MWDGA 2011 FALL MEETING MINUTES

BLUEMOUND COUNTRY CLUB

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2011

**Welcome** - President, Janet Nelson called the meeting to order at 9:00am

**Officers present** - President - Janet Nelson - Ozaukee

 1st Vice President - Kim Sullivan – Blue Mound

 2nd Vice President - Stacey Gannon - Westmoor

 Secretary - Becky Palmert Oconomowoc & Reece Peterson-Tripoli

 Treasurer – Marcia Schwager- NSCC

 Past President Advisor- Katy Levenhagen-North Hills

**Roll Call**  Club Present Proxy

 Blue Mound 3

 Merrill Hills 3

 Milwaukee 2

 North Hills 3

 North Shore 2 1

 Oconomowoc 1 1

 Ozaukee 3

 Tripoli 3

 Tuckaway 2 1

 Westmoor 1 2

Number of people staying to play golf - 14

**Minutes from Spring and Annual Field Day meeting** - Reece Peterson

Betsy Fredericksen and Carla Cohen motioned to dispense with the reading of the spring meeting minutes. Jean Sucher and Cindy Gault motioned to dispense reading the annual Field Day meeting minutes. Both motions approved.

**Treasurer’s Report** - Marcia Schwager. See attached report. Two items discussed:

1) Flat fee billing per team was approved for the 2011 season only at the spring 2011 board meeting at North Hills upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee. Primary advantage of flat fee structure is ease of budgeting and secondary benefit is ease of administration for Treasurer. Motion was made to institute the flat fee structure permanently. Motion passed unanimously.

2) Discussion ensued regarding possible uses for the estimated $600 excess over the mandatory $1,000 retained earnings balance the organization must maintain. No donation was made to charity in 2011 and Marcia raised the issue of using the excess funds to pay for the 2012 Field Day lunch. Janet recapped historical donations which have been to the First Tee program and the Golf Foundation of WI. Ann Brownfield motioned to use the overage for the following year Field Day lunch which was supported by Sandra Schulz. Peggy Hauser feels the surplus should go to charity. Betsy Fredericksen wanted the discussion to be held over to the Spring Meeting at which time we will have paid the final bill for 2011 trophies/engraving. Carla Cohen motioned the item be called to a vote and Mary McKisson wants an amendment to the motion to make this standard procedure each year. Carla Cohen seconded. Vote was taken with 17-yes; 14 –no and 1 abstain. Amendment passed. Vote to move money over permanently for field day yes - 28 no - 5 abstain 1.

**1st Vice President Report**: Janet Nelson

 North Shore CC defeated Tuckaway CC at Oconomowoc CC. Jean Mahew was invaluable in making the event run

 smoothly. Due to a scheduling conflict the playoffs began at 11:30 and included a box lunch and appetizers following golf.

 The Tournament of Champions was held at Merrill Hills and Sue Lacy was a great help in running the event. Trophies are

 being engraved and will be delivered shortly.

**2nd Vice President Report:** Kim Sullivan

 Field Day: Kim Sullivan stepped into the 2nd VP role midsummer and gave Jean Mayhew and Chris McDermott a special

 thank you for taking responsibility of planning and running our Field Day event at Oconomowoc CC on September 9th. Chris

bought prizes in lieu of pro shop gift certificates due to low inventory in the pro shop. The Head Pro at Oconomowoc did not object to decision to forgo pro shop credit. It’s important that we had his approval.

 Rosters should be submitted to Kim’s email prior to the 1st play date in 2012.

 Play date changes – There were some play date changes and the web site will be updated shortly.

**Old Business:** Janet Nelson

 1 - Tournament of Champions - Should one player be allowed to win more than one event, i.e., low gross and low net?

 2 -18 point scoring system vs. 3 point or 1 point?

 3 – Eligibility. Should daughters be allowed to play as substitutes?

 4 - Team size. Should total matches scored by 6 or less?

Janet explained that the above issues were raised at Field Day as items to be discussed at the fall meeting however, in reviewing the minutes from prior fall and spring meetings, these same topics have been discussed at length. We want to give the members an opportunity to voice their opinion but yet it doesn’t make sense to talk about and vote upon these same issues every year. Marcia broke down the Rules of Competition and Articles of Incorporation into 4 distinct areas and suggested we establish a rotating schedule to review each which will avoid annual discussions barring extraordinary circumstances. The group overwhelmingly supported this idea and Marcia agreed to bring a format to the spring meeting which details her plan.

Regarding the Tournament of Champion question, Janet cited the various times this was voted upon and asked that unless anyone had a major objection we make no change at this time. There were no objections.

Sandra Schulz motioned to continue with the 18 pt scoring as standard format and Mary McKisson seconded. Tat Shiely moved to call the question. Voted yes - 30, no - 4.

Regarding item # 3 daughters as substitutes should be revisited according to Mary McKisson. Janet pointed out this situation did not occur in the 2011 season. Martha Fillinger says we have an open roster sub policy. Mary feels it should be a paying club member. Betsy Frederickson says it should be driven by whether or not the daughter has unrestricted playing privileges. Sandra Schulz says we only use daughters as substitutes as last resort and should trust in the respective clubs not to use this option solely to gain an advantage if a roster player is available to play. Katy Levenhagen read the wording as it exists in our Rules of Competition: “A member’s daughter, 18 years or older and included under the member’s family membership, may play only as a non roster substitute.” No change was made to the existing provision.

Regarding item # 4 – Katy Levenhagen discussed how North Hills has had difficulty finding 12 players and the former Team Captain from Tuckaway, Shelley Thom and Oconomowoc, Molly Geraldson had shared this same opinion with her over the summer. During one of the play dates, Milwaukee CC only fielded 11 players. Chris McDermott made a motion to leave as is. Carla Cohen seconded the motion. The vote was yes - 31, no - 2, abstain - 1.

**New Business:**

Flat fee per team- Voted earlier in the meeting to make the flat fee structure permanent

Mandatory time limit for rain delays- During the season, start of play was delayed as a result of rain at the Oconomowoc and North Shore play dates. In the other division, play was cancelled on these same dates and the rain date was used. Should MWDGA specify the maximum allowable time to wait before play is called? It was explained that for both play dates with delays, the team captains and the host pro were consulted on the decision which was agreed upon by all. It was generally felt that we should not institute a time limit as each situation is different. See the bylaws on who is involved in the decision making process. Tat Shiely asked in the event of a rain date it is the responsibility of the club to provide players for alternates? Our Rules of Competition # 8 Suspension of Play “c” Rain Date says the following: “Alternates may play unless otherwise noted by hosting club.” This year at Blue Mound, the Kim Sullivan said alternates could play but were not guaranteed to have a foursome due to the inability of Blue Mound ladies to play on the rain date. Discussion continued with regard to alternates on a regular play date and how at times, they have not felt welcome and we need to make sure alternates are treated the same other players.

Billing for the play date should be a flat fee for lunch of $25.00 including tax/gratuity. Each club will have their own cart and caddy fee.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am. Sue Lacy motioned to adjourn and Ann Brownfield seconded

Next Meeting: Spring Meeting at Ozaukee CC, May 8, 2012 at 9am