

FWGA Board Meeting Minutes

Friday March 15, 2019
Tates Creek Golf Course

The March Board meeting convened at 10:00. Lynn McCoy Simandle, Lynda Campbell, Diane Abbott, Kathy McArdle, Coleen Sydor, Deborah Slaton, Greer Klesk and Sonya Renfro were present. Absent were Olive Gallagher and Jacki Kirby.

Lynn McCoy Simandle presented the minutes from the last meeting. Deborah Slaton motioned to approve, Kathy McArdle 2nd, all approved.

Diane Abbott presented updates to the Treasurer's report. The only changes from the last meeting was and expenditure of \$40 with a balance of \$441.

Diane Abbott explained the GHIN deactivation and reactivation for this year. She will wait until 3/15 to deactivate the current members and will then reactivate newly paid members beginning 3/15 and continuing as memberships for the 2019 season are renewed. GHIN reactivations will be reflected for paid members on the next update for KGA.

Lynn McCoy Simandle reported that the 2019 schedule has been posted and approved by all courses.

The board has discussed a proposed by law change to allow for a provisional membership for new members not holding a current GHIN/Handicap. The proposed change is as follows:

Article III: League Qualifications

Section 1: The maximum Course Handicap for new members will be 36 (USGA Index of 34.0). A golfer seeking FWGA membership must either:

- a. Have a qualifying USGA Handicap Index of 34 or lower
- b. Submit five (5) attested scorecards to use to establish a handicap and have cards reviewed for qualification to join the league, or
- c. Apply for a Provisional Membership, which allows a player without a handicap and sufficient number of attested cards to play up to five (5) rounds with the league to establish a handicap. Full membership will be contingent upon establishing a course handicap of 36 (USGA index of 34) by the end of the provisional period.

A motion for the board to approve the changes was made by Sonya Renfro, Deborah Slaton 2nd, all in favor. Coleen Sydor will be present the proposed changes at the April 9th general meeting.

The board reviewed the guidelines for the Evelyn Wildes Tournament. Kathy McArdle explained that the intent of the tournament was to create an opportunity for older members in the league to compete for prize when often in regular play they may not feel competitive. At the time of origin of the tournament, the majority of the league was quite

young. In order to return to the intent of the tournament, the board suggests that we change the age for eligibility for the tournament to better reflect the age of the league and create a small playing field as intended at the origin of the tournament. Considering polling of others and discussion of the board, the proposed new age of eligibility is 70.

Lynda Campbell gave a presentation of the USGA rule changes. A summary of her presentation will be given at the April 9th meeting.

Lynda Campbell reported that the article, "Most Misunderstood Rules of Golf" was outdated with the 2019 rules changes. Lynn stated that she would get Roz Tender to remove it from the website before our April 9th orientation meeting.

Following a discussion of the local rule regarding lost and out-of bounds ball, many members were in favor of adopting the rule; however, before a vote by the board, members wanted clarification on several points. Lynda Campbell agreed to research this further and report her findings to the president.

The board voted to approve an expenditure of up to \$150.00 for printing and laminating a rules bag tag for all members of the league. We would begin dissemination of the tags at the orientation meeting.

The board meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

After receiving more information about the local rule concerning lost and out of bounds balls, Lynda Campbell reported to the president that she no longer supported the adoption of the local rule.

On May 24th, President Lynn McCoy-Simandle asked the FWGA board members to review an article concerning the lost and out of bounds local rule proposal and to vote via email on the question:

"Should the FWGA Board adopt the local rule regarding an alternative to stroke and distance for lost and out-of-bounds balls."

Nine of ten board members voted No to the above question and one member did not vote. Consequently, the board did not adopt the local rule.