

Tradition Ladies Golf Association
League Meeting
January 17, 2008
2:30 PM

Present: Board members Celise McLaughlin, Dot Franco, Dani Jennings, Amy Monaghan, Carolyn Pacella, Sue Guzlas, and 25 League Members.

1. CALL TO ORDER

League President, Celise McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM.

2. READING/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER, 2007 MEETING

On a motion by Maureen Lempert, seconded by Joanne Stewart, it was voted to waive the reading of the League Meeting Minutes of November 2007.

3. REPORT FROM TREASURER----2007 FINANCIALS

Carolyn Pacella reported that we lost seven members and we had a dues increase of \$5.00. She went on to state that the actual budget total was \$2,790.96 and that there is a carry over of \$305.00. Tournament chairs are to meet with Carolyn to discuss the handling of fees for each tournament.

4. 2008 BUDGET REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY LEAGUE VOTE

Celise McLaughlin went over the figures on the 2008 Proposed Budget. She pointed out several items and they are as follows: Mulligan Sales and League Dinner figures are not guaranteed income, \$50.00 has been added this year for the Ringer Tournament, the figures for the Member/Guest, Member/Member, and President's Cup are as they are listed, Administrative Cost is lower as Joan Sheldon bought needed plagues last year, and the figure of \$2,375.00 is money we can count on having. Maureen Lempert asked about where the money came from for the Member/Guest plague that was purchased in 2007. Celise will check on this.

On motion by Maureen Lempert, seconded by Kathy MacSorley. **League voted in favor to accept the 2008 Budget.**

5. 2nd VICE PRESIDENT/TOURNAMENT CHAIR

Dani Jennings announced the dates of each tournament for 2008 and they are: Ringer Tournament (Theme Picnic on the Green) on Thursday, April 10 & 17, Member/Guest on Thursday, May 22nd, Member/Member on Thursday June 19th, Shoot Out on Sunday, July 27th, President's Cup on Thursdays, September 11th & 18th, and Club Championship on Tuesday & Thursday, October 14th & 16th. Dani also announced the dates for Non-League Events which were the Ladies Choice (Sadies' Hawkins) Tournament on Saturday September 6th and Interclub. Interclub will be at Pawleys Plantation and Heritage sometime in July as reported by Bobbi Fleiss.

Dani Jennings announced the chairs for each tournament and they are as follows: Ringer, Dot Franco, Member/Member to be chaired by Lee Wilson, Shoot Out to be chaired by Betty Ruff, President's Cup to be chaired by Joan Sheldon, and Club Championship to be chaired by the TLGA Board, Ladies' Choice will be chaired by Nine Hole Ladies, and the Interclub play will be chaired by Suzanne Strasser with Bobbi Fleiss assisting.

The Member/Guest Tournament still needs a chair. Celise and Dani both spoke of the importance of the tournament. Dani will assist anyone who takes the position regarding all phases of it. Celise stated that if a chair is not in place by March 1st, the tournament will be cancelled.

Celise announced that the date of the dinner is March 25th at the Pool House and that the Board will meet to discuss the menu. Kathy MacSorley pointed out that March 25th follows Easter week-end and may make it difficult for some to attend. The date may be changed to Tuesday, April 1st if the Pool House is available. Celise will check to see if that date is available and let the members know.

6. 1st VICE PRESIDENT REGARDING 2008 WEEKLY GAMES

Dot Franco thanked those who have signed up for the monthly pairings and pointed that there are still openings to be filled. Members will be notified of any delays/cancellations of league play by Dot via e-mail. She added that handicap fees must be paid by January 31st. Weekly pairings will be done on Mondays at noon. Celise added that the pro shop will update handicaps twice a month, but only the first one will be used for weekly games.

7. OLD BUSINESS

Recognition of Awards (2007) - Celise recognized Daune Barksdale for Low Net (64).

Recap of TLGA Web Pages Celise does the updates on week-ends. Calendars, membership list, application for membership, previous minutes, the by-laws, tournaments, and weekly pairings are included.

Member/Member Lee Wilson announced that the Member/Member will limit the handicap difference between players to no more than 10. Some present felt that this was not quite fair to all and after some discussion. Pat D'Amato stated that the league had previously determined that the format of any tournament is up to the decision of the tournament chair. Celise asked that any decisions made by the chairs should be approved by the board to ensure fairness to all.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Celise recognized the newest member of the league, Mary Martino, she was not present.

Maureen Lempert pointed out three USGA rule changes in 2008: 1) identifying a ball in a hazard, 2) hitting yours or other's equipment, and 3) removing the flagstick. These USGA Rules can be downloaded off the internet. Maureen also mentioned that there is no longer a penalty for informing competitors of distance to the green. This is due to the use of GPS systems.

Celise brought the issue of Member/Guest definition of "guest". Anybody not a member of the TLGA has been allowed to play in the past. Carolyn Pacella stated she felt that a true Member/Guest should not be a member of Tradition. Joan Sheldon asked if the issue was over Nine Hole Ladies playing. Several members spoke up for inviting people they wish to play with. Others suggested they could supply names of members from other clubs to play. It was suggested we allow members to invite whomever they wanted to make certain the tournament was well attended. Maureen Lempert made a motion to allow members to continue to invite anyone outside of TLGA, seconded by Kathy MacSorley. **The majority voted in favor.**

9. QUESTIONS/ COMMENTS / ISSUES

Gail McLaughlin made a motion to change the local rule that would allow a member to play from blue tees if they have a handicap over 40 (38.6 index) and to remove the age of 70 as a qualifier. Joan Sheldon pointed out that we should "grandfather" those who are currently blue tee players who qualified under the current local rule. After a floor discussion, Judy Migas seconded the motion. **The majority voted for removing the age of 70 from the local rule.** A motion for "grandfathering" present blue tee players was made by Gail McLaughlin, seconded by Bobbi

Fleiss. **The majority voted for allowing any member over 70 as of this date to be grandfathered on the Blue Tees.**

Carolyn Pacella presented the proposal as written by Jean McElroy who was unable to attend the meeting. Jean's proposal involved adding a stroke for the carry around on all the holes with a drop area. It was pointed out that this issue has come up numerous times. Maureen Lempert made a motion to institute Jean's proposal, seconded by Gail McLaughlin. **The motion was defeated with only 4 in favor.**

Betty Ruff asked about chits as prizes. Celise pointed out that we have to support the club. She doesn't see any problem with cash as prizes some of the time. Nancy Malara pointed out that the selection in the Pro Shop is not good. Lori Doherty volunteered to meet with Jon and Clay concerning this issue. Bobbi Fleiss pointed that the golf attire shows are coming up soon and that Jon and Clay should be met with as soon as possible. Lori will send out an email survey to see what members would like and to get a better idea of sizes.

Betty Ruff mentioned the possibility of more free clinics from Chuck Wike. Pat Kemper pointed out that he will do more if approached. Lee Wilson volunteered to approach Chuck about this.

Joan Sheldon, Handicap Chair, reminded members not to post scores as T-Scores. It was pointed out by Celise and Dot that scores don't go into the computer as Tournament Scores unless the tournament is defined ahead of time. Only President's Cup and Club Championship are defined T Scores.

Maureen Lempert made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Joanne Stewart. Members voted unanimously for adjournment at 4PM.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Monaghan.