**Milwaukee Women’s District Golf Association**

**Spring Board Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, May 9, 2017**

**Milwaukee Country Club**

The MWDGA Spring Board Meeting was called to order by President Madonna Williams at 9:00 am welcoming everyone and thanking them for their participation.

Roll call was taken by Secretary Liz Pesci:

Club Present Proxy

Blue Mound 2 1

Merrill Hills 3 0

Milwaukee 3 0

North Hills 2 1

North Shore 2 1

Oconomowoc 3 0

Ozaukee 2 1

Tripoli/University 3 0

Tuckaway 3 0

Westmoor 3 0

Executive Board Members in attendance:

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

Executive Board Member absent:

* Second Vice President Karen Cyganiak (Tuckaway)

President Madonna Williams asked for approval of the Fall Board Meeting. Patty Johnson moved to accept the minutes and Mary McDonough seconded it.

**Treasurer’s Report**

The Treasurer’s Report was presented by the MWDGA Treasurer, Jean Woods. Copies of the report were passed out to all board members for approval. Once all receipts were submitted after the Fall meeting we were $200 over budget and this was by design. Because we had the cash available, we spent $200 more on the Field Day for prizes. For 2017, our dues remain the same and we have received payment from five clubs, currently. Looking forward, the expenses for 2017 will mirror those in 2016 with the exception of Field Day. We may or may not spend what is budgeted for Field Day depending upon expenditures throughout the season. The report also includes a balance sheet which illustrates our bank totals.

Sarah Elliott made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report and Stacey Gannon seconded it.

**Field Day**

President Madonna Williams reminded the Board that Field Day takes place on Friday, September 8th with a shotgun start at 8:30 am hosted by Tuckaway Country Club. Our annual Fall meeting will take place after play.

**Rosters**

First Vice President Marcia Schwager distributed the current rosters and asked all Captains to verify the player contact information and update their roster with any new members. The final rosters will be due on Wednesday, June 7th, two days before the first match. Anyone planning to play in the Tournament of Champions must be included on the team roster. The Tournament of Champions will take place at Blue Mound Country Club on September 26th. The teams were reminded to verify play date information on the website as well as club information.

**Old Business**

Vice President Marcia Schwager addressed the survey she developed for each club to consider regarding increasing the competition handicap index limit from 26.1 to 28, decreasing the 18-player roster and lowering the number of players that count from 12 to 10. Based on the data from the 2016 season and the results of the survey, the Board has recommended, on a one year trial basis, that we raise the handicap index from a 26.1 to a 28. This way, the playing field will be equitable. The Board also recommends keeping the roster count to 18 and the participating scores to 12. President Williams opened the floor for discussion.

Concerns were raised regarding the ability to field an 18 player roster. It was brought to attention that Women’s Senior District fields 6 players, Men’s District 6 and Men’s Senior District 8. The recommendation, therefore, would be to keep the rosters at 18 but lower the number of participating scores. Based on the current roster data for 2017, we have seven teams with 15 or more players on their roster and three teams with less than 14. Vice President Schwager said that only once during the 2016 season, did a club play with less than 12 players and subs were use 4% of the time.

Tripoli/University Club stated that they would vote to lower the handicap AND decrease the number of participating scores from 12 to 10. There was concern from other club members that by lowering the number of participating scores, we would be eliminating 16 players from each match.

A discussion took place regarding the alternates that come to play knowing their scores will not be counted. It was stressed that the host clubs need to be sure to provide players to fill out any foursome of alternates. Possible rewards for playing were discussed from winning a sleeve of balls to having their point totals posted as well. It was added that alternates should be encouraged to play so that new players become comfortable with the process of play.

A motion was called and seconded to vote on raising the handicap index from 26.1 to 28. Secretary Pesci took the vote by club. Twenty seven votes out of 30 were in favor of raising the handicap from 26.1 to 28 for a one year trial basis to be revisited at the Fall meeting. Merrill Hills was the only club not in favor of raising the handicap index.

A motion was called and seconded to vote to retain the structure of 18 person roster with 12 participating scores. Twenty one votes out of 30 along with four Board members were in favor of retaining an 18 player roster with 12 scores participating to be revisited at the Fall meeting. Blue Mound, Oconomowoc and Tripoli/University Club were those who were not in favor of retaining the current structure.

The Board has discussed and offers the following recommendations regarding protocol for the alternates who play in a match. We would ask the hosting club to provide an extra posted sheet on the leader board indicating the team scores for alternates~ even though they will not count. The teams will be randomly paired. The host club will be prepared to provide players to fill out foursomes where needed.

**New Business**

President Williams announced the Officer rotation for next year:

Westmoor will provide the Secretary.

Oconomowoc will provide the Second Vice President.

The names for these positions will be due by Field Day 2017.

The US Open is June 12th-19th. The rain date for the matches on June 9th is scheduled to play on Tuesday, June 13th. Players have been made aware that the rain date will remain the same as changing the rain date is too difficult.

All final rosters should be emailed to Vice President Schwager by Wednesday, June 7th.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 am