



**Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting
Southern District Women's Golf Association of Arizona
Of
Monday, October 14, 2024**

An Executive Board Meeting was held at
Rusty's Family Restaurant
2075 West Grand Road
Tucson AZ 85745

Executive Committee Members present: Jean Cheszek, Denise Waddell, Connie Hiles, Toni Graves, Jo Helms

Also present, Non-Voting Members: JC Thobe, Bobbi Jo Rathvon, Ellen Victor

Not present, Non-Voting Members: Jan Rintala and Sandra Hoffman

The meeting was called to order by President Jean Cheszek at 11:34am.

Jean welcomed the Board. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

I. Minutes. Minutes of the General Representative Meeting ("GRMM") held at Tubac Golf Club dated May 14, 2024 will be posted on the website. Connie Hiles suggested that Executive Board Meeting Minutes ("EBMM") also be posted on the website, mixed with the GRMM, chronologically.

Denise Waddell moved that EGMM going forward be posted on the SDWGA.com website; the Motion was amended to post EBMM dated beginning January 1, 2023 and onward. Jean seconded the Motion as amended.

Disussion included appropriate location for the documents on the website and the fact that Standing Rules do not prohibit publication.

A vote was taken and the Motion carried.

II. Treasurer's Report. Denise and Toni met at Chase office to add Denise's name to the checking, debit and credit accounts. It will be arranged to also add Connie to the credit card account and assure access to all online statements for Denise.

Denise distributed a printed document showing budgeted and actual income and expense items through the end of the year. The 2025 budget will be submitted to the Board at the end of 2024 after 2025 membership registrations have been submitted.

Annual Individual Membership remains at \$10. Bobbi Jo moved and Jean seconded that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. The Motion carried.

III. Rules Officials. At the Fall Partners tournament, we agreed to not have any on-course rules officials. The communications to the players will emphasize that they should play 2 balls if there is any question regarding a rules situation. Any rules issues will be addressed at the scoring desk after each round.

Connie will reach out to potential candidates for the Rules Chair position.

IV. Course Length and Set Up. Sheila Baize, Jo Helms, Sandy Szczerbin and Connie Hiles set up the course on September 9, 2024, for Fall Partners Tournament at OVCC. Discussion around set-up for future tournaments included pace of play considerations and the possibility of allowing multiple tee options for net competition. No changes will be implemented at this time, though preference will be given to using established tee boxes while avoiding tee shot carries over 90 yards.

V. Status of the Fall Partners Tournament. 120 entrants have been accepted; 16 are on the waitlist. OVCC just acquired 55 new carts, and 10 OVCC members have volunteered their carts. The Scoring Team is Connie Hiles, Bobbi Jo Rathvon, Lana Archer, Karen Pickering and Denise Waddell. Close of registration is 11/11/2024. OVCC will re-open after reseeding on 10/25/2024 for practice rounds.

VI. Update on 2025 Membership Drive. Denise will distribute membership forms and instructions on 11/1/2024, with return requested by 1/1/2025. She will include her preferred method of collecting the data from each club, detailing the information she needs for each member, as well as information regarding each club's president, treasurer, and SDWGA representative.

VII. Conduction Representative Meetings. Jean suggests that we should explore different options for conducting representative meetings to make them more effective. One option would be to hold the meetings online (e.g., Zoom calls). The in-person venue during lunch isn't an effective format for exchange

of ideas, in-depth discussion, or voting. But, it was suggested that the meetings have served as the only Rep information forum and place filler while waiting for the completion of scoring.

VIII. Utilizing Golf Genius. At Jean's request, Connie compiled an Overview outlining opportunities for utilizing Golf Genius, both the free and the premium versions. There are opportunities around communications, data storage possibilities, tournament registration, and scoring. The Board will continue to consider these and wider possibilities for improving our processes.

IX. Status of 2026 Venues. Jo provided the following venue possibilities for SD's 2026 Tournaments:

Winter Scotch, February 23, 2026 (4th Monday), Mountain View
Spring Partners, May 11 and 12, 2026, Ventana or Sewailo (with a \$600 deposit)
Fall Partners, November 16 and 17, 2026, Sewailo, Ventana, or Tucson National

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Graves, Secretary

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Toni will send all Executive Board Minutes dated beginning January 2023 to Jo for review before sending them all to Ellen Victor for publishing on the SDWGA.com website.
2. Toni will meet Denise and Connie (as required) at Chase Office to confirm that they have been added to the credit card and that Denise has access to all the statements.
3. Jean to consider items for the Fall Representatives meeting. Possible topics include the process of entering tournaments, the pros and cons of plaques for tournament winners, and options for different formats for Representative meetings.