

Fayette Women's Golf Association
Minutes of Board Meeting
Picadome Golf Course
November 1, 2022

Board members present: Lexi Calabrese, Evie Russell, Marsha Bordas, Lynn McCoy-Simandle,
Deborah Slaton, Kathy McArdle, Diane Abbott, Sandra McCully
Board members absent: Colleen Sydor, Hope Sizemore, Carole Barnsley

Lexi Calabrese, president, called the fall board meeting of the Fayette Women's Golf Association to order.

Diane Abbott made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 27, 2022 meeting of the members that was held following the closing scramble. Kathy McArdle seconded the motion, and it passed by voice vote.

Lexi described the proposed schedule of play for the 2023 season. She sent these dates to Justin for the city's approval, and we should hear back in January.

Lexi stated that some FWGA members have expressed an interest in playing from the shortest tees at Lakeside. (This past season, the league played from the second-shortest tees at Lakeside.) Board members discussed how this might be done. Ideas included possibly designating that members who play from tees shorter than those used for league play would make themselves eligible for net-score prizes only. Evie Russell made a motion to table the discussion until the spring 2023 board meeting, Marsha Bordas seconded, and the motion to table passed.

Another topic that members have mentioned to board members is what to do about posting scores for members who play winter golf in areas where the season for handicaps is open (e.g., Florida and Arizona). Kentucky's season for entering scores in the handicap system is March 1-November 30. Those members playing in locations from December 1-February 28 that are "in season", may enter their scores as "away" scores. Diane indicated she would contact members who may be concerned about this.

Board members discussed the terms of the four directors. Presently, three of the four are serving terms that end at the conclusion of the 2023 season, with the fourth term expiring in 2025. The disadvantage of this is that three-fourths of the experienced directors will leave the board all at once, and then that situation will keep happening. Evie made a motion that we temporarily stagger the terms for directors elected in fall of 2023 to 1, 2, and 3-year terms. Lynn McCoy-Simandle seconded the motion, and it passed by voice vote.

Marsha reported on the Girls Fore Girls fundraising event. We have received one application for a "scholarship" and made one award to Abigail Cain. Marsha read a thank you note to FWGA

from Abigail. The ad hoc committee organizing the event is seeking scholarship applications from high school golf team members and planning for the 2023 event.

Under old business, board members agreed to take two proactive steps to emphasize the need for proper golf etiquette during league play. First, all members will receive messages during meetings and in written communications about the importance of good sportsmanship and following the rules of golf. Second, any members who previously were formally warned about proper conduct will receive a letter from the board when those members apply for membership in a new season. This letter will welcome the individual back to the league and also clearly state the expectation of good conduct and respectful treatment of fellow members.

Lexi asked for feedback about the “extended season” play that some members have participated in this fall after the conclusion of league play. Interested members continued to play on Tuesdays at courses throughout our area, and no prizes were involved. Among those who participated, the feedback was positive, and members indicated they would like it to continue as weather permits.

Sandra McCully, treasurer, led a discussion of the budget. At the September 2022 members’ meeting, a motion passed to raise the dues by \$10 in 2023. Following a line-by-line analysis of expenses and income, the board determined that we will not need the entire \$10 increase to comfortably meet our expenses. Handicap fees will go up by \$2, but this is partially offset by KGA no longer charging dues to FWGA. The President’s Cup has not previously been part of the league budget, but the board agreed to put \$25 for gifts to winners in the 2023 budget. Sandra and Lexi are going to investigate costs of reprinting and laminating rules cards. Other expenses are likely to remain about the same. Kathy made a motion to increase the 2023 dues by \$5, Diane seconded, and the motion passed by voice vote. Lexi will notify members that the 2023 dues will increase by \$5.

Evie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Diane, and after a unanimous vote to approve, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by
Deborah Slaton