



LLGA Lexington Ladies Golf Association
Minutes of Executive Board Meeting
December 14, 2023

Present:

President – Jodie Hermer
Vice President – Caryn Kast
Secretary – Sue Buerkel
Treasurer – Charlene Cummins
Events Coordinators – Nancy Brown and Susan Corbett
Golf Liason – Terri Orr
Nominating Committee Chair – Marcia Policastri
Ambassador Program Chair – Linda Voit
President Emeritus – Cheri Winslow

Guests present: Chris Alvarez General Manager, Indra Mulyana Clubhouse Manager, 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

The meeting was called to order by President Jodie Hermer at 1:05 PM.

Approval of Minutes of the previous Board meeting of November 9, 2023 had been done via email.

Golf:

Danny gave an update regarding golf. Rounds are down likely due to Holiday travel. There is a Christmas sale presently going on in the Pro Shop. Marcia P. has been in discussions with Danny regarding the upcoming Member Guest event, plans for which are going well. Danny spoke about the Shotgun starts saying that it helps get more rounds in.

He also gave an update about the lightning alarm system saying that there had been some discussion about making a change to the timing, currently at, 10 miles 30 minutes. Chris said that there was a safety concern about changing ours, as Lexington would then be different than the school nearby which could cause confusion. The decision was to have it remain as is.

Terri asked about the current sign-up process for Lake Village residents for LLGA events as they pay a membership fee and registration closes Wednesday at noon so pairings can be made. Danny answered that residents of the Lake Village will soon be able to sign up at the same time as Golf Village unless and until the numbers get too high. It is likely that the sign-up procedure for LLGA Opening and Closing Day events will remain as it currently is due to high levels of participation.

Gift for Sue Conway:

Cheri presented Sue Conway with a gift from LLGA with our thanks and appreciation for all that she has done for our organization in assisting us with communications, new members and many other projects. She wished her all the best in her new position in the Golf Shop! We thanked Julie Cleary, Sunshine Chair, who purchased the gift.

The Golf Professionals left the meeting at this time.

LLGA Thursday after golf luncheons:

Jodie began the conversation by saying that the participation by LLGA Members has not been as successful as we would like. A very open and productive discussion took place between Chris and Indra and committee members covering the topics of menu pricing, food cost, menu choices, past successes, possible pre-ordering prior to the round, a la carte vs. limited choice etc., the goal being to encourage as many players as possible to gather together for lunch after the round.

Jodie let Chris and Indra know that the Committee would discuss further and that Caryn would follow up with both of them. Chris and Indra left the meeting at this time.

The Board, led by Caryn Kast, had further discussion which was summed up by Jodie saying that we would like to:

Order a la carte from the menu

Pre order if you like prior to the round to speed up the process (a system will be put into place at the pro shop for this), or order when you come in.

Not have assigned seating so as to gather with your foursome or with whomever you wish to dine with.

Caryn will communicate this in a letter to the LLGA Membership via email and Facebook.

Lee County Interclub II:

The Board had a discussion with Jen and Jeanne relative to who is playing in the events and when. LCI II is a competition that we participate in only six times per year. One can join for a particular season up until October. If someone wants to join after that, they would be on the list for the next season. Eight people represent Lexington at each competition. The two Captains may play each time along with the 5 lowest available handicaps available for that match and one "Captain's Choice".

The LCI II differs from the Gulf Coast Interclub which Lexington also participates in and requires 5 rounds from Gold Tees in order to qualify for the team. The 5 Gold Tee rounds may possibly be a Lexington Rule. This league is considered to be more competitive. Jodie asked if the 5 Gold requirement is something that we need to keep and if there was a more equitable sign-up process. Cheri thought that we might want to discuss this requirement as a Board. Jody will invite our Gulf Coast Representatives to our next meeting.

Jen and Jeanne left the meeting at this time.

Budget Review:

Charlene presented a Budget review and update. Discussion included new members, a possible favor/gift for the Closing Day event with a proposed cost of \$5.00 per participant as well as for those who attend lunch only. The event Co-Chairs will discuss with Marcia P. and her Committee and communicate with Charlene about the possible expense.

Nancy mentioned that the opening day event was able to raise enough money to cover expenses as well as make a significant donation to charity.

Charlene reported that our current account balance is \$5,844.01. Four new members have been added. There have been six member refunds.

Jodie stated that we are doing a great job for charities.

Event Co-Chairs:

Nancy and Susan thought that the Holiday Committee did a great job on their event.

A question came up about getting more mulligans for threesomes. The Committee thought there were pros and cons and could see both sides of the discussion as the second shot could already be perceived as creating a benefit. The Board decided that a threesome would not be able to purchase additional mulligans.

Nominating Committee:

Elections will occur this year for the office of Secretary and for one Event Co-Chair. Jodie asked what role Marcia would like the Board to play in assisting. Perhaps talking to people and making suggestions as to potential candidates could be of help. Linda Voit offered that it could be a good idea to use Facebook to reach out and get people involved starting soon.

Ambassador Program:

Linda reported that there are 7 new members and 5 returns who either moved or didn't play. As of this month, we have 196 members with 16 new members added this season.

The list will be distributed to Charlene, Sue, Marcia, Mary Lane, Linda Voit, Deb Magruder and Jodie.

Golf Liason:

Terri reported on the meeting of the Golf Committee held on December 7th as follows:

New Driving Range mats will be ordered.

Terri asked the Golf Committee that the tree on the 14th tee to the left of the tee box be trimmed and fertilized.

Terri asked the Golf Committee if the Lexington golf simulator that was previously in the pro shop could be located and used by members. She is awaiting a reply.

There was feedback about the Fall Festival for which there was no play on Day 1 due to weather issues. There were a number of last minute cancellations; the pro shop adjusted some flights after play started. Players and the Board thought that changing the flights mid round was unfair and that once you tee off that should not happen.

Flags on the putting greens are currently placed back to save the greens for season.

Silver tees are coming back. People are using them. They will be put back and a silver line will also be painted on the cart path to mark. The Ladies Nine Hole League would like to see a red/silver combo, however this likely won't happen.

Possible use of open tee times on Wednesdays and Thursdays? Answer was no as they are reserved for league play.

Lake Village sign up – should be dropped for 18 hole league LLGA events. The MGA has already made this change.

Terri brought up at the Golf Committee, that some ladies would like to see Tournament payouts for AM and PM separately as the afternoon group can see the results of the morning group in Golf Genius before they tee off and there are often different weather conditions which can affect play. The Golf Committee did not see this as an issue.

Ladies Nine Hole League:

Jodie met with Sue Murdock, President of LLNHLGA. Their group would love to do another 12 hole event with LLGA or collaborate to fundraise together or maybe a Potluck at the Sandpiper or non- golf social event. We will continue toward planning an event(s) together.

The Board discussed that the men do not have separate leagues. Would it make sense to have just one Ladies League within Lexington? Some thought it was good to have different leagues as there may be different motivations/goals. After the Board discussion, it was agreed that separate leagues is the right structure.

Birdie Tree:

Nancy said that a birdie tree would be \$62-\$68. Another possibility would be to have something up on the wall which Marcia could paint with HELP!! Marcia and Terri shared ideas that prizes could be awarded which could perhaps be done annually. We could do a 3' x 4' Bulletin Board to fit in the space on the wall. Nancy will order the board for the tree.

Lockers:

The front desk has a bag with all of the keys to the lockers. Joanne Schwarz created an inventory of each locker which our co-event chairs now have. The list is also in the bag with the keys. We will reference this list of items when planning events to insure we are able to reuse when possible.

Friend's Day:

Cheri spoke on the idea of having a Friend's Day on May 4th. Thoughts for a theme included: Sadie Hawkins, participation from outside of Lexington, a combination of LLGA and MGA We need to think about it and get creative. At our next meeting in January, we will need to choose a theme.

**A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Caryn at 3:03 with a second by Charlene.
Meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Buerkel, LLGA Secretary

