



LLGA Lexington Ladies Golf Association  
Minutes of Executive Board Meeting  
October 26, 2023

1. The meeting was called to order by President Jodie Hermer at 1:14 PM

Present:

President - Jodie Hermer

Vice President - Caryn Kast

Secretary - Sue Buerkel

Treasurer - Charlene Cummins

Event Co - Chairs Nancy Brown (via telephone) and Susan Corbett

Nominating Committee Chair - Marcia Policastri

Golf and Grounds - Terri Orr

President Emeritus – Cheri Winslow

2. **Reading and approval of minutes** – Sue stated that the minutes for the previous meeting conducted via email and held on April 21, 2023 had been approved by the Board via email as well.

Sue stated that the Fall Business meeting would be held for LLGA Members prior to our Opening Day luncheon and that we would need to vote to approve the minutes of the Spring Business meeting held on closing day in April. Jodie suggested that those minutes be sent to the LLGA Membership via email prior to the meeting rather than putting copies of minutes on the tables at lunch. All agreed that this was an excellent idea. Sue will prepare and send to the Membership.

3. **Pro Shop Report Report/Discussion** - Jodie has asked Danny to come to the beginning LLGA meetings each month to provide us with updates and so that we can ask any questions of him that we might have. Present at this meeting were Danny, Chaz and Matt.

Jodie asked what the weekly fee of \$7.00 is for. Danny replied that it is for sweeps.

Teri said that she has a spreadsheet for all Golf events. \$2 is a gratuity for the cart barn. Jodie thanked Matt for doing an outstanding job for today's event which featured a game suggested by Eileen Spielbauer and Joanne Schwartz.

Caryn said that we had 70 golfers for today's play.

Danny confirmed that we have 108 registered for Opening Day.

Regarding Gator Girls, Nancy commented that we need better cart control for the spectators at the event as it became difficult for players – sometimes close to interference, scorers etc. during the event last year especially.

4. **Review and Approval of Financials** – Charlene stated that there were no changes to our account over the summer and that the account balance was \$2594.00. A discussion ensued relative to our non-profit status and whether or not there should be money remaining in our budget at year's end. Cheri stated that she did not think we were in danger of losing status since we are not a legal non-profit organization. Jodie and Charlene decided to wait and not change anything at this time as there is not much of a variance from years past.

We reviewed the current Budget allocations and line items for our main events including Opening and Closing Days, Holiday, Solheim Cup and Gator Girls. Marcia and Terri recalled that more gifts have been given in the past for breaking scores, most improved etc. which were awarded at Closing Day. There were pins, door prizes and other closing gifts. Jodie thought we could have random drawings to get more people to come in.

Sue suggested possibly making a donation if need be. Nancy Brown suggested that we might increase the main event budgets to \$600 from \$500. Caryn said that the amount in the account would always be higher at the beginning of the year with money coming in for memberships.

Jodie asked Susan Corbett and Nancy Brown to work with Marcia about some of these ideas and get back to Charlene who will then make some recommendations.

Jodie also stated that she thought that every outgoing Board Member should receive a gift. Terri made a motion to approve, second by Marsha and the motion was approved as a new budget item.

The Board then discussed the topic of new LLGA shirts. Due to the hurricane last year, our season was shortened by quite a bit. The Board agreed to offer the new shirts to Members once again this year. The first shirt is offered at a discount to LLGA Members with a subsidy from LLGA. The cost of any additional shirts would be at regular price.

5. **Vice President Report** – Jodie first thanked Caryn for the work she has been doing with Food and Beverage and mentioned that lunch was great today. Caryn will follow up with Matt for future events. Caryn also said that she has a list of new members for whom she is ordering name tags. Two current members also did not have nametags – Robin McDaniel and Tracey Hicks for whom tags were also ordered.
6. **Event Co-Chair Report** – Susan and Nancy reported that the events are coming along very well. Debbie Pattermann and her committee are doing a great job in preparation for Opening Day. The Christmas meetings are also going very well. The Event Committee is doing a bulletin board in the Ladies Locker Room.
7. **Nominating Committee** – Marcia stated that everyone on the committee would like to stay on. There are six members. Jodie would like to have the Nominating Committee stand at the Opening Day meeting and be introduced. It would be a good idea to get people involved now.
8. **Golf and Grounds** – Terri reported that there have been two meetings so far. Relative to the golf course, edging around the ponds has been outsourced to be mowed. Bunkers are still not being raked and will be addressed by staff. The cost of events has gone up. Danny has come up with a worksheet to reduce costs and did a spreadsheet as to where expenses go. Elaine asked if there were opportunities to lower costs in Food and Beverage and has requested info ahead of meetings on this. Red paint for out of bounds rather than stakes? Cheri said that this had been a discussion last year. All on the LLGA Board agreed that the red paint was necessary in lieu of stakes.

Jodie asked if there were open items. Terri said that there is discussion about Silver Tees and where they should go. There is currently nothing on the scorecard for Silver

Tees. Terri believes that there are places that they could be placed that would look better. Jodie said that people who play from Silver Tees need a place to go.

Terri discussed the Spring Showcase golf event idea that would feature 8 men and 8 women. The men voted it down immediately stating that in their by-laws, everyone has to have the opportunity to play.

The lightning system is sensitive to 10 miles out now. We had a lot of lightning this year.

There is currently a discussion about changing the order of the back 9 holes which would make what is currently hole 16, the back nine starting hole renamed as 10. The finishing hole would then be 15. This does not require outside approval. It doesn't really change anything other than the order of the back nine. It would be done to avoid back-up on hole 11. There is a meeting next week to discuss further. Same course, just a different order.

Holes 1, 16 and 5 were discussed relative to mowing a bit more.

There is a new handicap system called "Cap Patrol" in place. You will have a two day grace period within which to post your score. The system will notice if people are playing better in tournaments than in regular play.

9. Gator Girl recommendation – Mary/Patty - Jodie reported that Mary Lane sent a suggestion regarding Gator Girl qualification. There would be additional points available each week. 1 point for low net and 1 point for low gross. There would be a scorecard playoff if necessary and a player cannot receive both points in any given week. The Board unanimously approved this suggestion. Jodie will contact Danny, let Mary know and send a sheet to the Committee regarding Gator Girl Points. It was suggested that we try make the Board in the Locker Room more interesting.

#### 10. Interclub

Gold Round Requirement – There is a Gold Round requirement because most clubs are at 5,000 yards for ladies, clarified by Terry.

There have been weeks where players have participated in both Interclub I and Interclub II.

There is a requirement of a handicap between 18 and 36 for Interclub II.

You can't "double dip", or play in both I and II in the same month.

Jodie will speak about this on Opening Day.

11. Bylaws: Article VI add Ambassador to non-voting board – The Board voted to approve.

Article VII – one vote for event chair even if 2 people hold the position -The Board felt that each should have a vote.

Article IX – Board to select 4 nominating committee members – no change

Article IX – Rotation of Officers – Currently the President and Vice President rotate off at the same time. Additionally, the Secretary and Treasurer rotate off at the same time.

The loss of both President and VP in the same year as not being ideal was raised by Jodie. Some possible changes were discussed by the Board as to making a change such that the President and Vice President do not rotate off at the same time. This matter will be researched further.

The President Emeritus has always served on the Board for one year after her term as President.

Jodie also felt that the Ambassador role is a very important one and can provide a great deal of insight.

Cheri stated that any bylaw changes relative to officers etc. would have to occur at either the Opening or Closing Day meetings and voted on by the membership.

12. Membership Fee 12/2021 increase from \$25 - \$30 tabled to end of season 12/2022.

The Board voted that there is no need at this time. Motion carried.

13. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Susan Corbett at 3:21 PM. Second by Charlene Cummins. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

