



**Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting**  
**Southern District Women's Golf Association of Arizona**  
of  
Monday, April 15, 2024

An Executive Board Meeting Meeting was held at  
Rusty's Family Restaurant  
2075 W Grant Rd  
Tucson, AZ 85745

Executive Committee Members present: Jo Helms, Lexie Kupers, Alberta Teale,  
Toni Graves

Also present, Non-Voting Members, Jan Rintala, JC Thobe

The meeting was called to order by President Jo Helms at 11:20am.

**I. Welcome.** Jo welcomed the Board. Roll call was taken, a quorum was established.

**II. Approval of Minutes.** It was moved by Alberta and seconded by JC that the Minutes of September 25, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting be approved; motion carried. It was moved by Lexie and seconded by JC Thobe that the Minutes of February 19, 2024 Executive Meeting be approved; motion carried.

**III. Action Items from September 25, 2023 Meeting.** All action items from the September 25 meeting were completed, except that Jo will contact the 49ers organization to determine why they have zero SDWGA memberships this year.

#### **IV. Financial Report.**

a. Lexie explained the intricacies of her report, which shows a 3/31/2024 cash balance of \$8,766.54 and a projected year end 12/01/2024 balance of \$5,443.69. JC moved, Alberta seconded that the Report be approved; the motion carried.

After the board elections on May 14, 2024, Lexie will gather Alberta and incoming board members-elect, Jean Cheszek, Denise Waddell, and Connie Hiles to update the account accesses and debit/credit cards needed, including interim VP, Jo Helms.

b. The contracted rate for golf and food for Fall Partners 2024 is \$165. Jo suggested we make the prize money piece be \$15 so the total registration fee is \$180. Alberta moved and JC seconded Fall Partners OVCC registration fee be \$180; the motion carried.

**V. Membership Status.** As mentioned in Lexie's Budget Report, SDWGA currently enjoys a membership of 760, five of which are individuals.

#### **VI. Update on Spring Partners at Tubac Tournament.**

i. Alberta visited Tubac with Connie Hiles (in-coming Tournament Director), Pat Trimbell (substitute Rules), Sheila Baize.

ii. Tournament lunch of pasta buffet and cookies, will be served at Geronimo's.

iii. There will be a space to collect score cards; Pat Trimbell will act as Rules Official, assist in collecting cards, and be available by phone for Rules questions. Sarah Michelson and Denise Waddell may assist Pat.

#### **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

a. **Possible Dues Increase.** Lexie suggested that rather than increase dues, as previously agreed to, we maintain the \$10/year charge for memberships and increase entry fees. Jan Rintala suggested a motion: Lexie moved and JC seconded that the board reconsider the 9/25/23 executive decision to increase fees; the motion carried. JC then moved and Lexie seconded that we revote on the 9/25/23 motion to increase membership fees, effective at a later date, to \$15.00/year per person; all votes were against and the motion failed. Membership rates remain at \$10/year per person.

#### **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **a. Agenda for Spring Rep Meeting.**

Jo will prepare the Agenda, to include:

Welcome, Minutes of 9/25/23, Financial Report, Update on 2025/2026 Venues, Julie Noonan/Nominating Committee, Ask for Nominations

from the floor, Vote on Slate, Replacement of resigned VP (request nominations from the floor, then Executive Committee has recommended the appointment of Jo Helms to fulfill the remaining term, then request Rep vote.)

**b. Status on 2026 Venues.** No contracts are firm at this early date but Sierra Vista, Sewailo and OVCC are in consideration.

**c. Nominating Committee.** Thanks to the Nominating Committee and Jo, we have candidates; the VP position will be covered temporarily.

**d. Handling of Wait List.** In reviewing suggestions for giving priority to previous winners, previously wait-listed entrants, club reps, it was decided that given all the variables and in the interest of maximizing the number of available spaces, the blind-draw system will not be changed. It is the most fair procedure at this time. However it was discovered that Standing Rules 8.B. included the verbiage “and the previous year’s winners of the corresponding tournament may be given priority entry.” It was subsequently moved by Jo and seconded by JC that “and the previous year’s winners” be removed from Standing rules and all reps notified; motion carried. Toni will notify Reps via Email.

**e. Rules Officials.** We discussed Sandra’s current health situation and decided to maintain a wait-and-see approach for now. Pat Trimble will fill in at Tubac and tee box signs will be provided (Jo is working on with her contacts.) We also discussed possibly offering a per diem for Rules Officials, no decision at this time. We’ll continue to pay for their meals at each event.

**f. Members at Large.** Jan suggested we consider starting a “Members-At-Large” program to promote mentorship/partnership/interest in serving on the Executive Committee. We’ll continue to think about how we can implement this and talk with members about whether this would interest them.

**g. Terms of the Competition.** A change in ByLaws regarding Terms of the Competition requires three weeks notice to Representatives. Toni will send an Email to Reps immediately regarding that ByLaws Article X.1.B. wording be changed from “rules” to “Terms of the Competition.”

**IX. Next Meeting.** Next meeting date is tentatively set for October 14, 2024, 11:15am at Rusty’s, subject to Jean Cheszek’s preference.

**X. Meeting Close.** The meeting adjourned at 2:01pm.

### **Action Items**

1. After the elections on May 14, 2024, Lexie will gather the exiting board members, herself and Alberta, and incoming board members, Jean Cheszek, Denise Waddell, Connie Hiles to update accounts accesses and debit/credit cards needed, including interim VP, Jo Helms.

2. Alberta/incoming Tournament Director will quote \$180 registration fee for the Fall Partners in our announcement.
3. Alberta/incoming Tournament Director will contact Sarah Michelson and Denise Waddell to assist Pat Trimbell with Rules, if possible for the Tubac Tournament, 5/13-14/24.
4. Jo will compose the Agenda for 5/14/2024, for distribution.
5. Board will discuss proposal to approve per diem for Rules Officials, perhaps in the amount of \$40/day for each day of tournament served.
6. Pat Trimbell will obtain and set tee box signs for 5/13-14/24 Tubac Tournament.
7. Terms of the Competition/ByLaws. A change in ByLaws regarding Terms of the Competition requires three weeks notice to Representatives, and their vote for approval. Toni will send an Email to Reps immediately regarding that ByLaws Article X.1.B. wording be changed from "rules" to "Terms of the Competition."
8. Toni will notify all Reps of the change to Standing Rules wording as noted, with "and the previous year's winners...will be given priority" is deleted.
9. Toni will make a reservation for lunch for the October 2024 meeting, once the date/time/location is agreed upon.