

ROSSMOOR WOMEN'S NINE HOLE GOLF CLUB  
BOARD MEETING - Mulligan Room  
April 10, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Captain Penny Ittner at 9:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Those in attendance were Penny Ittner, Jean Moulaison, Judi Southcott, Joyce Niebur, Laurie Krelle, Lynne Osmundsen, Mary Kelley, Sarah Buehrer, Angie Logsdon, Joan Latham, Dorothy Pierce, Allison Howells, Mary Jane Hargrove. Excused were Karen Wener and Joan Leonard.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Judi Southcott submitted the March 13<sup>th</sup> minutes. On a motion made by Joyce Niebur and seconded by Allison Howells, the minutes of the March 10, 2017 Board Meeting were approved by unanimous voice vote.

**CAPTAIN'S REPORT:** Penny Ittner reported that the Spring Fling was a success.

**CO-CAPTAIN'S REPORT:** Jean Moulaison reported that the Niners will be participating in exchange playdays with Crow Canyon. On May 18, we will send 8-10 players to Crow Canyon, and then on May 25, they will send the same number here. A notice will be published in the newspaper. Also signup sheets will be in the Pro Shop. It is possible to sign up for both days. Players are encouraged to stay for a no-host lunch with the Crow Canyon players following golf. No regular play day tournament will be held on May 25, but players can sign up for tee times individually. May 25 is also the date of the first away Team Play match, as well as the first Eclectic Day.

Open days and invitationals are coming up and the binder for signups is in the Pro Shop. Open days will be held at El Macero (12:30 registration) and at the Yolo Flyers Club in Woodland (7:30 registration). Players may sign up for Invitationals in San Jose, Fair Oaks, and Groveland which include breakfast, lunch and prizes. Costs range from \$60-\$85.

Discussion continued regarding an email blast which the 18ers regularly send out to their members. It was suggested that this would be a good method to get information out to the Niners. Jean will send Judi the edited information for a regular Monday email blast.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** No report

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Joyce Niebur reported our account balance was about \$9,800 at end of March. Checks have been sent out to Creekside and for GHIN dues. Reserves for Hole-in-One are up to \$900. The club expects to carry forward a balance of about \$4,000 at the end of year.

**TOURNAMENT CHAIRWOMEN'S REPORT:** Laurie Krelle reported that play has been limited by weather and course conditions. Also members are experiencing an issue with the pace of play. Laurie suggested an etiquette seminar should be planned for members to encourage a quicker pace of play. It was recommended that some players with handicaps higher than a certain level be encouraged to play from the gold tees. Jean and Penny will draft an email discussing the pace of play, golf etiquette, the option of playing from the gold tees as well as picking up after a certain number of strokes.

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRWOMEN'S REPORT:** Lynne Osmundsen reported that Ann at Creekside has developed three pricing tiers for Niners lunches at Creekside. The prices are \$18, \$22 and \$27, and there are various menus that can be selected from each tier. This approach is designed to make it easier for selecting lunch menus, and it guarantees prices for the rest of the year, since prices have increased from last year. Lynne also reported that the cash box is missing from the locker as well as some table numbers. Lynne will inventory items in the locker. Plans are being made for Team Play on June 1, Jamboree on June 29 and First Tee on July 6<sup>th</sup>.

**HANDICAP CHAIRWOMAN'S REPORT:** Mary Kelley questioned how handicaps are recorded in tournaments. Adjustments need to be made on the score cards reflecting which markers each player plays from. Mary would like to send out information for players regarding the handicap table for use when playing from the red and gold markers.

**RULES CHAIRWOMAN'S REPORT:** Sara Buehrer reported that the 18ers will conduct a Rules Seminar from 9-11 on Monday, May 1st in the Donner Room at the Event Center. There is no charge for the seminar, but no food or drinks will be served. A speaker from WNGAC will conduct the seminar. Signup for the seminar in the white binder on 18ers counter. Jean will include this information in the email blast being sent out on Mondays.

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIRWOMAN'S REPORT:** Joan Latham reported that no new applications have been received since last Thursday. Joan asked whether refunds are given for non-participation in events for which members had previously paid. It was suggested that refunds may be given before the stated deadline for each event, but when costs are incurred, the club policy will be to not make refunds after the deadline.

Angie Logsdon reported we now have 145 members. The directory for next year was discussed. It was suggested that it may not be necessary to distribute the directory information for the members in all the Rossmoor clubs. However, club schedules and Board of Directors' names of all clubs should be included. Angie will check on the price of printing and creating our own directory in print and digital form.

**TEAM PLAY CHAIRWOMEN'S REPORT:** Dorothy Pierce reported that there will be a team play seminar on April 27<sup>th</sup>. An article has appeared in the newspaper regarding the seminar. The Rossmoor team play will be on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Because there are multiple events occurring on the same day in Rossmoor, the club will be requesting members who own golf carts to volunteer the use of those carts for team play on June 1. A blast will be sent out regarding the need for carts on the team play day. Transportation back to their homes will be available to those volunteering the use of their carts.

**PUBLICITY CHAIRWOMAN'S REPORT:** No report.

**GAC REPORT:** Mary Jane Hargrove reported that GAC will meet on Friday.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** WNHGA survey regarding change in GHIN licensing arrangements

The Board discussed three options facing WNHGA (information from WNHGA Survey email)

**OPTION 1:**

WNHGA would continue to contract with WGANC & PWGA. Through them, NCGA would provide GHIN services to our members, but otherwise remains a separate association for purposes of tournaments, open days, charitable contributions, and other association activities. WNHGA continues to collect dues from members (\$13.00) Although no hard figures have yet been discussed, we believe that GHIN fees could be kept at the reduced level of \$20 per member.

**OPTION 2:**

WNHGA fully merges with NCGA, but retains its identity as an affiliated association under the NCGA umbrella. NCGA would collect dues from our members and clubs, and would provide WNHGA with a budget each year to conduct tournaments, make charitable contributions, and cover administrative expenses. The WNHGA operating budget would be re-evaluated each year by NCGA. NCGA currently charges \$36 per member. WNHGA may not be able to continue offering Open Days under this option. NCGA also does not currently reimburse travel expenses for its tournament volunteers.

**OPTION 3:**

WNHGA contracts with outside vendors to supply handicapping and tournament management services. Again, no hard figures have been discussed, but preliminary discussions with potential vendors suggest the cost of obtaining these services would be roughly comparable to what would have to be paid to NCGA under Option 1, so that dues could likely be kept at current levels. Handicaps developed by a non-USGA system would probably not be considered official for purposes of golfer participation in USGA and NCGA events, but would enable Open Day play at clubs and WGANC tournaments. Under this arrangement, scores could not be posted at the golf course and would have to be posted online, whether by the individual player or by the handicap and/or tournament chair.

The advantages of remaining an affiliate of the NCGA (such as reduced fees at some northern California courses) were discussed. It was unclear whether Option #1 would include membership in NCGA. The various fees for each option were discussed. The Board indicated that Option #1 would be the best option for the club.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The next meeting is Monday, May 8th, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. in the Mulligan Room at Creekside.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m. by Captain Penny Ittner.

Judi Southcott  
Secretary