



**LLGA Lexington Ladies Golf Association  
Minutes of Executive Board Meeting  
January 11, 2024**

**Present:**

President – Jodie Hermer  
Secretary – Sue Buerkel  
Treasurer – Charlene Cummins  
Events Coordinator(s) – Nancy Brown  
Golf Liason – Terri Orr  
Nominating Committee Chair – Marcia Policastri  
President Emeritus – Cheri Winslow

**Absent:**

Vice President – Caryn Kast  
Events Coordinator – Susan Corbett  
Ambassador Program Chair - Linda Voit

**Guests present:** Danny Loucks, Director of Golf, Chaz Taylor Head Golf Professional, Matt Wadding Assistant Golf Professional, Jennifer Pokopac and Jeanne Mirsberger, LCC representatives for Lee County Interclub II, Linda Barone and Tricia Ladd, LLC representatives for Gulf Coast Interclub.

1. **The meeting was called to order by President Jodie Hermer at 1:05 PM.**
2. **Approval of Minutes** of the previous Board meeting of December 14, 2023 had been done via email. It was decided that minutes, once approved can be sent via email to LLGA membership as well as posted.
3. **ProShop Report/Discussion with Danny and Golf Professionals**

The first topic was feedback from the Member/Member event. Feedback including flighting issues – specifically changes after tee off, flights with 15 changing to 13 being confusing. Danny stated that there have to be changes to make the match equitable, sometimes at the last minute, but that there should not be changes after tee off. It was shared that changes were made mid game with the Fall Festival. Danny replied that this will no longer happen after tee off.

We discussed how pairings are made on the second day of tournaments. Danny answered that it is done by Golf Genius, but should be 1&2, 3&4 etc. This was not the case during the Member/Member. It was shared that many players don't like the 8:00 AM start and also asked if we have 2 waves (tee offs at 8:00 and 1:00) could they be treated as a separate tournament as weather conditions can change? Danny did say that entire flights will tee off together but it would not be two different tournaments.

It was shared that some mentioned that the format for alternate shot is really hard – mostly for higher handicap people. Danny replied that the timing must be for play to finish before dark. We did share that the Mens' Member has two tee times and is scheduled later in the month. Can the Ladies be scheduled later in the month as well?

We asked about the new handicap system and why there are different percentages? Danny replied that these are USGA guidelines which has recommended percentages for various games and that we simply follow USGA. Danny shared that it protects the field and that makes it more equitable. A Board Member offered that this has been the case everywhere else she has played.

Club run Majors were briefly discussed such that anyone from any league can play in these events. Thursday events however require membership to the respective 9 or 18 hole Ladies Leagues.

It was asked that if you play in the Match Play event and are eliminated on Day 1, can you play in the Thursday LLGA event that week. Danny reminded us that there is no LLGA event scheduled for that week.

A Board Member asked Danny why the Mens' League players choose their own foursomes almost every week. He answered that it's a League decision. The LLGA has equal amounts of scrambles, ABCD, in Class and Pick your own events.

Danny encouraged the Board to keep the questions coming. We shared that having these conversations at our meetings is a great idea and appreciated their attendance.

The Golf Professionals left the meeting at this time.

**4. Financial Report – Charlene**

Charlene reported that the balance in our account is currently \$5,523.47

There were 2 Member refunds since our last Meeting and 4 New Members have joined.

**5. Update on Lunches after Golf**

A new system for lunch ordering was put into place for today's Thursday play. All present at the meeting thought that it went really well with the exception of one member who did not get what she ordered. **This is a work in progress.**

**6. Event Co-Chair Report – Nancy Brown**

Nancy reported that everything was going very well. Nancy and Sue Corbett put out some candy and decorations in the Ladies Locker area.

A discussion ensued relative to Nancy and Sue receiving reimbursement for their expenses. Char suggested that they keep track of everything and give her the expenses.

**7. Nominating Committee Report – Marcia**

Marcia reported that her committee has met and has one candidate who is interested in the Event Co-Chair position. Cathy Bonneau also has a list of people to speak with. We suggested that the Ambassadors also be engaged.

This Committee will meet again in February.

**8. Ambassador Report - Jodie reported on Linda's behalf that there were 5 new members in the last month. We have a total of 199 LLGA members on our roster.**

As to membership tracking, it was stated that it is difficult to keep track of returning Renters and Members who change addresses. We recognized Mary Lane in helping to identify those that are playing (through Gator Girl tracking) but are not active Members. We are working with accounting and Members to correct these.

**9. Golf and Grounds -Terri reviewed the Agenda for the Golf and Grounds Committee meeting to be held later in the day.**

We are going to request a Rules Seminar - perhaps with examples of on the course scenarios and will bring that up at the G & G meeting.

#### **New Business:**

**Lee County Interclub Co-Captain recommendation:** Because Jen's handicap has improved, it takes her out of the League's established parameters for participation. Jen will put a message out to the members regarding this vacancy to see who may be interested. One team member was suggested and The Board supported. Jen and Jeanne will speak with her. The Board thanked Jen for her hard work and participation in assisting in getting Lexington established in this new league.

#### **Gulf Coast Interclub – Tricia Ladd and Linda Barone**

A detailed presentation was made by Tricia and Linda providing the history of LCC's participation in the Gulf Coast League, how players are chosen for each match and an explanation as to how the 5 Gold Tee rounds requirement for Lexington participants came to be. Tricia said that 45 members are currently qualified with the 5-tee requirement.

For each match, the team consists of 14 players which include the top six stableford points winners from the last competition, the 2 Co-Captains and six other spots. The gold round requirement was born out of a history of LCC not performing well in a number of competitions. After that requirement was adopted, Lexington has over time, become a top contender. There are no maximum or minimum handicap requirements, though the maximum stroke given in the competitions is 32. If the Co-captains are among the top six from the prior outing, then that opens more spots for the next competition. It was also noted that there is often a scramble at the last minute trying to fill the team. We did ask if a lot of the same people are regularly playing? WE did not have that data on hand. We did suggest that it might be of value to say that if we don't have a full roster, perhaps there could be a Captain's choice of an able player. This could possibly extend to the broader membership.

Jodie apologized for the feelings of some members; she shared that it is her role to listen to the Membership and bring appropriate discussions forward. It is exciting to hear that more people are looking to play in this Interclub.

#### **Follow Up Items:**

1. While the Gulf Coast has its' own ByLaws, the requirements of LCA are not formally documented. Linda and Tricia will put a draft together and submit to the Board for review, via Jodie.

The following were suggested to be included:

- a. Gold Round Requirement

- b. Better use of waitlist process
- c. Captain's Choice if roster is not full

We did confirm that changes, if any, would never be made mid-season. We thanked Tricia and Linda for their leadership, they then left the meeting.

**Friends Day Theme** – The discussion of Friend's Day began with a number of ideas. It was agreed to reach out to the Ladies Nine Hole League for a combined event. We would always have this day on the calendar. Jodie will reach out to Sue Murdock to see what the LLNHGA thinks of that idea. Cheri Winslow and Deb Michal will represent the LLGA if we move forward.

**Member injury** - Though not an official agenda item, it was learned that one of our members suffered an injury while playing golf last week. We were reminded to keep Julie Cleary, Sunshine Chair, informed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Marcia Policastri at 2:44 PM, second by Charlene Cummins. Motion carried and Meeting adjourned.

