



## *Ladies Golf Association*

### **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**April 16 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice President Gwen Murphy called the meeting to order at 2:08 PM. Those present were: Gwen Murphy, Kathy Case, Eileen Cantarella, Barbara Somma, Kay Williams, Jan Wyatt, Gail Schaeffer, Amy Gay, Barbara Romig, Jessica Nguyen. President Jeanie Blazey joined at 2:18pm

Absent: Jen Bauer, Ronnie Loundy, Candice Miller, Kathy CuvIELlo

**MINUTES:** A motion to approve the minutes of the LGA Board meeting of March 12 2024 was submitted by E. Cantarella with a second by J. Nguyen and approved by LGA Board members.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Kathy Case offered the April Treasurer's Report - Cash on hand as of April 7 is as projected at approx. \$7000 with final Member/Guest tournament expenses cleared. Projected expenses through the end of the fiscal year will not exceed \$2800 including Year-end awards. It was noted that monetary awards to be given at the closing LGA luncheon (Club Championship, Ringers, Most Improved) were flighted and doubled from last year to offer more value to membership. Balance at the end of April should result in approx. \$4500 surplus. In summary, Kathy reviewed revenue/expenses during the 2023-2024 LGA season:

- Membership Income exceeded budget by \$720
- Committee Supplies, Events, and Major Tournaments came in under budget by about \$1,300.
- The Board decided to provide a significant additional contribution (\$2,300) to the 4 Member event which took up the surplus from the other categories.
- Donations will likely also be under budget since \$500 was allocated but is still not spent.

It was noted that financially, the LGA achieved its goal to exceed members' expectations, especially in our signature events, by using all the available resources.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Jeanie thanked the LGA for their support, including recognition to the LGA Member/Guest Committee led by Amy Gay, and the 4 Member Tournament led by Jen Bauer and Jessica Nguyen. Jeanie announced that for the 2025 LGA Member /Guest, Tammy Yarnell and Charlene Creel will head the committee. The 2025 Four Member tournament will be led by Jessica Nguyen and Linda Morrison.

Jeanie reported on a letter of concern offered by an LGA member which was received by the LGA Executive Board. Issues regarding LGA member participation and enrollment in tournaments was noted along with concerns regarding proper recording of scores for handicap calculation and accuracy. Concerns were also expressed regarding player participation in LGA team tournaments when a player's handicap index might exceed the recognized LGA requirement of 40.7.

Jeanie noted that the LGA Executive Board met to discuss and address these concerns. A comprehensive letter of response was sent March 23 which noted the following:

- a. The LGA recognizes the need for members to appropriately record their golf scores after each golf round. As a result of input from the LGA, Ladies Nine Hole group and the MGA, the UPCC will be developing a community/club wide Handicap Monitoring Committee within the next several months.
- b. The LGA reviewed participation in all LGA events of the 2023/2024 season and noted that enrollment and participation by membership was as expected and the Member/Guest and Four Member tournaments were fully enrolled with waiting lists. It was noted that weather impacted the two day President's Cup tournament which did not meet participation goals. It was noted that the President's Cup will become a one day tournament for the next LGA season.
- c. The LGA membership requirement of a maximum handicap index of 40.7 was confirmed and it was noted that the LGA is committed to fun and friendship and will encourage women golfers to join. It was noted that the LGA Rules Committee will participate in monitoring to assure that all LGA members meet this handicap requirement.

**LGA Standing Rules:** Jeanie thanked G. Schaeffer and J. Wyatt for their work in revising and updating the LGA Standing Rules. The Board has considered many issues this year that have impacted the LGA Standing Rules. Changes have been made to the design of tournaments including the recognition of a Club Champion tournament along with a flighted Bronze class tournament. Information about Tee Box assignment for the LGA season and information regarding the new World Handicap System and rules for recording your score have also been included. Members are encouraged to review the updated LGA Standing Rules on the LGA website.

**Name-Tags:** Jeanie noted that many members have continued to express interest in receiving an official LGA name tag. It was noted that the LGA has received more than 10 new members this year which is an unexpected bonus. Jeanie will explore options to create nametags for members.

**LGA 2024-2025 Calendar of Events:** Jeanie noted that the new 2024/2025 LGA Calendar of games will soon be posted to the LGA website. For the remaining months in 2024, Jeanie encouraged everyone to sign up for the two day Whine Cup. She also noted that in the summer months this year, the LGA will only host a July and September Shotgun with luncheon tournament.

Jeanie encouraged members to sign up and attend the LGA Closing meeting and shotgun/luncheon, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Jeanie will thank members for their participation in events and will highlight the many accomplishments of the season.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Golf Advisory Group (GAG):** Barbara Romig reported that the architect's rendering of the new UPCC golf practice area has been approved and an illustrated rendering posted at the UPCC Golf Bag drop and also posted at the current practice area. Barbara noted that the GAG has encouraged and will support the new UPCC Club wide Handicap Committee. The LGA again asked Barbara to share with the GAG our interest in placing benches in appropriate places in the new proposed golf practice areas. It was noted that 82% of the current club membership is between the ages of 65 and 85 and benches would enhance a sense of community and provide comfort and safety for members.

**Chip-Ins, Birdies, Ringers, Pace of Play:** Kay Williams presented summary results for the LGA season:

Two members achieved a Hole in One on hole #5 and will receive a special pin and two members achieved Eagles and will receive special ball markers. Birdie pins will be awarded at the End of Season luncheon along with gifts for Ringers, and Most Improved in each flight category (A, B, C, D). It was noted that both member

award recognition and funds for end of year prizes have been increased this year to maximize fun and friendship.

Kay also noted that members have increased reporting of the start and end times of their golf rounds and that pace of play has been within appropriate parameters. Kay thanked members for this participation in this short term monitoring project.

**Membership:** C. Miller reported that the current LGA membership is at 152 with two new “trial” members. It was noted that membership fell from 155 as a few long time members have moved away from the area. Pictures of new members will be posted in a display to be featured at the Closing LGA luncheon, April 23.

**Social:** E. Cantarella and A. Gay reported on issues associated with quality of food service at LGA events including the LGA Member/Guest tournament. While communication has been initiated with UPCC senior restaurant staff, it was noted that responses have been limited thus far. It was agreed that Jeanie (LGA President) and Kathy CuvIELLO (Major Tournaments) will communicate concerns to senior UPCC restaurant staff in an effort to clarify the policies, people and processes needed to assure the highest quality of food and service at LGA events.

**FSGA/LGA InterClub Participation and Play:** Amy Gay reported on LGA member participation in the FSGA regional events held during this season. It was noted that participants enjoyed the experience and those that were able to participate reported their interest in participating again next year. Because there is a limit to the number of LGA members that might participate (4 per event), efforts will be made to create a process to provide equity and fairness in the selection of interested participants. It was noted that the LGA paid the \$75 participation fee for participants this year.

**Outreach/Sunshine:** Barbara Somma thanked the LGA volunteers (B. Suverkrup, J. Wyatt, B. Romig, C. Creel, S. Van Gundy, S. O’Connell, G. Murphy, R. DuChaineY-Farkes) and UPCC golf staff for the wonderful STEM, science and food and fun field trip to UPCC that was completed April 15<sup>th</sup> by more than 80 4<sup>th</sup> grade students and teachers. The UPCC staff and volunteers provided golf tours and science events to enrich learning for the students. The UPCC restaurant hosted a delicious lunch for all students and teachers which was enjoyed by all. As a result of the generous contributions of LGA members, a check for \$7500 was presented to Susan Nickerson, lead 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Palmetto. These funds will continue to support educational field trips, supplies and resources to enhance student learning.

Barbara noted that Sunshine cards have continued to be sent to LGA members – J. Wyatt will assume this responsibility as Barbara is away from the LGA for a period of time.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**UPCC Club Handicap Committee:** Jeanie announced the development of a new UPCC Club Handicap Committee. Jeanie will head the committee. The LGA has agreed and has appointed two members to this committee –Kim Brown and Becky Suverkrup. The UPCC Ladies 9 Hole group and the MGA will also appoint members to this committee. The UPCC club has agreed to purchase a new automated/digital system (Cap Patrol) that will monitor/match Tee sheet enrollment and respective golf member score entries in the GHIN system. Jeanie noted that the LGA will not be responsible for monitoring any player’s score entries as this will be the sole responsibility of this club wide committee.

**Motion was made and seconded and approved by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 4:16pm.**

**Next Meeting May 14<sup>th</sup> 2024**

Respectfully submitted, Jan Wyatt – LGA Secretary