

Bella Vista Women's 9-Hole Golf

Board Meeting

June 14, 2021

The meeting began at 11:00 a.m. at Riordan Hall.

Present:

Julia Doverspike, Rhonda Dietz, Shari Ogburn, Becky Turner, Anne Marie Steeneck, Susan Nuttall, Margo Eckhardt, Sandra Foster, Penny Mosley, Ruth Hatcher, Jane Long

Julia welcomed the attendees.

Minutes of March 22 and March 29, 2021

Anne Marie Steeneck presented the minutes for approval. Rhonda Dietz made a motion and Becky Turner seconded that both minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report and Memorial Garden (Becky Turner)

Becky Turner stated the June 13, 2021, checkbook balance is \$3931.33. We started the season with a balance of \$1547.51. We incurred some new expenses this year for drop zone markers of \$40.80 and plants for the memorial garden of \$125.92. Total expenses were \$2448.18. The projected year-end balance will be approximately \$1000 to \$1200. (Report Attached)

Becky gave an update on the garden. She purchased perennials instead of annuals this year and added a female red golfer ornament. However, the spring flood destroyed half of them. Becky then donated other plants. She complimented Wendy Barnes and her team for their outstanding assistance with the garden cleanup and mulch addition after the flood. Julia agreed to thank Wendy and her staff for all their help.

The group discussed adding a line item in the budget of approximately \$100 for maintenance and future replacement of the railroad ties in the garden. Becky suggested changing the slope of the garden and then removing the ties. She will discuss this idea with Wendy. Also, Jane Long is requesting volunteers to assist with the garden watering and care.

There was some discussion on how much money to roll over in the budget. Currently there is a \$1400 rollover. This discussion was postponed to hear Susan Nuttall's proposal on scoring first.

Golf (Penny Mosley)

Penny stated she is awaiting the August to October schedule from the golf office to plan the games schedule.

Members are pleased with the opportunity to play with many different members this year. However, some D players are feeling intimidated when playing with A players.

Margo indicated new players have also been chosen for captain to avoid the same person being captain frequently. Members are helpful to newer member captains.

It was pointed out that some game definitions are not in the handbook, but they can easily be added to the website version of the handbook.

There was some discussion regarding gross scores not being fair in some randomly paired groups. Net scores will be used on random pairings.

Shot gun starts will begin in July, but because of Papa Mike's Monday closure, the group does not have the opportunity to socialize. It was suggested that we choose a restaurant or two each week to meet after golf. Susan Nuttall will add a question on the website so members can indicate if they are going to play/lunch. Rhonda will explore restaurant availability, with an emphasis on our sponsors, and contact them for the month of July. Susan will add lunch option to sign-ups on the website.

Pairings (Margo Eckhardt)

Margo reported there are some communication issues with too many people being involved with the pairings. The process needs simplification. Susan Nuttall will work with Pat Slatton to clearly identify The Pairing Person for the Week on the website.

New Members without Handicaps

Susan Nuttall indicated there are approximately 5 people who do not have their handicap yet. These members do not receive net winnings but do receive team winnings and coupon winnings. The group agreed that this process should be formalized for next year's play.

Scoring (Susan Nuttall)

Susan Nuttall stated she will be out of town for a few weeks, and Sandra Foster will handle scoring in her absence. However, the golf office will send Susan the results sheets to complete the necessary handicap information.

Update on Member/Guest Event, August 23, BVCC (Shari Ogburn)

Shari Ogburn shared a sample of the creative centerpiece she made to represent the theme of the event: Join Us for S'More Golf. She requested any Paul Newman's salsa jars to create the marshmallow. She is working on the menu with Lisa so the cost has not been determined. The event will be a scramble with no prize winnings but will provide members and guests the opportunity for a relaxed golf outing while getting to meet members. Ruth Hatcher volunteered to be the point of contact for the registration forms and money collection for this event.

The group discussed having a 60/40 raffle and instead decided to have a donation money jar for two charities. The website will have a survey for members to choose two charities from the following: Bella Vista Museum, Bella Vista Library, Bella Vista Animal Shelter, and the Bella Vista Courtesy Van. There will be a bucket raffle, and we are fortunate to have last year's unused gift donations. Shari has 7 pairs of golf gloves to donate. Julia reminded the group that Fran Boulware is in charge of the gifts. The raffle supports the event.

It was suggested that we invite some pros and Paul Gomez, Kelli Lawrence, and Steve Morrow to lunch and to assist on the course for some fun with putting.

Gold Handicaps during Scrambles

It was decided that players can play whatever tee they would like for scrambles the day of the round. All players will be flighted at the gold handicap.

Golf Software (Susan Nuttall)

Susan Nuttall shared information on a new golf software program currently being used by the Women's 18 Hole St. Bernard's group. Some of the advantages are that foursomes can add scores on the phone, reports can be printed, and scores auto fed to golf operations into the handicap system. It would also eliminate so many people being involved in the scoring process. The charge is \$6 per person per year based on a predetermined maximum number of golfers. A maximum number of 60 golfers was suggested. The score cards are printed on an 8.5" x 11" piece of paper. It would mean a possible increase in our annual membership fee of approximately \$4. Susan Nuttall, Sandra Foster, Margo Eckhardt, and Julia Doverspike volunteered to review the advantages/disadvantages of using this system. Susan will ask Vickie Mulder to join this group.

Golf Operations (Jane Long)

Jane Long reported that Kelli would like the handicap money sent directly to her in the future rather than be included with the group membership fee. Susan Nuttall suggested that we create a handicap person position to handle getting handicap money and to assist new players in getting handicaps. The board will review this process later prior to printing the flyers for next year's enrollment.

Kingswood/Berksdale Exclusively

The group discussed returning to playing all rounds at these courses. There is some concern about safety for some members on other courses as well as travel time. It was pointed out that in emergency situations such as previous flooding, the course options became more limited, and many rounds were at Brittany as a result. Having reserved tee times on other courses would provide more flexibility in scheduling. Susan Nuttall will survey the members regarding their course preferences.

Julia adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Attachment: As above

Respectfully submitted,

Anne-Marie Steeneck