



DWGA Opening Meeting

Saturday, April 1, 2023 - 10:00am

Maple Dale Country Club

Minutes

Board Members in Attendance

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

Welcome Comments & Introductions

Pat Carlson called the meeting to order at 10:38am, welcomed everyone attending the meeting and thanked them for their participation.

Delegate Roll Call

Kris Barr called the delegate roll call. The following individuals and the clubs they represent were present ...

Jan Desmond, *Back Creek Golf Club*
Keven Lawson, *Chesapeake Bay Golf Club*
Sue Bennett, *Cripple Creek Golf & Country Club*
Nancy Guy, *Delcastle Golf Club*
Lisa Jackson, *DuPont Country Club*
Kris Barr, *Ed Oliver Golf Club*
Donna Deely, *Kings Creek Country Club*
Pat Carlson, *Maple Dale Country Club*
MaryAnn Veitch, *Ocean City Golf Club*
Linda Thomas, *The Peninsula*
Becky Caprano, *The Rookery*
Janice Zak, *Wild Quail Golf & Country Club*

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Approval of the Minutes

Jan Zak moved to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2022 closing meeting, it was seconded by MaryAnn Veitch and unanimously approved.

Approval of New Board Members

Pat Carlson discussed our approval of Lesley Corydon as the New Vice President and provided some background on her experience by reading the bio provided to the board.

Dawn Stanley, Assistant Tournament Chair

- Pat Carlson read the bio provided to the board.
- Judy Larson moved to approve; Jan Zak seconded.

Becky Caprano, Director

- Pat Carlson read the bio provided to the board.
- Judy Larson moved to approve; Jan Zak seconded.

Approval of Board Job Descriptions

- Pat Carlson discussed that we recently updated the job descriptions and posted them to the website. She indicated that we started with what the bylaws require and then added in based on our experiences.
- Since members did not have the opportunity to review these in advance, they will be posted on the website and links will be sent out in an email once posted.

Financial Report

- Vicki Sama was unable to attend the meeting.
- Pat Carlson mentioned that since the cost of things has skyrocketed, the DWGA is trying to maintain an affordable cost for tournaments and is therefore subsidizing tournaments. She noted how hard MaryAnn Veitch has been working to negotiate the best prices available while setting up the tournaments.

Membership Report

- Claire McArdle reported that as of April 1, 2023 we have over 260 members.
- She discussed that the DWGA board will be reviewing the qualifications to become a member over the summer so that they are clearer moving forward. There have been some situations that have come up this year that show there is some confusion.
 - To join the DWGA you must be a member of a DWGA member club or keep your GHIN at a member club.
 - There have also been issues where people put down clubs they are members of, but they show up in GHIN under different clubs.

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Tournament Report

MaryAnn Veitch discussed several topics.

- Registration for all tournaments will be open at 6:00am on April 15th.
- 50/50 proceeds this year will be going to the First Tee.
- Ladies Golf Associations - MaryAnn strongly encouraged that the ladies golf associations at clubs hosting DWGA tournaments take the opportunity to have raffles to raise money for their groups.
- **Bash to the Beach**
 - Format is now two best balls of the foursome.
 - Can signup as individual, twosome or foursome and be paired with others to create a full foursome.
 - If you know you're going to have a foursome, but are not sure who the foursome will be, you can put down DWGA members you are sure aren't playing, then switch them out with the actual players in order to save a spot.
 - Suggested an email blast clarifying that there has been a change in format for those that have been trying to find full foursomes in order to signup.
- **DWGA Amateur**
 - MaryAnn said if there are junior golfers, they do not need to be DWGA members, but do need to be members of a DWGA club.
 - Pat said there is a way to make them honorary members so they can register for the tournament as a junior golfer and asked Claire to work on that.
 - Sue Bennett asked if there would be blocks of rooms at the Mendenhall Inn. Becky mentioned that people have been able to get better deals on other websites for the same hotel. Lisa Jackson from DuPont will put together a list of hotel options in the nearby area.

Hole in One Club

Pat Carlson announced that we've already had our first golfer to the hole in one club this year and Lesley Corydon has already processed the information for her necklace. Pat encouraged everyone to report when they do have a hole in one so that we can order your necklace and send an email blast out to membership celebrating your accomplishment.

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Other Business

- **Open Days**
 - MaryAnn Veitch stressed it is becoming harder for country clubs to give us open days and tournament days. She encourages members to be grateful to the club pros for joining the DWGA and giving our membership the opportunity to play their courses.
 - MaryAnn Veitch also mentioned that when playing at our clubs, please tip the bag staff, have meals in their restaurants and buy something in the pro shop to support the clubs so they see the benefit of being a DWGA club.
 - Pat Carlson mentioned that we will be reviewing the open days program this summer as a board and then share with membership once we've updated.
 - It was brought to our attention that some open days at clubs are not being utilized which leads the pro shop to believe there isn't interest.
- **Dress Code** – There have been some instances where members have arrived at clubs for open days and have been turned away or forced to buy appropriate clothing in order to play the course. Members should review the clubs' dress code in advance of arriving for open days or tournaments to avoid being turned away. It was also suggested that ladies discuss this with their own ladies associations as many clubs may not have the same dress codes as others.
- **Tournament posters / flyers** – members were asking if we had any to hand out. We will have them designed, posted to the website and will have a link sent out in an email. We will also have them available at the Bash to the Beach so members can bring back to their clubs.
- MaryAnn Veitch asked for feedback from everyone about doing a DWGA pro-am in the fall as a fund raiser for the First Tee.

Closing Meeting

Pat Carlson announced that it will be held on Saturday October 7, 2023 at Maple Dale.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:05am.

Minutes taken by Kris Barr