

**TRADITION LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION
LEAGUE MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2009**

Present: Board members Maureen Lempert, Dot Franco, Pat Cocuzza, Carolyn Pacella, Joan Sheldon, Suzanne Strasser and 30 league members.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Maureen Lempert at 10:00 AM. Maureen welcomed all those in attendance and thanked Dick Culver and his “chefs” for the pancake breakfast.

2. READING OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 13, 2008 LEAGUE MEETING.

Linda Lehmann made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the November, 2008 meeting. The motion was seconded by Lori Doherty and APPROVED by the membership.

3. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION.

1. Maureen reported that the proposed changes to the By-Laws that were voted on in January were approved unanimously by a 32 – 0 vote. She thanked those who voted because the amount of votes was exactly what was needed for passage of the proposals.
2. Maureen re-iterated Clay DuBose’s request that we DO NOT ride in the rough under any circumstances. Rebecca Stacey added that anything other than fairway is considered rough. Bobbie Fleiss asked if we could ride in the waste areas on holes 3 and 10 and the answer was “yes”.
3. Maureen reported that the pace of play of some groups on Thursday must improve. She added that, if necessary and if the game warrants it, players/ groups that fall behind may have to pick up and take their max until they get back into position.

4. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

1. TREASURER’S REPORT

Carolyn Pacella reviewed the 2009 budget report that was previously e-mailed to the membership. Sally Russell questioned why there is such a large carryover amount. Carolyn answered that this was profits from 2008 tournaments and/or mulligans. Maureen stated that if we make some additional monies this year we can allocate it to other 2009 tournaments or the awards luncheon.

Pat D’Amato asked why the amount budgeted for the 2009 administrative costs is so much less than the 2008 actual administrative cost amount. Joan Sheldon answered that in 2008 the Board purchased a new tournament plaque at a cost of approx. \$80 and there should be no such purchases in 2009.

Betty Ruff asked why some of the 2008 carryover amount was not allocated to the Year End Tips given to the Tradition Staff. Maureen answered that the 2008 year end tip amounts were determined by the 2008 Board. If there are any

recommendations for the 2009 Year End Tips, they should be brought up at the November, 2009 league Meeting.

2. WEEKLY GAMES

Dot Franco reported that there are still openings for monthly assistants and asked for members to please volunteer. She also reported that based on recent experience with using “blinds” in the weekly games, in the future any player who is a “blind” will be so informed. This should allow other players to pick up if they are out of the hole and improve our pace of play.

3. TOURNAMENTS

Pat Cocuzza reported that all 2009 tournaments have Chairpersons. The Member/Guest tournament will have the pre-tournament cocktail party at Applewoods. Practice rounds for this tournament are available on May 13 at a guest cost of \$28. Based on the number of members who have already sign up, it seems likely that we will be able to have a shot-gun start for the tournament.

4. WINE TASTING PARTY

Maureen asked if there was any interest in having a wine tasting party on March 25. She explained that there would be a two-tier pricing system – one for those who want wine and a lower price for those that don't. As there did not seem to be much interest, this event will have to be re-considered.

5. BY-LAW CHANGE TO ARTICLE 7 (DUES/FEES)

Maureen read the current by law which includes dates of both December 15 AND January 1 as cut off dates for payment of league dues. She then made a motion that the league modify the By-Law to have one definite cut off date of December 15. This motion was seconded by Lori Doherty.

Barbara Nuding asked if there was a precedent for this, i.e., are there often members who don't pay on time ? Maureen replied that there are always several people who the Treasurer must “chase after”.

Sally Russell asked if there was a better way to remind people to pay. Maureen answered that people are reminded at the November league meeting, at the Awards luncheon, through the website and on Thursday league days.

The motion was then voted on and was PASSED and the updated BYLAW will read as follows:

The board shall determine the annual dues based on the proposed budget for the coming year (December 1 thru November 30). Dues for the TLGA are due no later than December 15th. If dues for the coming year are not received by December 15th, an application for the TLGA will have to be submitted and that person will move to the associates list for that year.

6. SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP – ADDITION TO BY LAW ARTICLE 3

Maureen stated that she has been approached by some current members about adding a Social Membership to TLGA. She read the definition of Social

Membership that was agreed upon by the Board as follows:

Social Membership is limited to those that have been ACTIVE Members of TLGA.

Social Members need not be members of the Tradition Golf Club.

Social Members may attend TLGA social events. However, if the event has space limitations, current members will have attendance priority.

Social Members will pay dues at the rate of 50% of the annual dues paid by Active/ Associate Members.

Social Members will not have voting rights or hold office.

Maureen then made a motion to add a Social Membership. It was seconded by Pat Cocuzza.

Gail McLaughlin asked if Social Members would be allowed to serve on committees. By a show of hands, the league agreed that this would be allowed though Maureen stated that this would not be part of the by-law. There were further questions as to whether anyone (member or not) who helped out on a tournament would be allowed to stay for the post-tournament activities. It was decided that this should NOT be allowed as that would mean that anyone (even outside friends) could be asked to help and then attend the event.

In answer to a question as to how the 50% dues amount was determined, Maureen explained that this would make it easier in the future rather than having to set a specific dollar amount each year. Other favorable opinions regarding Social Membership stated that : 1. it might make those members feel more a part of the league and 2. that while we currently do not have many women interested in a social membership, these numbers could increase in the future.

The motion was then voted on and PASSED.

7. LEAGUE MEETING SCHEDULE

Maureen reviewed the dates of the remaining 2009 league meetings. These are June 11 and November 19.

8. NEW BUSINESS

1. BLUE TEE PLAY

Lucy Hajec made the following motion regarding BLUE TEE play:

Any League Member in good standing be allowed to choose to play from either the Red or Blue Tees regardless of their handicap index if they have reached their 70th birthday.

Once the 70 year old member chooses to play from the Blue Tees, she must continue to play from the Blue Tees for the balance of the membership year.

All tournaments, major or other scheduled weekly play, follow the recommendation of the USGA to establish each player's handicap for Mixed tee and single tee type of play.

This motion was seconded by Jean McElroy.

In the discussion that followed, questions were raised as to whether or not the golf course was rated from the Blue Tees and if a Blue Tee handicap has already been established for all players. The answer to both questions was “yes”.

Lee Wilson felt that if this motion was passed, the league would have a lot of Blue Tee players. She then proposed that in the future, Blue Tee players play only against Blue Tee players and Red Tee Players play only against Red Tee players so that the same players do not always win. Joan Sheldon answered that the purpose of handicaps and the additional 6 stroke adjustment to the Blue Tee handicaps is to make it possible for any player to play against any other player. Other members, including Pat D’Amato and Suzanne Strasser, emphasized that though there is competition involved, one of the purposes of the league is to have fun and keep women playing.

In answer to a question from Lori Doherty, Maureen stated that the proposed motion does not eliminate the 36.4 handicap index as a condition for moving to the Blue Tees. It simply adds age 70 as a second condition. In other words, the league would revert to the original eligibility requirements before they were changed in 2008. When asked why they were changed, Maureen stated that at the January 2008 league meeting, a motion to eliminate the age 70 condition was proposed and passed.

Gail McLaughlin then stated that the current rule is that eligible members can change from Red to Blue and Blue to Red on a quarterly basis. Gail recommended that this remain the same for everyone. Maureen then re-read Lucy’s proposal substituting “quarterly” for “balance of the membership year”.

The motion was voted on and PASSED.

2. NEW MEMBER(S)

Maureen introduced Wannetta Farmer as a new TLGA member

9. ADJOURNMENT

Betty Ruff made a motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Linda Lehmann and APPROVED by the membership.

Respectfully submitted

Joan Sheldon