

FWGA 2024 Winter Board Meeting Minutes

Clubhouse at Picadome

February 27, 2024

President Marsha Bordas called the meeting to order at approximately 10:15am.

Board members present were Marsha Bordas, Diane Abbott, Lexi Calabrese, Kathy McArdle, Lynn McCoy-Simandle, Evie Russell, and Deborah Slaton.

Members not in attendance were Carole Barnsley, Carol Manning, Jacki Kirby.

Sandra McCully made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2023, Fall Board Meeting held at Picadome. Kathy McArdle seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Sandra McCully presented the Treasurer's Report.

Items of note:

- 1.) One new member has already paid dues for the 2024 season (Lynn Sneed).
- 2.) Girls Fore Girls balance has earned \$47.53 in interest.

Marsha Bordas asked about the status of posters promoting FWGA league play (to be placed in Play Golf Lexington clubhouses and elsewhere). Lexi Calabrese, who created the posters used for the last several years, informed the Board that Carole Barnsley has assumed the job of creating new posters. Lexi will contact Carole to check status.

Marsha Bordas supplied Board members with an updated, finalized copy of the FWGA 18-Hole Schedule. Marsha will remove the reference to the June 7 Danville CC Tee Cup tournament that accidentally made its way onto the schedule and reissue the final schedule.

Also of note: No league play on Tuesday, Sep 17; the 2024 Lexington Women's Championship will start on that date at Lakeside and conclude on Wednesday, Sep 18, at Tates Creek. The hope is that more FWGA members will participate.

Marsha Bordas spoke with Justin Mullannix about reestablishing shotgun starts; if we can guarantee a certain number of players, we can shotgun start; unfortunately, we cannot. Tee times will continue to be used, with the exception of the Opening Scramble and the Closing Scramble, which will remain as shotgun start events.

Girls Fore Girls update: Marsha Bordas has sent letters and scholarship applications to each girl that participated last year. The Board averred that recent graduates are welcome to play in the G4G event; they are just not eligible for scholarship money. The problems of getting girls to play in the G4G's scramble and to get them to use the scholarship money were also discussed. Sandra McCully will obtain the Junior Girls Golf League schedule and email it to Board members; the hope is to attend some of their events and inform parents. Lexi Calabrese mentioned we can also focus on younger girls—to mentor them and teach rules, etiquette, and whatnot. Marsha Bordas will again contact high school coaches to help recruit participants.

New business:

By-laws Chairperson Deborah Slaton suggested we remove the duties of the Susan B. Komen Chairperson from the description provided in the Duties of the Board and Chairpersons document that follows the By-laws in the By-law document, and replace it with a generic reference to a chairperson for any event where fund-raising is the goal.

Lexi Calabrese informed the Board that former FWGA member Helen Martin has passed away. She'll inform the Board members and Sunshine Chair Sandra Floyd when her obituary is published.

Sandra McCully requested we modify the rules to allow rake and place when bunkers are not manicured. Rules Chairperson Lynn McCoy-Simandle will look into to see if there is a precedent and to evaluate the pros and cons.

Director Melinda Flynn asked for something tangible to be put out when bunkers are unplayable; she did not see the texts that were being sent via Golf Genius in cases where bunkers were deemed unplayable. Pairings Chairperson Kathy McArdle agreed to create a few laminated placards that can be put on display.

Rules Chairperson Lynn McCoy-Simandle requested to do a Rules presentation during the Spring Membership meeting to inform of new rules and to clarify some rules. For example, she will clarify what to do in the case of missing red stakes (Play Golf Lexington local rule). President Marsha Bordas will allot Lynn time during the meeting to make her presentation.

Ex Officio member Lexi Calabrese agreed to continue producing a weekly newsletter. She requested Rules Chairperson Lynn McCoy-Simandle to provide her with a rule explanation each week that can be posted in the newsletter.

Rules Chairperson Lynn McCoy-Simandle also brought up pace-of-play issues. The three-minute rule to find a lost ball must be enforced. Will ask membership to provide written complaints about slow pace-of-play; Lynn and Marsha Bordas will approach a player regarding slow play only if a written complaint is filed, with the goal of trying to find strategies to improve her pace of play. Deborah Slaton suggested using the resources on the FWGA website for tips on ready golf, which includes documents and a link to a YouTube video.

Kathy McArdle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice President Evie Russell seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.

Respectfully submitted by
Kathy McArdle