area clubs nearby that do not have a DWGA delegate.

Board Openings. Debbie Grant reported the following opening positions on the Board: Vice President, Communications Chair and Assistant Treasurer. It is helpful, but not required, for the Assistant Treasurer to have a working knowledge of Quick Books. Other open positions require only the love of golf and willingness to get involved.

Retiring Board Members. The following board members retired at the end of the 2020 season: Linda-Knorr Sullivan, President; Katia Foret, Communications Chair and Rosella Champion, Secretary. Debbie thanked each for their continued support of the DWGA.

Closing Meeting. The 2021 Season Closing Meeting will be held at Maple Dale Country Club on Saturday, October 16, 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susie MacNab, DWGA Secretary