**Milwaukee Women’s District Golf Association**

**Spring Board Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, May 10, 2016**

**Merrill Hills Country Club**

The MWDGA Spring Board Meeting was called to order by President Bev Braun at 9:20 am. She welcomed everyone thanking them for their genuine support during her recent trial with the loss of her son. She also introduced the board members.

Roll Call was taken:

Club Present Proxy

Blue Mound 2 1

Merrill Hills 3

Milwaukee 2 1

North Hills 3

North Shore 1 1

Oconomowoc 3

Ozaukee 1 2

Tripoli 3

Tuckaway 3

Westmoor 1 2

Executive Board Members in Attendance:

* President Bev Braun (The Legend of Merrill Hills)
* First Vice President Madonna Williams (Milwaukee)
* Second Vice President Marcia Schwager (North Shore)
* Secreatary Liz Pesci (North Hills)
* Treasurer Molly Geraldson (Oconomowoc)
* Advisor Ginny Kannenberg (Tripoli)

Minutes from the 2015 Fall Board Meeting were passed out on the tables for review. Karen Cyganiak made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to approve them. This was seconded by Sandra Schultz. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report

The Treasurer’s Report was presented by the MWDGA Treasurer, Molly Geraldson. Copies of the budget were passed out on the tables for review. Six clubs have paid their dues thus far. Milwaukee Country Club hosted Field Day last year. Funds were budgeted for tips which MCC does not require. As a result, these funds will be added to the surplus and used to offset the cost of lunch for those participating in Field Day 2016.

Second Vice President Report

Second Vice President Marcia Schwager announced that Field Day is scheduled for Friday, September 9th at North Shore Country Club. The Annual meeting will also be held at this event.

First Vice President Report

First Vice President Madonna Williams distributed copies of the team rosters as well as the official play dates for both the Blue and Gold divisions. Final rosters must be sent to Madonna prior to the first play date. She announced that the Tournament of Champions play date has been changed to Tuesday, September 27th hosted by Ozaukee Country Club. There is no rain date scheduled. Oconomowoc CC changed their rain date to June 21st. Division binders were distributed: Blue binder to North Shore CC and Gold binder to Oconomowoc.

Unfinished Business

Vote on Bylaws - Voting ballots to approve the revisions made to the Bylaws were collected from each club. Many of the changes had to do with updating wording such as: emailing instead of mailing. Vote on Officer Duties – The revisions made to the Officer Duties were to better define the specific duties for the Executive Representative, the Team Captain, the Tournament Representative and the Marshals. In the past, most of the duties were falling on the Team Captain.

The Executive Representative is the person who will interact directly with the Executive Board

The Team Captain is responsible for the team roster, the collection of dues and the play dates.

The TR is responsible for the tournament and special emphasis was directed to providing enough marshals.

A Marshall should be stationed at the turn as well as on the course at points where direction to the next hole is unclear. The turning marshals should be equipped with the information needed to inform players of their pace of play. Players should be aware that they will be informed of their time status and adjust their play accordingly. This information given will, hopefully, aid in avoiding penalties for tuning score cards in late.

The penalty committee will consist of Captains from both teams involved, TR, the golf pro from the host club and any Executive Board members present.

A vote was taken to accept the revisions made to the Officer Duties. To accept the changes was unanimous. Susan Kirsch made a motion to accept the changes to the Officer Duties and Karen Cyganiak seconded.

New Business

Bev Braun initiated a discussion regarding team size. Many of the clubs, Oconomowoc and Blue Mound in particular, are struggling to fill their rosters. The mature women club members are playing Senior district and many of the younger women golfers are too busy with work and family. A couple suggestions were made including lowering the scoring teams from 12 players to 10 players or creating a Blue team and a Gold team filling each roster with players from any club based on handicap. Much discussion would be required to determine the particulars of the second scenario. Additional suggestions included raising the 26.1 maximum handicap and possibly grouping the divisions geographically.

Sandra Schultz (North Hills) said that she and co-captain, Patti Johnson, changed their approach to their members. They emphasized the fact that it is a privilege to represent the club and member must commit to, at least, three dates in order to be considered a part of the team. This approach was successful as a number of players who had initially indicated that they would be subs, now wanted to be full members.

Bev announced that the team size discussion would be tabled until next year.

It was suggested that we have a discussion with all team members to encouraged appropriate manners and good sportsmanship. The concern was that women did not want to join the teams for fear of poor or unfair treatment.

Bev Braun opened a discussion about a situation at Blue Mound regarding lack of players for the first play date as many of their team members would be out of town. The team wanted to sub with a 17 year old daughter of a team member who would not be the eligible age of 18 until a few days after the play date. She is not available to play so the discussion was dropped.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.