

M I N U T E S
Zone 5 Women
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Monday, October 15, 2012
Glen Meadows – 9:30 am

PRESENT: Merna Mickelson (Chair), Peggy Wright, Lynne Foxall, Barbara Rainey

REGRETS: Nel Bing, JoAnne Hoffman, Lee Frank, Corrine Labelle

Meeting called to order by Zone Chair at 10:00 am. The Secretary reported that 15 clubs were present constituting a quorum, and read the Notice of Meeting.

Merna welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced her Committee. A reminder also that Lynne Foxall would have pins available at the end of the meeting.

Previous to the meeting, Captains were supplied with a copy of the 2011 AGM Minutes. Motion to accept the Minutes made by Mardie Austman (AR), seconded by Gail Hunter (CH). Carried. There was no business arising from the 2011 Minutes.

REPORTS:

TREASURER: Lynne Foxall

- The year started with a cash balance of \$13,209.52 and ended with a balance of \$8,990.49. Of this cash balance, \$4,041.36 is in a Money Market investment account and \$100 in petty cash. The Junior program surplus of \$2,113.53 is included in this amount.
- Two unusual expenditures were made in this last year contributing to the decrease in our cash reserves. A new laptop was purchased for tournament use costing \$1,009.33 and new radios were purchased at a cost of \$2,462.88.
- Members paying our levies declined from 1,562 in 2011 to 1,415 this year which also contributed to our decreasing cash balance. In addition, the accumulated surplus for the junior program decreased by \$911.24.
- Financials duly audited and found to be correct based on statements and receipts presented.

COURSE RATING & HANDICAP: Peggy Wright

- This year a new rating book was issued with a few modest changes to the rating numbers. I didn't find these changes making much difference in course ratings so far. This year the Zone Rating team of me, and Diane Rands, did a review of Uplands and Ardmore, then Sue Ovans joined us to do a full re-rate of the Valley Course at Bear Mountain. The changes were minimal as there have been no drastic changes to these courses in the past few years.
- BC Golf was requested to re-enter the ratings from 2011 for Glen Meadows, Highland Pacific, Olympic View and Cordova Bay as there were some errors done during the initial process. At the request of Cordova Bay, some further research into their rating of 2011 will be done ASAP.
- It is the intention of the Slope Rating Committee of British Columbia Golf to do ratings for both women and men on the same day so that their effective dates will be the same. This will not always be the case unfortunately simply because of the availability of raters on the same date. We will however attempt to come very close to that same rating date. We are fortunate in this Zone to have rating teams for both women and men. That is not so in all Zones.
- Please keep in mind that the closing date for the posting of scores for British Columbia is November 15th, and opening again on March 1, 2013. It should be easier for 'Snowbirds' this coming season to post scores while playing down south where courses are open for posting seeing as we have now adopted the US system of Equitable Stroke Control.

1. Marianne Hunt asked if the Zone published info on the use of Electronic Devices. Barb advised that the use of Electronic Devices is published on the British Columbia Golf web site under Conditions of Competitions. For Zone Amateur/Senior Championships, the conditions are included in the NTC and posted on the web.
2. Valerie Fitzpatrick asked about the establishment of the local rule regarding deer prints or goose droppings. Isn't this contrary to the Rules of Golf? Peggy received the following reply from Susan White of BC Golf.

"Please reference Dec.33.8/32.5 which provides the following – note the keyword is "extensive damage"

Local Rule Treating Severe Damage by Non-burrowing Animals as Ground Under Repair

Q. May a Committee make a Local Rule declaring areas severely damaged by non-burrowing animals to be ground under repair without marking them as such?

A. Yes, furthermore, in some instances a Committee would be justified in specifying that interference with the player's stance is not, of itself interference from the condition – see the Note under Rule 25-1a.

As for goose droppings, these are "loose impediments" from which there is no relief. I know some Committees incorrectly adopted a local rule for relief, but this is not permitted under the Rules of Golf. Although not very nice, they are not "abnormal ground conditions".

RULES: Lee Frank

- Another successful Rules Clinic was held in April this year at Olympic View GC with dry but cool and windy weather prevailing. A short presentation was made on the new Equitable Stroke Control System by Peg Wright.
- Officiated at two Junior Girls events over the past season as well as two Women's events. I would like to thank Peggy for officiating at the Net Tournament in my absence.
- The purchase of four new radios with headsets made keeping contact with other officials much easier and did not interfere with play.
- The issue of Pace of Play was addressed with the use of clocks at the Amateur/Senior Championships. All in all it was a positive move, but other factors will be reviewed over the coming Winter such as order of play and playing lift, clean and replace at this event. A policy will be formulated for the coming season.
- Lee thanked Christine Munro, Alison Murdoch, Barry Anderson, and Sid Price for their help at the Rules Clinic and various tournaments this year.
- Next years' Rules Clinic is tentatively scheduled for April 25, 2013 at Olympic View. Keep reading your Rules Book.

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT CHAIR: Nel Bing

- The year started with our Meet & Greet on March 20th. Eight girls and their parents were present to hear of the coming season's activities.
- Mike Cook, Zone 5 Men's Junior Chair, attended and spoke to the girls and then held a putting contest
- In April a two day Rules Clinic was held at Cedar Hill GC conducted by Jamie Murphy, CPGA. Jamie conducted sessions on etiquette, putting, chipping and use of various irons and woods on the driving range.
- Zone 5 hosted the Vancouver Island Junior Girls Championship at Cowichan GC on June 16th. Eleven girls participated (5 from Zone 6 and 6 from Zone 5). Shirin Anjawalla of Nanaimo won the low gross with 79 and Michelle Waters of Pheasant Glen was the low net winner (71).

- The Zone 5 Junior Championship was held On June 23rd and 24th at Olympic View and Glen Meadows respectively. Weather was not particularly good on the first day, and yet Akari Hayashi who did not play in the tournament as she is only 10, played with her father and thought the weather was fine!! Nothing deters her from golf. We need more juniors like Akari!!
- Weather improved on the second day with final results:
 - Haley Kruse (VIC) 174 – won the Dale Shaw Trophy for Low Gross
 - Jessica Wong (VIC) 175 – won Norma Kronlund Trophy for low net
 - Alison Lee (GV – 178
- Two girls (Lexi Kondrak and Mirai Hayashi) and 2 boys from Zone 5 and Zone 6 represented the eight members of the Island Zone at the BC Summer Games in Hazelmere, July 20 – 21st. The Island won First Place!!
- Some of our junior girls participated in the Ladies' Amateur tournament and held their own against the more experienced amateurs. One junior, Naomi Ko, is doing well in the various tournaments outside of Victoria, including the US. Not bad for a 13+ year old.
- Captains and other Club Executives are asked to be on the lookout for junior girls, talk to their parents and encourage them to become involved in the game, starting with the Meet & Greet next year.

PUBLICITY CHAIR: Jo-Anne Hoffman

- Thanks to Mary McKenzie for connecting us with Brian Drewry, Sports Editor for the Times Colonist. Allan Gossman, of Island Golfer magazine, has always been supportive.
- Raffles were very successful at the NET Tournament and the Foursomes. \$558 was collected for the Player Development Trust Fund (in aid of young golfing members). The winners of the raffle prizes were: Val Fitzpatrick, Mary Bennett, Jacquie Watson, Shirley Sarens and Bert Churchill.
- Please take a moment to review the albums displayed at the registration table.

VICE CHAIR: Corrine Labelle

- Season commenced with a full field of 60 for the Amateur/Senior/Handicap. Alison Murdoch was victorious for both the Amateur & Senior...Lou Watkins winning the Handicap after a 3-hole playoff between, Lou, Sue Miller and Christa Robson.
- At the BC Senior Championships at Highland Pacific, Alison Murdoch & Penny Baziuk won the Team Low Gross and placed second in the TEAM Net category. Alison won the Super Senior Championship. Penny and Alison were members of the BC Senior Team to Nationals.
- NET Tournament figures were off this year with 48 ladies participating at the Metchosin event. Jacquie Watson was the overall winner.
- After many cancellations, the Foursomes qualifying round teed off with 67 pairs vying for 64 spots for match play.
Two firsts were accomplished this year....Bear Mountain (Valley) hosted the finals, and the first pair of women entered from Bear going straight through and winning their Flight. Medalists were Kathy Carley (BCPC) and Janet Jones (CB) with a Net of 64. Club Team winners were Jacquie Watson, Gwen Langford, Lou Watkins and Donna Phillips (Cordova Bay) and overall Champions were Paul Green and Roberta Williston (CB). A clean sweep for Cordova Bay!!

A great enthusiasm surrounded the Foursomes this year and it is hopeful that will carry over to 2013 with the efforts of Captains and Vice Captains encouraging their members to match up and enter. It is critical that we get back to at least 80 pairs for qualifying.

1. Salt Spring asked if the tee times for the Foursomes could be a bit later allowing Gulf Island members attend. Merna advised that this year we were able to move the Qualifying Round from 7:30 am to 8:30. Next year we will try for 9:00 am. Would the SSI and/or PI ladies be willing to billet?

Peggy explained why the Zone uses Cedar Hill for the qualifying. A shorter course that is not conducive to match play and 5 par 3's. In addition, so far the rate has been very reasonable for a full field. Cedar Hill has agreed to another 5-years for the qualifying round.

2. It was suggested by Marianne Hunt that the Committee might consider an early bird prize for the Foursomes. Cowichan has found this to be an incentive to fill the field at their Field Day.
3. Bonnie Fung suggested the Committee review the handicap factor policy. Bonnie also asked if the Committee would try and match a single entry. Answer was yes, by all means!
4. Val Fitzpatrick noted that like many clubs, her club is also experiencing less participation by members.

CHAIR: Merna Mickelson

- We are currently working on the 5-year plan and planning for next year's tournaments. We will be working hard to keep the number of entrants at maximum for the Amateur/Senior/Handicap, and improve numbers for the NET and Foursomes Tournaments. We know we can count on the Captains to promote the tournaments too.
- We are planning for a major information session at the Spring Captains' meeting, so if there is any areas in your Captain's Manual or any problem that you think should be shared, please make one of the Committee members aware by email or phone call. We can then make sure everyone's concerns are addressed.
- Thank you all for your support.

HARRIS ERICKSON: Colleen Wheatley

- 18 competitions were held this year and the HE Groups would like to thank Arbutus Ridge, Bear Mountain, Cedar Hill, Cowichan, Glen Meadows, Gorge Vale, Olympic View, Royal Colwood, Uplands and Victoria. Cordova Bay, Highland Pacific and Duncan Meadows did decline our request to hold competitions at their courses.
- Total number of members is 24. Results as follows:

1 st Low Gross	Alison Murdoch	(3.82) to par
2 nd Low Gross	Colleen Wheatley	(7.88)
3 rd Low Gross	Carin Gallie	(8.93)
1 st Low Net	Alison Murdoch	(2.08) to handicap
2 nd Low Net	Colleen Wheatley	(2.25)
- The 4th Annual Island Challenge Cup was held at Highland Pacific on May 5th and 6th. The Dawn Coe-Jones Group (Zone 6) retained the Trophy.
- The Hunting Cup was held on its 90th Anniversary at Cowichan Golf Club on September 20th. Our thanks to Norm Jackson for hosting the event. Harris Erickson league was victorious over the Sweeny Cup Group of Vancouver. 19 to 17.
- We would like to thank the Zone 5 Executive for their continued support of the Harris Erickson League. We encourage anyone who is a member in good standing of a Zone 5 club and has a handicap factor of 13 or less, to join us next year.

ZONE DIRECTOR: Barbara Rainey

- The next meeting of the British Columbia Golf Board of Directors will be October 26 – 27th to discuss and vote on proposed changes to the Governance Structure. All delegates have an opportunity to vote in person or submit their proxy. We currently have a Board composed of 27 individuals, 12 women and 14 men with voting rights. The proposal will be to reduce the Board to 9 plus the general membership will elect six Directors at Large. The Zone Council will elect two Directors and the Past President will sit on the Board.

- A Zone Council will be formed which consists of 1 representative from each of the male and female memberships from the eight geographical Zones in the province. The Zone Council will share best practices as they relate to Zone activities. The Zone Council will elect from its group, a Chair and one other member, the opposite gender from the Chair. They will represent the Zones on the Board.
Frankly, I'm delighted with this proposed change. We will have representation on the Board, but it should promote more communication between Zones for mutual benefit. There should also be a considerable savings in travel and meeting costs, and yet be more efficient.
- Effective, January 2013, our golf fees will increase.
Adults \$33 (\$20 to BC Golf, \$12 to Golf Canada – this includes \$1 to PNGA which now is NOT mandatory) so the fee could possibly be \$32 depending on your club's reaction to the PNGA option.
Junior fees will be \$29 (\$23.50 to BCGA, \$5.50 to RCGA)
This increase was initiated by Golf Canada.

ZONE 5 AWARDS:

Merna announced the winners of the various Zone Awards. Unfortunately the Awards were not available due to Merna changing addresses and they are probably at the Post Office. As soon as received, they will be passed to the respective Captains for presentation.

Dorothy Olive Franklin		Ellen Lyon (CGC)	-4.03
BC Pin Round	18 holes	Lorna Ruttan (ARD)	-10.16
	9 holes	Linda Tremblay (SSI)	-5.98

Merna introduced Ruth Blasner, Captain of Gorge Vale who made a presentation to;
Volunteer Service Award: Barbara Rainey (GV)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Merna introduced Jean Anderson to conduct the elections for the 2013 season. Following are the candidates for the positions of Treasurer and Junior Development Chair:

Treasurer:	Bonnie Fung, Olympic View Golf Club
Junior Development Chair	Anni Jakubowski, Glen Meadows Golf Club

There being no further nominations from the floor, the above ladies were elected by acclamation for 2-year terms.

Jean thanked the Nominating Committee, Merna Mickelson and Linda Ball, and turned the meeting back to Merna to announce the remainder of the Zone 5 Committee.

Committee Members for 2013 are:

Chair	Merna Mickelson (CH)
Treasurer	Bonnie Fung (OV)
Junior Chair	Anni Jakubowski (GM)

Appointees: Vice Chair	Margaret Rogers (AR) (completes term vacated by Corrine Labelle)
Publicity Chair	Jo-Anna Cawdell (RC) (completes term vacated by JoAnne Hoffmann)
Rules Chair	Lee Frank (OV)
Course Rating/Handicap	Peggy Wright (RC)
Secretary	Barbara Rainey (GV)

Merna presented retiring Committee member, Lynne Foxall with a bouquet of flowers and thanked this years' Committee for their dedication and also welcomed the new members to the Committee and their first meeting on November 19th at Gorge Vale.

In closing Merna discussed the following subjects:

- 5-Year Plan – We pretty much have the dates and venues set, however, as soon as the Committee meets in November, we will discuss and approve. The Plan will then be sent to all the Managers and those hosting Tournaments will be requested to reply no later than February 1st regarding their acceptance of dates and green fees. Barb will also need your dates for any special tournaments, Field Days, Charities, etc.
- After the NET Tournament, we were asked by a couple of players why certain scores were not put into the Network Handicap System. Upon checking all players' records, it was discovered that a number of players had NOT entered their scores; a number HAD entered their scores, but not as a 'T' score. All scores should be entered in a timely fashion and particularly for club tournaments, make sure players are aware to enter their scores as 'T' scores.
- As mentioned before, we rely on the Captains and her Executives to make sure our Tournament Entry forms are posted in a conspicuous spot for the membership to see. Please take every opportunity to promote the Zone tournaments.
- A special thanks to our wonderful Sponsors.....Metro Lexus Toyota (Bob Marchand) who has supported the Zone for a number of years.....National Bank Financial (Susan Dafoe) who became involved in 2011 with the Junior Clinics.....and this year we welcomed Investors Group (Dee Govang) as a sponsor for the Foursomes. We are most grateful to these organizations for their continued support of women's golf.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 - moved by Barbara Rainey, seconded by Nancy Greer

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