



DWGA Board Meeting

Thursday, March 30, 2023 - 7:00pm

Zoom

Minutes

Board Members in Attendance

Pat Carlson, *President*
Lesley Corydon, *Vice President*
Kris Barr, *Secretary*
Claire McArdle, *Membership Chair*
MaryAnn Veitch, *Tournament Chair*
Lynn Sweeney, *Webmaster*
Becky Caprano, *Director*

Call To Order

Pat Carlson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, welcomed everyone attending the meeting and thanked them for their participation.

Approval of Minutes of February 20, 2023 Meeting

It was moved by MaryAnn Veitch, seconded by Kris Barr, and unanimously voted to approve.

Review of Opening Meeting Agenda

- Membership issues were brought up by Becky Caprano via email and suggested we discuss at the meeting.
 - Review of Bylaws Section 2.2 Individual Members**

Any female amateur golfer with an established USGA handicap index and who is a member of a DWGA Member Club or maintains their handicap at a Member Club may join the Association as an Individual Member by paying the applicable Association dues and agreeing to conform to Association Bylaws, policies, rules, and procedures.
- Open days discussion
 - MaryAnn Veitch said that she doesn't believe that there is an assumption in the DWGA that clubs only charge cart fees for open days. Becky said that originally when clubs signed up they were to charge cart fees only, in order to bring more players in for more revenue. Pat is going to check, but believes the document sent to the clubs when providing us the open days schedule specifies cart fee.

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- Open days discussion (continued)
 - MaryAnn learned that Rehoboth Beach polls their ladies association each year to see if they want to join the DWGA and they will if they have someone interested but won't if they don't.
 - Becky noted that open days are the main reason a lot of women join the DWGA and fears our membership will drop if we lost them.
 - Golf Courses are losing money by reducing rates to cart fees. Kings Creek charge a guest fee of \$140, why would they continue to charge DWGA open day participants cart fee only?
 - DWGA charges \$100 to each course, WPGA charges \$30. Perhaps we can charge \$50.
 - What benefits are the courses getting for the \$100 they are paying the DWGA, other than allowing their members to play other courses?
- Dress Code – we should remind people that we do have to dress accordingly when visiting other courses and should make sure members check with the course before arriving.
- Pat said that we should schedule an in-person meeting to discuss the membership and open days issues. It was suggested that we have it sometime in the summer so that we have time to reach out to clubs in advance of next year and so that MaryAnn knows what this will do for tournaments.

Update on Member Clubs' Payment of Dues and Open Days

Pat reported that most of the dues have been paid.

Covering Absent Board Members' Reports at the Opening Meeting

Pat said that Vicki Sama will not be available to attend, but will be providing her information to present.

Other Business

- Lynn Sweeney reported that in her work with Chad from TechnoGoober that they were able to adjust the start time for registration on April 15th to 6:00am. She is also working with him on setting up the option for people to register as an individual, twosome, etc.
- Lynn noted that she's noticing the website is setup in an unusual way and suggested that we discuss a potential redesign and see what our budget may be to do so.
- Claire McArdle brought up that she's seeing issues with members signing up under a DWGA club, but they hold their GHIN at other courses. She said that she has found some situations where people are showing up in GHIN under multiple courses and others are not.
- Pat asked for assistance selling merchandise at the opening meeting and asked for those that can help to arrive at 9:00am.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Minutes taken by Kris Barr