

Laguna Woods Women's Golf Club
Minutes- General Meeting
January 21, 2025

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Mary Ann Gille, at 12:09.

The minutes of the October 15, 2024, meeting were approved as submitted.

Mary Ann introduced Kris Callan who is the Laguna Woods Village golf pro who provides lessons for women golfers seeking to improve their game. She demonstrated swing tips for how to improve your swing when you are chipping around the green. She then offered a free lesson that was raffled off. The winner was Kyung An Choi.

Mary Ann then introduced Tom McCray, our Golf Operations Manager. Tom updated the membership about the new company that is now in charge of course maintenance-the Troon Company. He also asked everyone to update their credit cards through the Fore Up system as GRF has adopted a new credit card system. At present, members do not pay any fees for using their credit card to pay for golf. GRF is absorbing those costs at the present time. He also pointed out that while the rates went up starting January 1, 2025, there is no direct correlation between rates and expenses. An increase in rates is not because expenses increased.

Mary Ann then introduced and thanked the Board members who work with her: Kris Oliveira, the tournament chair; Christina Lim, treasurer; Betty Paik and Bobbi Hanada, the handicap co-chairs; Cindy Baker, tee committee coordinator. She also recognized and thanked the following volunteers: Caroline Hinckley, minutes and roster book creator; Kay Ferraro- website maintenance; Susie Aldrup- bulletin board maintenance and cochair for the Hole in One Club; Kim Johnson- Hole in One Club co-chair; Shelia Gebhart and Betty Paik- intra club play cocaptains; Deb Neimela -Morales and Amy Kim- intra club play assistant co-captains; Judy Zeitercenterpieces and decorations for all the tournament luncheons.

Susie Aldrup then introduced the winner of the Hole-in-One pot for 2024. The only winner was Chong Cho who received \$305. The hole in one competition starts on the Tuesday after the general meeting in January and runs until the January meeting in the following year.

The budget was introduced, and time was provided for questions. The budget was approved as submitted.

Kris Oliviera, tournament director, then announced information on the upcoming Valentine's tournament that will be held on February 11, 2025. A two-person team-best ball-net score format will be used for this tournament as well as the other four tournaments that are scheduled for this year. The

maximum handicap for all tournaments will be 36, and there should be no more than a ten stroke differential between the two team members. The maximum number of entries for any of the tournaments is eighty because that is the seating limit in the three clubrooms. We have no access to the Clubhouses for tournament luncheons at this time so we must limit the tournament number to eighty. The sign-up for Valentine's tournament would start at the end of the meeting.

Kris also announced that sign-ups for Intra Club play would occur after the meeting. Intra Club play is scheduled for the first Tuesday of the month, February-May and September-December. Kris asked all members who are signing up to indicate what months they will not be available to participate. There is no limit to the number of players who can sign up. Kris also asked players to discuss the rules for match play with each other so all ladies will know what is going on.

The by-law which changed Article IV, Section A (adding the position of tournament chair to the Executive Board), and Article VII, Section B (making the tournament chair in charge of organizing all tournaments) were approved as posted.

Mary Ann then announced the procedures and sites in the room for members to sign up the Hole in One membership, to sign up for the Valentine's tournament and get their roster books for the year.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20.

Respectfully submitted,
Caroline Hinckley (secretary pro tem)