

## WMGA Meeting Minutes April 8, 2023

The meeting began at 2:00 p.m. In attendance were:

### Voting Members

Bob Creager, President  
Keith Casper, Vice President  
Dave Keeler, Tournament Chair  
David O'Brien  
Joe Smith  
Vince Serio, Recording Secretary

### Non-Voting Members

Mark Clowser  
John Valasek  
Scott Nichols

### The Woods Club

Sally Johnston  
Ron Springer

### Thursday Men's Golf

Mike Harbin

### WWGA

Sheryl Dolin

The issues discussed were:

### **Mixed Charity Tournament**

The WWGA is leading the annual charity tournament this year. Sheryl Dolin proposed that the WWGA and WMGA join forces to make this annual tournament a success. It was pointed out that, though the WWGA formally opted out of participating in last year's tournament, several WWGA members worked with us to make that tournament a success. There was some discussion about keeping the same charity as it lends consistency and continuity to the tournament. There was also a strong argument for each organization choosing the charity for each tournament.

**It was decided that we will join with the WWGA to make the annual charity tournament a success and the WWGA will decide at their meeting on April 12 which charitable organization they will support**

### **Playing the Ball Down or Not**

The Rules and Handicap Committee advised that the Thursday Men's Golf organization's policy permitting players to roll the ball in the fairway regardless of course conditions may be contrary to USGA rules. Though the TMG can establish its own rules for playing on Thursdays, if players choose not to follow the USGA guidelines, they should not post their scores in the GHIN system. The consequences of not having scores posted in GHIN is that those with no scores posted will be unable to establish a formal handicap and will not be eligible to participate in WMGA tournaments. Though chances of it happening are remote, adopting a policy contrary to USGA Rules and Guidelines and posting scores for handicap purposes under that policy could result in a USGA decertification of The Woods Club.

**The TMG plans to continue their policy of rolling the ball in the fairway and will advise members that those who choose to do so must not post those scores to GHIN.**

### **Member Guest Tournament**

Several options were proposed for the Member Guest tournament including:

- Eliminating the tournament;

- Increasing entry fees by as much as \$100 over last year's fee of \$380;
- Reducing food/beverage provided to participants;
- Reducing the number of games played; or
- Discontinuing the Woods Cup and diverting sponsorship monies to the Member Guest tournament.

It was pointed out that sponsor monies collected for the Woods Cup have already outpaced last year by about \$1,500.

**It was decided that we will hold both the Member Guest and the Woods Cup tournaments. We will keep the entry fee at \$380 and will divert some but not all sponsorship monies from the Woods Cup to the Member Guest. Further details will be worked out before the next meeting.**

### **Season Long Match Play Tournament**

A question was raised as to whether we are going to hold the match play tournament but there is no reason posed why we should not.

**It was decided that we should hold the tournament and will announce it as soon as possible**

### **Mixed Tee Formats**

It was suggested that the White/Green, White/Blue, and Original Nine tee formats be reinstated. These formats were apparently lost when the USGA adopted the World Handicap System.

**The Pro Shop will take appropriate actions to reinstate these tee formats.**

### **Thursday Men's Golf**

TMG membership currently stands at 48 with a few more late arrivals expected to sign up in the coming weeks. There is a total of \$5,000 in the treasury for awards and luncheons. 32 players participated in the opening scramble on Thursday.

### **Frostbite**

There are 35 members signed up for the frostbite tournament, next Saturday. Breakfast will consist of egg & cheese, egg, bacon & cheese, or egg, sausage & cheese burritos with juice and coffee.

### **Proshop News**

The Proshop will be using a digital scoreboard for tournaments this year. Downloading The Woods App to your smartphone will enable you to access the scoreboard remotely

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Prepared by:  
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