Milwaukee Women’s District Golf Association

Fall Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 11, 2016

Oconomowoc Country Club

The MWDGA Fall Board Meeting was called to order by President Madonna Williams at 9:00 am. She welcomed everyone and thanked Oconomowoc Country Club for hosting the meeting. Madonna also mentioned that there will be an important vote at the Spring 2017 meeting and each club should assure three votes are provided.

Roll Call was taken by secretary Liz Pesci:

Cub Present Proxy

Blue Mound 3

Merrill Hills 3

Milwaukee 1 2

North Hills 3

Oconomowoc 3

Ozaukee 3

Tripoli 2 1

Tuckaway 2 1

Westmoor 3

Executive Board Members in attendance:

* President Madonna Williams (Milwaukee)
* First Vice President Marcia Schwager (North Shore)
* Second Vice President Karen Cyganiak (Tuckaway)
* Treasurer Jean Woods (Ozaukee)
* Secretary Liz Pesci (North Hills)
* Association Advisor Bev Braun (Merrill Hills)

President Madonna Williams introduced the current Executive board. According to the review cycle, last year the Executive Board reviewed and made revisions to the By-Laws and the Duties of the Officers. Before a vote was taken to approve the minutes from the Spring meeting, Madonna stressed the importance of representatives from each club to review their job descriptions. Christine Blonski moved to accept the minutes from the Spring 2016 meeting and Kim Sullivan seconded it.

Susan Kirsch made a motion to accept the minutes from the Field Day Annual meeting and Stacey Gannon seconded it.

**Treasurer’s Report**

The Treasurer’s Report was presented by the MWDGA Treasurer Jean Woods. Copies of the budget were passed out on the tables for review. Once the bill arrives for the TOC engraving, we will be over budget by about 250.00. This is easily handled as we always keep a $1000 cushion in the account and we currently have $1700. Christine Blonski made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report and Patti Johnson seconded it.

**Field Day Report**

The Field Day Report was presented by the First Vice President Marcia Schwager. Copies of the 2016 Field Day Report were distributed on the tables. The budget for Field Day was increased by $200 so that along with prizes for the winners, there were also participation prizes for everyone which was a sleeve of balls with the Team USA logo. There was a discussion about how the golf format is decided and the conclusion was that this decision is made by the host pro.

**Tournament of Champions**

Madonna reported on the Tournament of Champions at Ozaukee Country Club. There was a little confusion about how the net prizes were awarded and it was recommended that a format sheet be placed in each cart. Trophies were distributed: Westmoor for Team Low Net and Merrill Hills for Team Low Gross. Low Gross and Low Net individual trophy was awarded to Maggie Leef from Merrill Hills Country Club. The Low Gross Pro trophy was received by Jason Rasmussen from North Shore Country Club. Next year TOC will take place at Blue Mound CC on September 26, 2017.

**Rosters**

Marcia Schwager distributed the roster including Board members as well as club officers. Each club was asked to check accuracy and submit team roster by February 1, 2017. However, changes to the roster can be made up to 48 hours before the first play date in June. Play Date schedule was distributed. Milwaukee and North Hills swapped their hosting days. Rain dates need to be on the calendar. The Fall meeting will be hosted by North Hills.

**Old Business**

Be sure to revisit the duties for the ER, the TC and the TR which can be found on the website. These duties were revised last year.

**New Business**

Minor changes have been made to the verbiage regarding participation in Field Day and TOC. Only members on the club rosters are eligible to play in these events. A clarification was made on an issue previously voted on and up for review next year. A player is eligible to win individual awards and/or team awards in the same tournament. These changes were voted on and approved unanimously.

According to the review cycle for this year, we will review the Rules of Competition in regard to the rosters. Marcia introduced a topic of discussion for the Spring meeting which focuses on the number of members on the roster for each club. She suggested that each club submit the answers to three questions so that a report can be organized with accurate information for the Spring meeting discussion.

1. How many clubs are having difficulty manning an 18 person team roster? What is the availability of the members on the roster?
2. How many times in 2016 did a club have to use a non-roster substitute?
3. How many times in 2016 was a club’s play date roster at 12 members?
4. If the competition handicap was raised, would this bring in more members?

Possible options to be discussed are as follows…

* Increase the competition handicap limit from 26.1 to another number.
* Take the number of scores that count from 12 to 10. An informal vote was taken and the number of clubs who would agree to this option was five.
* Reduce the number of play dates that a member needs to commit. For example, the day your club hosts, its members also play reducing the number of play dates from five to four. Playing an open field, the two teams with the highest points would play in the championship.

A lengthy discussion took place with opposing opinions regarding decreasing the number of eligible scoring members from 12 to 10. Marcia reminded everyone that whatever decision is made, it needs to be made in regard to the health of the league as a whole. Marcia will email out a list of pertinent questions to the Executive Representatives for the clubs to consider in early January, 2017. Feedback from these questions will be due by March 1st. The answers to these questions will be used to create a report for all to consider before voting at the Spring meeting. May 9th.

All efforts are being made to ensure that our District dates do not conflict with the Senior District dates.

A suggestion was made that the clubs do a better job of providing for the alternates who come to a match prepared to compete. Please encourage host members to be prepared to play with alternates if needed.

A meeting reminder plus proxies will be sent out by the Board Secretary prior to the Spring meeting at Milwaukee CC on May 9th at 9:00 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.