

## **SADDLEBROOKE LADY NINERS BOARD MEETING**

**April 1, 2024**

The April Board meeting was called to order by President Cheryl Hays at 8:27 AM. In attendance were: C. Hays, LeAnn Ellingson, Sandy Wagoner, Karla Kincaid, Terri Tindal, Susan Lucci, Char Crossman, and Charlotte James.

The March Board Minutes were approved as presented. Motion by S. Wagoner, seconded by S. Lucci.

**Membership:** L. Ellingson reported membership is currently at 98 active members (including one March new member and one reinstatement) plus 14 handicap only members for a total of 112 Niners registered with the Arizona Golf Association.

The Board discussed how to properly handle a mid-year transfer from the Niners' organization to SBWGA-18. It was agreed that the transferee should be (1) removed from the Niners' organization; (2) removed from the Niners' Golf Genius program; (3) retained in the Niners AGA records as a "handicap only" member; (4) and be ineligible for a dues refund.

**Treasurer:** S. Wagoner reported a beginning balance for March of \$21,169.38. March deposits totaled \$5,523.37, including one new sponsorship (Harn Legacy law firm), membership dues, Niners Unite cash raffle, and Invitational income. March expenses totaled \$7,878.88, including Weekly Sweeps, Club Championship, Invitational, and other non-event expenses such as award pins. Ending balance for March is \$18,813.87. The accounting of Invitational income and expenses is being finalized.

L. Ellingson will confirm that she is still authorized to sign checks for SaddleBrooke Lady Niners.

**Tournament:** T. Tindall reported that the State Medallion will be held April 2 and 16. If a back-up day is needed, that will be May 21. (Note: The Niners will play Catalina on April 2 and 16 due to the State Medallion. Additionally, another Tuesday in April must be played on Catalina to accommodate an SBWGA-18 luncheon.)

President's Cup will be played on May 9, 11, and 16.

Trophies for the Club Championship and Founders' Cup need to be updated to include last year's winners. Terri will source a new engraving company and bring her recommendation to the next Board meeting.

**Invitational:** S. Lucci reported that the Invitational was a success, and she expressed thanks for the significant contributions made by many Niners volunteers and donors. Prior to the next Invitational, the following process changes will be considered for possible implementation:

- Regardless of weather, continue to locate raffle sales, mulligan packet sales, and continental breakfast in the Agave.
- Relocate the Mulligan sales station so it is close to the check-in table.
- Conclude ticket sales prior to golf so winners can be drawn and posted before golfers return for lunch.
- Explain "Magic Putt" to guests; i.e., it must be declared before anyone tries to make the putt.
- Consider awarding at least two high-dollar cash raffle prizes.
- Have helpers stationed at basket tables to ensure winners claim the correct baskets.

**Handicap:** S. Lucci will complete the USGA Handicap Certification Seminar to become certified. (Each club must have one certification, and C. Crossman currently satisfies that requirement.)

Award pins will be reordered to ensure an adequate supply.

It was confirmed that when a threesome wins a tournament, a foursome award amount is split three ways.

**Pairings:** C. Crossman had nothing additional to report.

**Golf Committee:** C. James reported that the Golf Committee discussed the problem of tee time unavailability during this “high season.” It was suggested that each HOA1 golf association limit its special events to their regular league day, rather than take an additional day. The Niners Board agreed that they are receptive to having their next Invitational on a Tuesday.

**Ladies Choice:** To improve participation, C. James recommended that we allow Niners to make their own foursomes for this year’s event, so long as each lady is partnered with someone other than her spouse/S.O and her golf partner has a GHIN to be eligible for prizes. Motion by C. Hays, seconded by S. Wagoner, with 6 Yes votes and 1 No vote. This policy will be revisited next year, based upon impact on this year’s participation.

**Old Business:**

- S. Wagoner advised the Board that the missing Niners honorary plaques have not been found. K. Kincaid will review 2023 minutes to see if there is a record of plaque storage during RoadRunner construction. If the plaques are not located soon, they will be replaced.

**New Business (from C. Hays):**

- Theresa Mares, Committee Chair for the Ringer Board, asked whether the Ringer Board should include Club Championship and President’s Cup play in Ringer Board statistics. The Board approved that the 2024 SaddleBrooke Niners Ladies’ Golf Association handbook should be amended to include the following statement: *For Ringer Board purposes, League Days include all days when league play is sanctioned by the SaddleBrooke Niners Ladies Golf Association.* Motion by C. Crossman, seconded by C. Hays.
- C. Hays recommended inviting all 2024 Committee Chairs to next month’s Board meeting. All present were in agreement.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:09 AM.

Karla Kincaid, Secretary