

MWDGA 2011 Spring Board Meeting Minutes  
North Hills Country Club Tuesday May 10, 2011

Welcome– President Katy Levenhagen, North Hills CC called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Introduction of Board

- Advisor: Martha Fillinger, Oconomowoc CC
- President: Katy Levenhagen, North Hills CC
- 1<sup>st</sup> VP–Janet Nelson, Ozaukee CC
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP–Eva Ekbom, Blue Mound CC
- Treasurer– Marcia Schwager, North Shore CC
- Secretary–Reece Peterson, Tripoli CC

Roll call:

Blue Mound	1 present	2 proxy
Merrill Hills	3 present	
Milwaukee	2 present	1 proxy
North Hills	2 present	1 proxy
North Shore	2 present	1 proxy
Oconomowoc	2 present	1 proxy
Ozaukee	3 present	
Tripoli	2 present	1 proxy
Tuckaway	3 present	
Westmoor	2 present	1 proxy

Number of attendees staying to play golf: Approximately 12–14 ladies stayed for golf.

Minutes from Fall board meeting at Ozaukee CC–Reece Peterson. Sue Lacy made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to approve the minutes from the fall meeting. Betsy Fredrickson seconded the motion.

Treasurer’s Report–Marcia Schwager. As a result of some award expenses being presented for payment after the 2010 Fall board meeting at North Hills, the organizations finances were not as strong as we thought. The Executive Board held a meeting on Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss the finances and prepare for the Spring board meeting. In Attachment 1 below is Marcia’s Budget Summary and Recommendation. It outlines the Executive Boards recommendation to move to a flat fee structure. Marcia did an excellent job of explaining the situation and everyone was able to follow along because of the memo (below) she provided. It’s difficult to budget when the revenue source fluctuates in a downward direction (i.e. less than 18 player rosters for some clubs) and costs if anything are higher than estimated. Further, we need to reserve for costs estimated at \$500.00 to add bases to the trophies in 2012.

Typically the Board of Directors determines the annual membership dues at the fall meeting. However, there is nothing in our By–Laws that precludes us from making a change at the Spring meeting. Further, we find ourselves in an unusual situation that is unexpected and we need to respond. Betsy Fredrickson made a motion to move to have a flat per club dues structure of \$615 for the 2011 season only. Bonny Becker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. At the Fall board meeting, it’s

likely a recommendation will be made to permanently move to a flat fee structure. The teams affected this year include the following:

Blue Mound (14 players)  
North Hills (17 players)  
Tuckaway (15 players)  
North Shore (17 players)  
Oconomowoc (17 players)

1<sup>st</sup> VP report-Janet Nelson

- Team Rosters- Rosters submitted by all teams and changes must be submitted prior to June 10th
- Scheduling
  - 1) Play date changes- The play dates are posted correctly on the web site so players are encouraged to look here.
- Scoring format for 2011—No change from 2010. All matches shall consist of 18 total points awarded.
- Play day line up to be submitted via e mail to host club pro shop. "Club information" tab on web site has all of the pro shop e mail addresses. Rosters are due at 3:00 Wednesday before a Friday play date.

2nd VP report-Eva Ekblom

- Field Day
  - 1) Time, location, date, theme? Field day is Friday September 9<sup>th</sup> at Oconomowoc CC. Format sheet was provided by Eva for each club. Prizes to be awarded after lunch and then commencement of the Annual meeting. Annual meeting is a time for district players to raise issues they would like addressed, most likely at the fall meeting in October.

Old Business-President

- Revisit fee structure of \$75.00 per club and \$30.00 per player vs. flat fee per club of \$615.00 (\$75.00 + \$540.00 -18 players at \$30.00 each is \$540.00) --- See Treasurer's Report above.
- Recap results of 2010 18 point scoring system vs. win/loss scoring format. In each division there were ties using a win/loss scoring system. After the tie breakers were broken, the same team won under the 18 point scoring format as the win/loss format.
- Reminders to Team Captains, Tournament Representatives and Executive Representatives
  - 1. Team Captains: Remind players they should be checked in at 7:15 and by 7:40 the Team Captains should confirm all of their players have arrived. Signed scorecard to be turned in to the scoring desk by 12:30 following the 8:00 shot gun start. All play day scores should be posted by Team Captains at Tournament scores as soon as possible following the play date.

2. Tournament Representatives: \$25.00 **including** tax and tip is the agreed upon charge per play date for breakfast/snacks/lunch. Please make sure this is understood by club managers when planning the menu. Cart charge is additional and fee is established by the host club.
3. Team Captains: Maximum current trend handicap player index is 26.1. Players with a current trend handicap index higher than 26.1 may compete but are limited to 26.1. **To avoid any confusion for the respective pro shops setting up the event who may not be aware of this provision, the list you submit to the pro shop should not include an index higher than 26.1.** However, it is the individual player's responsibility to review the score cards prepared by the pro shop for accuracy prior to teeing off. If a player feels too many or few strokes are being awarded, they need to bring the score card to the pro shop prior to tee off.
4. Team Captains: Review how to score an 18 hole match for new or less experienced team players.
5. In the Silver Division of the Senior Ladies league, June 10<sup>th</sup> is a conflict date. In their Gold Division, June 10<sup>th</sup> and June 24<sup>th</sup> are conflict dates. Please start planning now for these conflicts to ensure you field a 12 person team on our play dates.
6. The new 10-year Tournament and Meeting Schedule will be published soon and will be available for club calendar planning. It is being revised so that each club will host an event every other year. Thank you Marcia for preparing this schedule.

#### New Business-President

1. A report prepared by Marcia Schwager and Betsy Frederickson regarding adding new teams to WMDGA was presented to the group for discussion purposes only. Instead of restating the report in the minutes, it is included below as Attachment 2 and 3. Choice 3 was the most favored by the group and retains the 18 person club roster. Betsy spoke to Paul Lo Cicero who is the head Golf Professional at the Legend at Bristlecone which is one of two courses which make up the single Legends Club, the other being Legends of Brandybrook in the Wales/Kettle Moraine area. The Legends would be interested in joining and Paul feels they could field an 18 person team among the combined ladies groups at the two courses. Two teams would need to be added and discussion ensued about potential candidates. The majority of those in attendance were in favor of adding two teams. Marcia's report will serve as a blueprint for doing so.
2. North Hills potential sale of golf course facilities to the Village of Menomonee Falls and subsequent relocation to new facility to be constructed at the existing Silver Spring Country Club location. On Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup> club members were sent an e mail that the Village of Menomonee Falls was not going to pursue an offer to purchase North Hills.

3. Officer Rotation Heads Up. At the Annual meeting following lunch on Field Day (at Oconomowoc), Westmoor Country Club must supply the name of the next 2<sup>nd</sup> VP (4 yr position) and Oconomowoc Country Club must supply the name of the next Secretary (2 yr position). Please start thinking now who will assume these positions.
4. Next meeting: Annual meeting to be held at Oconomowoc Country Club, Friday September 9<sup>th</sup>, on Field Day following lunch and awarding of prizes.

Jill Levenhagen made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Molly Geraldson from Oconomowoc seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 10:10am.

Attachment 1  
Budget Summary and Recommendation  
MWDGA Spring Meeting  
May 10, 2011

A revised budget is being presented for the following reasons:

- \* Revised expenses after additional Awards bills received after problem with mailing addresses on change over of Treasurer.
- \* Better estimate of cost of Awards for summer of 2011.
- \* Better understanding of membership levels.
- \* New trophy bases required in 2012 at cost of approximately \$500 not accounted for in previous budget.

Current Revised Budget Summary

- \* Billing structure: \$75 per club plus \$30 per member = \$615 per club at 18 members
- \* Current membership level = 166 members out of possible 180 = \$420 shortfall
- \* Awards Estimate includes increased cost of medals with reduced engraving fee.
- \* Awards Estimate does not include additional officer "re-do" cost or cost of updating plaque except for current year.
- \* No charitable donations are planned.
- \* \$1000 retained earning balance re-established.

Based on the summarized revenue and expenses listed above, there is an anticipated \$330 excess of funds. Note – last year not including Awards, budgets were exceeded by \$107.

Assumptions for the Future

- \* Keep current Awards structure in place (charms, trophies, etc.) Was voted upon 2 years ago to maintain current awards system.
- \* No additional teams added to league (10 teams)
- \* Team membership will continue to be lower than 180 maximum
- \* Continue to maintain a minimum of \$1000 balance at the end of each year in retained earnings
- \* Establish a trophy base fund of \$500 to be spent in fall of 2012

Facts

- \* MWDGA expenses are not a function of membership levels. Therefore, fluctuations in membership revenue cannot be accounted for in expenses.
- \* Cost of gold has risen from \$885 per oz in 2009 to \$1500 in 2011. It will most likely continue to rise.
- \* Membership fees last changed 8 years ago in 2002-2003 year when fees went from \$25 to \$30 per person.
- \* Club fees last changed 10 years ago in 2000-2001 season when fees went from \$50 to \$75 per club.

See PROPOSED column. Changing to a flat per club fee of \$615 allows us to net excess funds of \$660 which may be used towards the trophy base fund.

Recommendations

- \* **Current 2010-2011 Fiscal Year - No fee increase. Recommend changing from current billing structure to a flat per club fee of \$615.**
- \* If association chooses to expand league to 12 teams at some point in the future, recommend a flat per club fee structure but adjust rate lower to fit the budget requirements.
- \* Flat rate is much easier to manage. If a dues increase or decrease is needed, minor adjustments can be made. Easier to bill clubs one flat rate.