



Southern District Women's Golf Association
Fall Board Meeting - October 28, 2016
Tubac Golf Resort

President – Carol Clifford called the meeting to order at 1:56 PM.

Parliamentarian Report – Jan Rintala

Jan called the Roll Call of Club Representatives and reported that a quorum was established. 30 clubs (out of 35) were represented.

Secretary's Report - Bonny Forkner

A motion was made, seconded, and passed that the reading of the minutes from the last meeting (Spring Board Meeting May 25, 2016 – Dove Mountain Golf Club.) be waived, and they be accepted as posted.

Bonny reminded Club Representatives to please provide her with the contact information for any new Representatives, Presidents, or other officers of their clubs. She encouraged the Representatives to go to the SDWGA Web Site, www.SDWGA.com, and review all information for their club and advise her if there are any changes that need to be made.

President's Report - Carol Clifford

Dues Increase – 2017

Carol reminded the attendees that at the Spring 2015 Board Meeting (May 9th) the issue of raising dues was discussed. At the Fall 2015 Board Meeting (November 9th) the Board voted unanimously to increase the dues to \$10.00 for the 2017 calendar year. We postponed the increase until 2017 to allow the golf clubs enough time to implement it. The last increase that Carol could find was in 1977.

Nomination Committee - May 2017 Election – VP; Secretary

Our By-Laws call for a nominating committee to be appointed no later than February 1st of each year. Since we don't have a board meeting at our Winter Tournament Carol asked for volunteers to serve on the committee. One of the proposed amendments to the By-Laws, that will be voted on today, is changing when officers will be elected. The change calls for the Secretary and Vice President to be elected in odd numbered years. Pam Chamberlain, who served on the 2016 committee, agreed to serve as chairperson for the 2017 committee. Pam will need no fewer than 3 other members from different clubs to serve with her.

By-Law Amendments Vote

Carol stated that this is the largest turn out for a Board Meeting that she can remember. She thanked all of Representatives and/or their club's proxy for attending. Our current By-Laws can only be amended by an affirmative vote of two thirds of the entire Board of Directors. The number in

attendance at this Board Meeting exceeds the two thirds requirement. The proposed changes to the By-Laws were emailed to all Representatives on September 27, 2016 for their review. Carol went through and discussed and answered questions regarding the various changes/amendments that the Executive Committee has proposed. A motion was made and seconded to accept all of the proposed amendments to the By-Laws subject to the correction of two grammar errors. The motion was unanimously passed with all of the Board members in attendance voting in the affirmative. The amended By-Laws will take effect on January 1, 2017 and will be posted on the SDWGA Web Site. (www.SDWGA.com)

Standing Rules and Procedures for Tournaments

The changes to the Standing Rules and Procedures for Tournaments were emailed to all Representatives on October 13, 2016 for their review. Carol discussed the changes and indicated that they are minimal. They do provide for a little more flexibility as to where tournaments are scheduled. Even though we would like to schedule only at member clubs, this is not always possible. Many clubs lack the restaurant facilities that we require. The changes also provide the tournament chair with more flexibility as to the date by which a member must be a paid up member of AWGA and SDWGA in order to play in a Southern District sponsored tournament. The amended Standing Rules and Procedures for Tournaments will take effect on January 1, 2017 and will be posted on the SDWGA Web Site. (www.SDWGA.com)

Vice President's Report - Lisa Otani

2017 Tournament Calendar to date:

Winter Scotch at San Ignacio, February 13, 2017

Spring 4 Ball at Oro Valley Country Club, May 8th and 9th, 2017

Treasurer's Report - Carol Clifford for Sandy Postel

Sandy Postel will be having surgery and will be out of commission for a period of time. Carol Clifford will be filling in for Sandy. When you receive the 2016 Rooster, for your club, please check to make sure that each member's information is correct. On the spread sheet please cross out and make any corrections that are needed. Any new members, for 2017, should be added to the bottom of the list. Checks for 2017 member dues should be mailed to Carol Clifford.

Awards Chair Report - Kathy Cline

Kathy Cline has changed the Award Plaques to include the name Southern District

Old Business - None

New Business - Training and Q & A Southern District Rep Responsibilities, the del Sud Tournament, and the Telegraph Tournament

Kathy Cline reviewed, answered questions, and provided training regarding the changes to the Southern District Representative Responsibilities document and to the Guidelines for the del Sub and Telegraph Tournaments. These documents were emailed to all Representatives on October 13, for their review. The Executive Committee revised these documents to provide local clubs with more direction and give individual clubs more flexibility as to how they run the two local tournaments.

Kathy provided a handout that she used for the training that included the information list below. She used this to supplement the documents that were emailed to the Representatives

Reasons We Have Reps

1. Collect dues and keep current the records for your members of Southern District throughout the year. If possible – send an electronic copy of the membership list to the Treasurer.
2. Provide current names and contract information for officers and the winners (of the Telegraph and del Sud Tournaments) to our Secretary. She will make sure it is sent to the Southern District website administrator.
 - Send a list of new club officers, along with their email address and phone number to the Secretary within 15 days of elections
3. Attend the Spring/Summer and Fall Board of Directors meeting held on the 1st day of the Southern District 4-Ball and Fall Partners Tournaments – and any special meetings of the Board (if unable to attend please send a Proxy)
4. Be a liaison between S/Dist and your club members
 - Relay all tournament information to members of your club (*when, where, etc.*)
 - Keep members informed on information from S/Dist meetings
5. Plan and conduct the del Sud and Telegraph Tournaments held within your local clubs

Telegraph and del Sud Tournaments

It is strongly recommended that YOU, the S/Dist Rep, be involved in running the Tournament or be on the Tournament Committee.

The Telegraph is a 1-day NET tournament to be played at your Club

(This is the tournament where the winner previously received a \$20.00 Gift Card from Van's)

The del Sud is a 2-day Electric; Net on each hole, trying to better NET score the second day

(This is the tournament where \$1.00 was collected to supplement the dues retained for each member of SWDGA)

Maximum handicap for both tournaments is 40.4 (suggested in the USGA Handicap Manual)
(*your club may have a weekly max handicap of 36*)

New This Year

With the dues increased to \$10.00, your club will keep \$5.00 of each member's dues. Each club determines how this amount is used for the 2 tournaments.

Clubs have the option of collecting an additional entry fee to augment the prize money.

Depending on the number of members participating in a tournament, it is recommended that consideration be given to having multiple flights and multiple payouts.

Suggestions for payouts:

- Credit on the books (or as you normally payout winnings)
- Pro Shop gift cards
- Gift cards to golf store/shop or local restaurants

- Trophies

The ESC adjusted scores must be posted for handicap purposes – it is up to each club if they should be posted as 'T' (tournament) scores

The names of each Tournament winner should be sent to the Southern Dist website administrator to be posted on the club information page. Her email address can be found on our website. www.sdwga.com

During the training two issues were brought up and were clarified. (1) In order for an individual to participate in the two local Southern District tournaments, at her club, she must pay the \$10.00 dues and be on the roster of Southern District for that particular club. (2) If an individual joins a club, after the two local tournaments are played, and wants to play in a Southern District Tournament, she must pay \$5.00 to Southern District and be on the roster for that particular club.

The amended Duties of Southern District Representatives and the guidelines for the del Sud and Telegraph Tournaments will take effect on January 1, 2017 and will be posted on the SDWGA Web Site.

Interest in reviving a Summer Tournament - Carol Clifford

Carol inquired if the Representatives thought there would be any interest by their members in having a summer tournament. There appeared to be minimal interest on the part of those in attendance.

Open Discussion from Representatives - None

Announcements from Clubs

The Spirit of the West Ladies Golf Invitational at Kino Springs Golf Course will be held November 9, 2016. Information is on SDWGA and AWGA web sites.

Other - None

The meeting was adjourned at 2:49 PM.

Submitted by

Bonny Gold Forkner, Secretary
SDWGA