



Ladies Golf Association

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 12 2024

CALL TO ORDER: President Jeanie Blazey called the meeting to order at 2:04 PM. Those present were: Gwen Murphy, Kathy Case, Eileen Cantarella, Barbara Somma, Kay Williams, Jan Wyatt, Gail Schaeffer, Kathy CuvIELLO, Amy Gay, Jessica Nguyen

Absent: Jen Bauer, Ronni Loundy, Candice Miller, Barbara Romig

MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes of the LGA Board meeting of February 13 2024 was submitted by E. Cantarella with a second by G. Murphy and approved by LGA Board members.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Jeanie thanked all lead LGA committee members for submitting reports prior to the Board meeting. The Board has considered many issues this year that have impacted the LGA Standing Rules. Jeanie moted that she will be meeting with our Rules Comm leader, Gail Schaeffer to update this document so that all LGA members will have accurate information regarding LGA events and policies.

TREASURERS REPORT: Kathy Case, Treasurer reported on the budgeted items spent in support of the LGA 4 Member Tournament. Additional funds were offered to support the quality and addition of passed appetizers which was positively received by LGA participants. Kathy noted that funds remain available to support all of the remaining LGA major tournaments and end of year awards (Birdies, Ringers, and Most Improved). It was noted that additional funds have been added to the end of year awards which will allow for recognition of the achievements of more members. It was agreed that the Member Appreciation Event which proceeded the 2023 Fall Partner Better Ball Tournament will be added as an event for Fall 2024 as this was very well received by membership. While final costs of this event have yet to be determined, Kathy noted that significant LGA funds will be available to support this event. G. Schaeffer moved and K. CuvIELLO seconded and the Board approved the Treasurer's Report.

OLD BUSINESS: The Board discussed at length the issue of Tee Box assignment for LGA members. and considered the following policies to be added to the LGA Standing Rules:

- An LGA player should designate and select their Tee Box assignment to be used for all LGA play and tournaments at the beginning of the LGA season (by Oct 31st)
- During the LGA season, players experiencing medical or other issues may be permitted to change Tee Box designation per communication to the UPCC Golf Pro
- UPCC Club Championship Tournaments – The Club Championship tournament is a non-handicapped flighted, gross score tournament.

- a. All LGA members may participate in the Ruby Club Championship tournament. This could include players who have selected and usually play from the Bronze, Combo or Ruby Tee boxes. A minimum of 8 players is needed to conduct the Ruby Club tournament.
- b. Participation in the Combo Club Championship, is limited to LGA players who have selected the Combo or Bronze Tee Boxes for their seasonal LGA play. A minimum of 8 players is required to conduct the Combo Club tournament.
- c. Participation in the Bronze Club Championship tournament is limited to players who have who have selected the Bronze Tee Box for their seasonal LGA play. A minimum of 8 players is required to conduct the Bronze Club tournament.
- d. There will be a Club Champion in each of the above categories that are played. Appropriate prizes will be awarded.

NEW BUSINESS: Jeanie discussed **proposed** plans for scheduling LGA events in the 2024 Season –

1. On April 3rd (Wednesday) the MGA has invited the LGA to play in an 18 hole Dudes & Divas tournament. Members are encouraged to sign up in the UPCC Pro Shop.
2. Jeanie introduced plans and proposed dates for the 2024-2025 LGA Season.
 - a. The Pink Week tournament will be separated from the LGA Opening Day tournament. The Pink Week tournament is currently scheduled to be held the afternoon of Oct 22 with a dinner at the UPCC Club to follow.
 - b. The LGA Opening Day tournament and luncheon is proposed for November 5 as a Shotgun start with luncheon to follow.
 - c. The two day Partners Fall Classic will be held November 12 and 19 with a rain date of Nov. 26th.
 - d. The Member Appreciation Party will be held November 18th
 - e. The Holiday Tournament will be held December 10th. The LGA will host this 14 hole tournament that invites 9 Hole LGA players to join in this tournament with luncheon to follow.

LGA 2025 **Proposed** Schedule

- a. The two day Sue Collins Eclectic tournament will be held January 7 and 14 with a January 21 rain date.
- b. The 2025 LGA Annual Meeting will be held January 28 as a shotgun tournament followed by a luncheon
- c. The two-day Presidents Cup tournament will be February 4 and 11 with Feb. 18th as a rain date. Feb 18th will also be a Shotgun tournament followed by the monthly luncheon. Whether this happens will be determined by the member survey.
- d. The two-day 4 Member tournament will be February 28th and March 1st. The Doe Night event will be the evening of February 27th and the 4 Member Awards dinner will be March 1st.
- e. The 2025 LGA Member /Guest will be March 25th.
- f. The Dudes and Divas event, in partnership with the MGA will be hosted by the LGA and held April 1st
- g. The 2025 Club Championship Tournament(s) will be held April 8 and 15th with a rain date of April 22nd
- h. Closing Day is April 22nd with a shotgun start and luncheon.
- i. The two-day LGA Whine Cup is scheduled for May 6 and 13.
- j. May 13 will also be a shotgun start and luncheon to follow.

- k. Summer Guest Days will be July 9th and September 9th. A shotgun start and luncheon will be scheduled for both days.

The proposed schedule will be published to the membership when it is finalized.

Major Tournaments and Committee Reports

Golf Advisory Group (GAG) - Jeanie reported that discussions are underway with the Golf Advisory Group and others to develop as UPCC Golf Handicap Committee. Ashley will be bringing this to the Golf Advisory Group for their discussion. Members of the MGA and LGA 18holers and 9 holers as well as leaders of other groups who regularly play at UPCC will be asked to provide input as discussions move forward. The purpose of a UPCC Golf Handicap Committee will be to provide a universal, club wide process for appropriate and equitable monitoring of UPCC club members' golf play. LGA Board members discussed at length and emphasized the need for players to record and establish an accurate and equitable golf handicap and noted that artificially low or artificially high golf handicaps pose significant penalties in relation to two-member and four-member team.

Barbara Romig, GAG liaison noted that the UPCC staff are considering software program (Jonas) to replace the Chelsea system which is used to request an individual or group tee time. It was noted once implemented the Jonas software will use the same weighted system as Chelsea. As a result, players who frequently try to schedule a large group of golfers for weekly play may still be penalized in their choice of tee times as frequent users of the booking request system may continue to be penalized the more they submit tee time requests.

Presidents Cup – It was noted that enrollment for this tournament was much lower than expected. Board members noted that the cold and rainy weather certainly impacted play. Jeanie has proposed **will be** sending a survey to members to gauge continued interest in this tournament. Jeanie will survey to determine if LGA members are interested in this event as a one or two-day tournament and will also survey members regarding a preferred format for this event. Following review of survey results, decisions will be made regarding continuation of this event.

4 Member Tournament – Jessica Nguyen reported on the results of this event. The full enrollment of 80 players was achieved with 145 golfers and guests attending the Awards dinner. Jessica noted that there was positive comments from many members especially newer members who were participating for the first time in this event. Jessica noted that the LGA's funding of the Doe night Hors d'oeuvres was positively received. It was noted that this year's payouts were reduced to 12 places (rather than 13 places). Concerns were expressed by some members concerning the large cash amounts that were associated with this tournament. There was discussion concerning the eligibility of people with higher handicaps playing with a 36 handicap which is lower than their true handicap. There was also discussion of requiring members to play a certain number of times on Tuesday in order to play in the 4 Member and the Member Guest. These discussions will be continued.

LGA Member/ Guest – Amy Gay reported that this event is fully enrolled with a waiting list. It was noted that the LGA has agreed to pay any levied cart fee charges and this might slightly impact the assigned budget for this event. The committee will be meeting this week to finalize plans.

LGA Membership - Candice Miller reported a new total of 154 LGA members with the addition of one trial and one new Full member. Jessica, LGA historian will post pictures of new LGA members.

LGA Birdies, Ringers and Chip-Ins and Pace of Play – Kay Williams noted that she has been monitoring pace of play entries posted by members but noted that participation in this activity has been limited. This far

she has not observed any notable trends or any significant delays although postings have been limited. Members also noted that pace of play issues are often affected by tee time assignments. If a foursome is following a group that is slow, then by default, they will have to post a slow pace of play. Kay will continue to monitor pace of play issues and reminded Board members to please participate in this activity.

LGA Outreach and Sunshine – Barbra Somma noted that more than \$5000 has been collected for Palmetto Elementary school fund-raising efforts thus far which represents participation of 26% of LGA members. In order to encourage participation, Palmetto teacher Susan and our golf course superintendent Curtis Nickerson have recorded a short video. Jeanie and Barbara will arrange to send this video out to LGA members to encourage donations for this important and deserving cause. Contributions will be received through March 31 April. The UPCC will host a special educational field trip and luncheon for the kids at Palmetto on April 15th. Barbara will be soliciting volunteers for this event soon.

Barbara continues to ask members to contact her so that she might send personalized note to LGA members who are experiencing illness, or a loss. Two cards were sent this past month.

LGA Social: Eileen Cantarella reported that she will continue to work with UPCC club and restaurant staff to improve food quality and service for all LGA events. It was noted that the 4 Member event food was well received.

Motion was made and seconded by K. Cuviallo and approved by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 4:06pm.

Next Meeting April 9 2024

Respectfully submitted, Jan Wyatt – LGA Secretary