

FLWGA Board Meeting January 6, 2021

The January board meeting was called to order by President, Becky Rice, at 8:00 a.m. via Zoom. A quorum was established with seven current board members in attendance. Those attending were Becky Rice, Sue Ellis, Betty Detrich, Rosemary Calderon, Leslie Tieszen, Dixie Randle and Pam Tyndall.

Secretary Report –

The December 2020 minutes were previously transmitted to the board for input, and the final copy was sent to the board and posted on the website.

President Report -

Becky welcomed new board members and advised that the meeting schedule will be on the calendar on the website. If we have a meeting where many of the board cannot attend, we will move the meeting (assuming we have enough notice). If we have a meeting where there is little to discuss, we will cancel that meeting (usually happens in the summer).

Becky reminded the board that communication to our members goes through Membership after first being approved by Rosemary Calderon for golf related tournaments, play days, and outside opportunities, or by Becky Rice for all other matters. As a rule, we do not communicate member illness/surgeries to all members via email. If anyone hears of a member who is ill or had surgery or has had a death in the family, please direct the message to Judy Geary, our Sunshine Ambassador, and she will send a card out to that person from the FLWGA. For deaths of members or their family, also notify Becky Rice, and she will send an email to the membership.

Becky encouraged all board members to review their job descriptions. She will be asking everyone to submit changes to her later in the year before the next nominating committee begins their selection process. She encourages us to add anything that is not currently included or delete duties that are no longer necessary or no longer being performed.

Becky also found that the transition last year from one board to the next was a bit difficult. So, she has started a document of all things that the board members are responsible for and timing, such as software licensing renewal, early renewal process, etc., to hand over to the next board to assist them in remembering all things they need to do during the year. She will share the document with the board in a month or so for review and to add anything that may be missing. It will be a living document, so we may add to it all year long.

Treasurer Report –

Betty Detrich presented the P&L dated 01/01/21 and Balance Sheet dated 01/01/21. On the P&L, there was a little interest and \$120 member dues under Income. We paid for the holiday gift cards for the golf club staff and also PayPal processing fees under Expenses. We also currently have \$10,482.31 in the bank. The prepaid expenses are the storage fees and golf software. The advanced collection of dues will be shifted over.

Edna Adams is performing the 2020 Financial Annual Review and will have her findings completed and submitted by the next board meeting.

The Budget for 2021 (dated 1/6/2021) was also presented and discussed. Per Becky, due to COVID, we will not be having our usual Kick Off Party in February. Depending on when we are able to gather in large groups again, we **may** be able to have a “Welcome Back” party for all members. Accordingly, a “Welcome Back” party, a happy hour, and a Holiday Party are currently included in the budget, although neither the “Welcome Back” party nor the happy hour are currently included on the official calendar. For the golf events, golfers will pay for golf, prize fund and food (if any). The budgeted amount is for Rosemary to spend however she wants for each event (goodie bags, etc.). There is no budget for Match Play, because the cost is the responsibility of each player. We support the Night Golf event that is sponsored by Joe Washburn because he supports one of our events during the year. Under Administrative, Sponsor dollars are currently zero, although we left a line item for them, because they have been good to us in the past. Judy Merritt is responsible for sponsor dollars and she will provide us with updates. Revenue is based on the current membership of 138. Leslie reported on the status of collections and stated that it is difficult to estimate new members. After further discussion, a motion was made and seconded to accept the Budget, and by a unanimous vote of all board members, the Budget was accepted.

Membership Report –

Leslie reported that the current membership count is 138. Thirteen members from last year did not rejoin, after having reached out to them a number of times. None of them have moved. She will post in Amenity Centers (when open) and Golf Course Ladies’ Restroom, similar flyers from past years regarding membership.

Vice President Report -

Sue reported that she has been busy updating the website. She still views things as a work in progress and welcomes input from the other board members. The golf software fees will come due in March, and we will discuss further as we get closer.

Golf Director Report –

Coordinators: Rosemary reported that all coordinator positions have been filled.

Golf Events: Since we were able to successfully conduct a “Pandemic” scramble last year, we will be going forward with all golf events that were cancelled last year and conduct them similarly to the “Pandemic” scramble, that is, without a social, maintaining social distancing and check-in at starting hole, etc. Events will have themes and goodie bags. Since every player will be paying an entry fee, which includes a prize fund, all FLWGA members who wish to play in a Golf Event will have to have an established handicap in order to qualify. Since the new handicap system only requires 3-18 hole rounds (or 6-9 hole rounds), it should not be difficult for any player to obtain a handicap. The handicap does not have to be entered on a hole-by-hole basis, although that is the preference.

Regular Playday: We will also commence with regular 18-hole playday games, where \$4 will be collected at check-in for any player wishing to participate in the game. PayPal will not be used.

Exchanges: Rosemary reported that exchanges are still on hold as most courses are not yet willing to host. There is a tentative exchange scheduled for July 8 at Hurricane Creek.

Local Rules: Jenny Blackwood – 2021 Rules Coordinator – has reviewed the local rules with Becky Rice and Rosemary Calderon and made suggested updates. A redlined draft was distributed to all board members. Most of the updates were clarifications. The “Out of bounds / lost ball” rule reflects a USGA “optional” local rule that should speed up play – no more going back to re-hit if player prefers not to. Rule #7 was eliminated as this rule is now included in the new USGA rules and so no longer needs to be a local rule. After further discussion, a motion was made and accepted to accept the changes to our local rules. Based on a unanimous vote of all board members, the updates to the Local Rules as presented were accepted.

Other subjects of discussion –

Handbook: The FLWGA Handbook was updated with the new board / coordinator information. It was sent to the 2021 board, Jenny Blackwood (for rules) and Dianne Dunn (for handicap) for review. Most changes were incorporated. The section on 18 hole play currently has “Regular” (paying and playing for dollars) and “Girlfriend” (not paying and playing for dollars) golf options. Various alternative designations were discussed. Becky will further update the handbook and redistribute to the board for further input and/or approval. Once the Handbook is finalized, including the revised Local Rules, Becky will give to Leslie, who will send to Membership at the beginning of the year and give to new members. It will also be on the website.

Calendar: Becky reported that the Calendar was sent to the Golf Course last week for approval. She will meet with Se Kwang later today after golf and hopefully get it finalized. Once finalized, she will get it to Leslie.

Bylaws: The Bylaws allow committees to be formed. Since it has been at least 4 years since the Bylaws have been reviewed, Jenny Blackwood has volunteered to lead a Bylaws review. The membership will be required to vote on it. Becky requested that each of us review the Bylaws and let Jenny Blackwood know of any recommended changes that we may feel appropriate.

After a few other discussions items, Becky adjourned the meeting.