



**Minutes of the General Representative Meeting  
Of the Southern District Women's Golf Association of Arizona  
of Tuesday, May 10, 2022**

The Meeting was held at Sewailo Golf Club  
5655 W Valencia Rd.  
Tucson, AZ 85757

Executive Committee Members present: Jo Helms, Sandra Hoffman, Lexie Kupers, Jan Rintala, Alberta Teale, Toni Graves.  
Executive Committee Members not present: JC Thobe, Ellen Victor, Denise Waddell

Also present, Representatives of twenty-one Member Golf Clubs or their proxies.

The meeting was called to Order at 2:10pm by President Jo Helms.

Roll call was taken by Parliamentarian, Jan Rintala; a quorum was established.

Vice President Denise Waddell, though absent, supplied laminated copies of SDWGA's 2022-2023 Tournament Schedule; they were distributed to each Representative or designated Proxy by Jo Helms and Shiela Baize, during the Roll Call. Schedules will be mailed to those not present.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Minutes of the General Representative Meeting of November 16, 2021, were presented by Secretary Toni Graves. It was moved by Joan Bonson, seconded by Julie Newman, and voted unanimously to accept the Minutes.

2. Treasurer Lexie Kupers presented the SDWGA Treasurer's Report. It was moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to accept the Report.

3. Jo discussed the 2022-2023 schedule, as developed by Denise Waddell:

Fall Partners, November 14 and 15, 2022

Arizona National Golf Course

Format - Four Ball/Stableford Scoring

Winter Scotch, February 20, 2023

Skyline Country Club

Format - Scotch (Chapman)

Spring Partners, May 8 and 9, 2023

Ventana Canyon Golf and Racquet Club

Format - Four Ball

Fall Partners, November 14 and 15, 2023

El Conquistador Golf Course

Format - Four Ball/Stableford Scoring

4. At the last Executive Board Meeting, the Board approved a minor change to Standing Rules (8.H); this change establishes that the each player's index will be captured 72 hours prior to the start of the Tournaments rather than 48 hours.

5. When the Arizona Women's Golf Association (AWGA) merged with the Arizona Golf Association (AGA) several years ago, only the operational pieces were moved to the AGA. This is because of the difference in the tax status between the two organizations, so the philanthropic endeavors that were in direct conflict with the AWGA so the AWGA has decided that it is in the best interests of the future of youth and women in the game of golf that we will entrust the Junior Golf Association of Arizona (JGAA) with a donation of our assets. The JGAA will continue to fund Junior Girls Scholarships, Build a Team (High School Girls Golf), LPGA\*USGA Girls Golf, and AZ State Girls Teams. Once this donation is made, the AWGA will cease operations and dissolve the organization. We are excited to continue to support women's golf in AZ and know this will be a successful move.

6. Jo placed under discussion the proposal that Standing Rules 8, A.,B.,C.,D. be suspended for the Fall Partners Tournament, November 14 and 15, 2022, so that a two week registration period would be established, and a general lottery would occur shortly after the close of the period for those players who would play in the tournament.

Comments included:

a. One suggestion - could we offer two tournaments at each site (120 players in each)? We don't think we could fill two tournaments and it would be difficult to judge in advance how many players we could get and still fulfill the contractual agreement, which we must sign well in advance of the event; the contract may include penalties for not meeting the number of attendees.

b. Are the registrations ordered by Club, so that at least one accepted applicant is from each of the Member Clubs?

c. Jo described the problem with mail being shipped to distant post offices for postmarking before being delivered to [Alberta].

d. Perhaps a one week period rather than the proposed two weeks would eliminate the huge number of qualified applicants.

e. Would the lottery include the officers; it seems advisable that officers must be eligible to play so that they are at the meetings.

The Board will take this matter into consideration at the next Executive Board meeting in August 2022.

7. Jo placed under discussion the proposal that Standing Rules regarding Player cancellations be changed so that if either player of a registered and confirmed Team/Side (1) became unavailable, that Team/Side (1) would be placed at the bottom of the Wait List, rather than be allowed to replace the unavailable player. The Team/Side at the top of the Wait List would be offered the vacated place on the roster. The Team/Side (1) or the remaining player could make their way up the Wait List as openings occur; and, if just one player is able to play, that player could then, when re-qualified by working up the Wait List, invite any other SDWGA Member.

Comments included:

a. One player, present at the meeting, just had her partner cancel, and she would happily agree to be placed at the bottom of the Wait List.

b. Perhaps the "remaining player" could be given a window of time to register another partner.

c. This scenario of one player becoming unavailable occurs several times during each tournament; an equitable policy is necessary.

d. Would player be required to provide an acceptable, certified (?) reason for replacing her partner?

The Board will take this matter into consideration at the next Executive Board meeting in August 2022.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Gin Mathis headed the nominating committee of herself, Diana Stanton, Kaaren Clifford, Christina Nelson. Their candidate search was simplified when Jo Helms, President, Lexi Kupers, Treasurer, and Alberta Teale, Tournaments Chair were found to be eligible and agreed to run for another two year term.

Deanna Kennedy moved, Deanna McKinney seconded that this slate of three officers be approved; the motion was unanimously passed amid thunderous applause.

2. Julie Walters asked that the Board entertain adopting into Local Rules the 2 plus 2 rule which allows free relief when ball lies within two club lengths of sprinkler heads around greens, and those sprinkler heads are in the direct and reasonable line of play of balls being hit onto the green. The Board will consider the matter at their next meeting in August 2022.

The next General Representative Meeting will take place after golf on November 15, 2022, at Arizona National Golf Course.

It was moved by Elissa Helfers and seconded by Julie Newman that the meeting be adjourned. That motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Toni Graves, Secretary  
Southern District Women's Golf Association of Arizona