



SBRWGA Board Meeting  
 March 8, 2022  
 1:15pm-3:45pm

Lorraine Smith, Pres. PRESENT	Diane Taylor, VP PRESENT	Pam Horwitt, Secy PRESENT	Kay Johnson, Treas PRESENT
Jeanne Jensen, Mbrshp Not present	Marci Whitehead, Social Not present	Monika Bartko, Spons PRESENT	Beth Chamberlin, Comms PRESENT
Susan Pharr, League Day PRESENT	Toni Graves, Rules & HC Not present	Barb Simms, Webmstr PRESENT	M.Jahaske, Director of Golf PRESENT

President Lorraine Smith called the meeting to order. The agenda is reflected in *italics* below.

**PREVIOUS MONTHS' ACTION ITEMS**

- ACTION– COMPLETE: Tee choice recommendations presentation to January Board –Toni, Jeanne, Susan
- ACTION– COMPLETE: Lorraine and Kay to meet to make sure we are in compliance.
- ACTION. – **IN PROGRESS**: Barb to continue researching a better software solution to update website graphics
- ACTION- COMPLETE: Monika to send the list of current sponsors to Barb so the website can be updated.
- ACTION– COMPLETE (NO LONGER NEEDED): Toni to send a list of the MV/P sponsors to Monika after Toni attends their member guest.
- ACTION– **IN PROGRESS**: Marci and Diane to prepare the budget details for the Member/Guest event and submit it to the Board.
- ACTION - COMPLETE: Barb will update the website to reflect the *SaddleBrooke Womens Classic* name change.
- ACTION - COMPLETE: Barb to update the website schedule with the revised dates.
- ACTION - COMPLETE: Susan will revise and resubmit the guidelines, after she receives input from others on the Board.
- ACTION - COMPLETE: ALL Board members need to review any materials sent prior to a Board meeting, and come prepared to provide input as needed.
- ACTION – COMPLETE (*See President Section below*): All Chairs to review the SBRWGA Policies and Procedures section they are responsible for, and send your comments/updates to Lorraine.
- ACTION - COMPLETE: Kay to make sure training costs are added to the 2023 budget. Toni to submit an expense reimbursement to Kay.
- ACTION – **IN PROGRESS** : Lorraine will get in touch with Marci to get a date for a *Monday or Tuesday Happy Hour at the Bistro, for member photos and website overview.*
- ACTION – **IN PROGRESS**: Lorraine to contact the Ironwood Cup coordinators to get more information.

A motion was made to approve the previous month’s minutes. The motion was approved.

**SPECIAL GUEST**

*AGA Guest:* Anj Brown, Managing Director of Outreach for the Arizona Golf Association, made a presentation of the various programs and benefits the AGA provides to the 613 AZ golf clubs and/or their members. She indicated she is always available to answer questions or address training needs. She provided her contact information to the Board members. She pointed us to the AGA website, [WWW.AGA.ORG](http://WWW.AGA.ORG), to see this year’s



schedule of events, tournaments and a wealth of other information. She recommended that we read the various newsletters we receive as AGA members, in particular the bi-monthly newsletter that contains our current handicaps. Lots of good information is contained in that newsletter.

Lorraine asked about the Handicap Chair responsibilities as they relate to our League's "Handicap Only" members. Anj stated that the Handicap Chair is responsible for monitoring Handicap Only members, to make sure they are posting scores, etc.

The AGA has a free website portal available to AGA clubs. The AGA will make a decision this summer if they will continue to support Golf Genius, or if they will move to a different software, most likely Blue Golf.

The AGA holds Rules of Golf seminars, which are free to member clubs. The AGA expects the USGA to make some rule changes for January 2023. There was agreement that our League may want to schedule a Rules seminar around that time.

Anj passed out several other items for us, including Handicapping Reference Guides, Rules of Golf books, and a Rules Situation Quick Reference Guide, which is similar to our own developed Quick Reference Guide.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### GOLF COURSE OPERATIONS – Mike

Mike communicated that, on April 1, the golf course will move to a mandatory 2-person per cart requirement. The Forecaddie newsletter will contain details and exceptions. In answer to a question, Mike confirmed that there is not a restriction for walking the course vs riding in a cart, as long as the pace of play is kept. Also on April 1, the side window will close, and check in will move back into the Pro Shop.

**ACTION: MIKE** will determine if the COVID precaution verbiage can now be removed from the SBRWGA website.

The Pro Shop is now sponsoring quarterly fun events – see the Forecaddie for details. The first event is Tax & Hacks on April 20.

Mike communicated that the Lady Niners' vote on chartering was approved by their members. They are in the process of developing bylaws and P&P. They will be playing on Tuesday mornings at the same time as the League, on opposite nines than where the League starts.

### PRESIDENT – Lorraine

Lorraine had requested that each Chair review their section(s) of the Policy & Procedures and submit any recommended changes. The following represent those recommendations:

*Tee Designation Language for P&P:* Susan presented the revised Tee Positions for League Day verbiage. A motion was made to approve the wording. The motion passed.

**ACTION: PAM & LORRAINE** to update the P&P with the revised wording & communicate to the League members.



*League Days P&P Adjustment:* A proposal was submitted to move a statement contained in the Tee Positions section of the League Day P&P to the Weekly Signup section. This was not discussed during the meeting.

**ACTION: LORRAINE** to include in April's meeting agenda.

*Quarterly Ringers P&P:* Susan recommended that we eliminate Low-Net Ringers. It was stated that few people understood Ringers, and the existence of Ringers was driving the Max 10 rule, which can negatively impact pace of play. A motion was made to eliminate Ringers after Q1. The motion passed.

**ACTION: PAM & LORRAINE** to update the P&P to eliminate Low-Net Ringers & communicate to the League members.

*Max 10 Rule P&P:* Susan recommended that we eliminate the Max 10 rule, and instead apply double net bogey maximums, in order to help improve pace of play. After some discussion, it was decided that more research was needed to make sure double net bogey was equitable in all games, and how a player would flag their scorecard to indicated they picked up and took a DNB.

**ACTION: SUSAN** to look further into how we would use double net bogey on League Days, instead of Max 10.

*Sponsorship:* Monika requested that #3 on page 6 of the Policy & Procedures be amended to state "Ensure sponsor commitments are met." A motion was made to approve the verbiage. The motion passed.

**ACTION: PAM & LORRAINE** to update the P&P with the revised wording & communicate to the League members.

*Member/Guest P&P Change:* Diane recommended that verbiage in the P&P for Member/Guest be amended to eliminate the second paragraph. She indicated that the first paragraph in the P&P covered all the parameters in the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph. This is the proposed paragraph to eliminate:

"Each foursome must contain at least one active member. Active members have participated in a minimum of 10 league days in the prior 12 months, are familiar with local and USGA rules, and have their handicaps overseen and monitored by the SBRWGA."

A motion was made to approve the change. The motion passed.

**ACTION: PAM & LORRAINE** to update the P&P with the revised Member/Guest wording & communicate to the League members.

#### **TREASURER - Kay**

*Monthly Financials:* After a brief review of the Financials, a motion was made to approve them. The motion passed.

*President's Cup Statement:* Under budget; see **Tournaments/Social** section for details.

*IRS Statement:* The analysis was included in the Financials, but not discussed.

#### **WEBSITE – Barb**

Barb indicated she would take a look at the AGA's webpage. Further discussion of the AGA's offer of a free webpage resulted in agreement by the Board that our League has a very complete and useful website, and that there is no need to change to a different website at this time.



See the Action items at the top for actions related to the webpage.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS - Beth**

Beth reported that four articles have been submitted to the Ranch Roundup this month.

*Sponsor Publicity:* Beth and Monika brought up a question as to how sponsors, particularly smaller donors, were acknowledged in past years. Pam stated that an article recognizing all sponsors was written towards the end of each year. It was agreed that an article for a month without other SBRWGA articles would be a good time to do this, possibly in the early fall.

#### **LEAGUE DAY - Susan**

Susan reported that we are averaging 40-50 players a week on League Days. Susan will be promoting pace of play, especially in light of the change to 2-person carts in April.

#### **SPONSORSHIPS - Monika**

Monika reported that she's met the budget goal for Sponsors, and that she will not at this time be soliciting additional sponsors.

Monika brought up a concern that we have five \$800 Sponsors, and not enough 2-day tournaments to assign to them. It was pointed out that we actually do have five 2-day tournaments – Solheim, President's Cup, Club Championship, Del Sud, Member/Guest. The Board agreed Monika could do one or more of the following: assign a Sponsor to Member/Guest, or remove the 2-day tourney commitment & replace with a different commitment, such as Closest to the Pin, Long Drive, etc.

#### **TOURNAMENTS/SOCIAL – Diane**

Member/Guest plans are in progress. Marci and Diane have found a private culinary club in the Ranch who will make the appetizers. There will be no cost for their labor. In consideration of this, SBRWGA will donate an amount to a charity of the culinary club's choice. As of now, 27 members have signed up for Member/Guest.

*President's Cup:* Diane reported that the Ranch House Grill neglected to provide all the food stipulated in the contract. We were not charged for any of the missing food or beverage. It was agreed that Marci should follow up a few times before future lunches to make sure this doesn't happen again.

#### **MEMBERSHIP - Jeanne**

Prior to the meeting, Jeanne sent an email to the Board stating that we have nine registered new members, and an additional four women submitted their names at the Club Expo.

#### **RULES/HANDICAPS - Toni**

Toni reported via email that she and Steph are sending communications regarding rules and handicaps, and monitoring handicaps postings and sending reminders for both SBRWGA and handicap only members.



**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Mixed Sticks:* Lorraine reported that the SBR Men's League is coordinating Mixed Sticks. The game is a match play with SBRWGA & SBRMGA members as partners.

*New Board Position – Handicap Chair:* Table to April meeting.

**ACTION: LORRAINE** to include in April meeting agenda.

*April Board Meeting:* Lorraine communicated that she will be out of town. Diane will run the meeting.

**ACTION: LORRAINE** to meet with Diane to prep the April meeting agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40pm. The next Board meeting is April 12.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Pam Horwitt*

Pam Horwitt, SBRWGA Secretary