

SADDLEBROOKE LADY NINERS BOARD MEETING

January 8, 2024

The January Board meeting was called to order by President Cheryl Hayes at 8:30 AM. In attendance were: C. Hays, LeAnn Ellingson, Sandy Wagoner, Karla Kincaid, Terri Tindal, Susan Lucci, Char Crossman, Charlotte James, Kat Danner, Maria Byers, and Regina Pang.

Minutes of the December meeting were sent electronically to Board members. Motion to approve by S. Wagoner, seconded by S. Lucci.

Membership: L. Ellingson reported current membership of 96, plus 7 social and 9 handicap only members. (Fifteen members did not renew their memberships in 2024.) She will meet with C. Hayes, C. Crossman and C. James to resolve remaining GHIN/Golf Genius issues and review procedures for ordering name tags.

M. Byers and R. Pang reported that the Niners handbook and website have been updated to reflect current membership.

Ladies' Choice: C. James is coordinating this year's event. It was agreed that all male players must have a current GHIN handicap. Motion to approve by L. Ellingson, seconded by C. Crossman.

Treasurer: S. Wagoner reported a beginning balance for December of \$19,140.49. Deposits for the month included membership renewals/new members; handicap only renewals, sponsorships, name tags, rules tags, and cash raffle for a total of \$4,323.00. Expenses were for AGA membership renewals, weekly sweeps, guest lunches, and administrative supplies for a total of \$5,894.47. Ending balance for December is \$17,569.02.

Based upon verbal commitments, we expect to receive additional sponsorships of \$3,000 in January.

Tournament: T. Tindal reported no tournament issues unless tomorrow's Founders Cup is cancelled due to inclement weather. If that happens, lunch will still be served and C. Crossman will send notification to all participants, advising them to come for lunch at 11:15. Sign-ups for tomorrow's event include 44 golfers and 54 for lunch (including 9 guests).

If cancelled tomorrow, the tournament would be rescheduled for February 6th, combined with the State Medallion. If rescheduling occurs, Terri will send an email advising participants to sign up through Chelsea and notify her via email if they want to change their tee selections for that day to "red."

Handicap: S. Lucci reported that in January 2024, the World Handicap System (WHS) will begin adjusting handicaps after every 9 holes played. All golfers are encouraged to post their scores hole by hole, but only if they complete all 9 holes. Unfinished rounds of golf should not be posted, and S. Lucci should be notified that the round was not completed. Niners will be notified of these changes via e-mail and the Niners' Notes. Susan will draft the notifications and forward them to Cheryl for further distribution. Ultimately the Handicap and Rules Chairs will share responsibility for published communications and ongoing compliance.

Pairings: C. Crossman will be gone from January 20 – February 22. C. James will temporarily replace her.

Across the Brooke: K. Danner announced that this step-aside scramble will be hosted by HOA2 9'ers on February 13, 8:30 AM, from yellow tees. The theme is "Margaritaville." There will be spots for 36 HOA1 Niners, and R. Pang will post the flyer on our website.

Old Business:

- A. **AGA Rules Training:** C. James reported that the Arizona Golf Association is willing to conduct a rules session at our facility. The Vermillion Room seats 130 attendees. If AGA agrees to that number, she will work on dates and invitations to 9ers and 18ers from HOA1 and 2. If this event is confined to our community, there will be no facility charge.
- B. **Mentors for New Members:** L. Ellingson reported that she has compiled a list of members who have agreed to mentor new members, and she is offering that opportunity during orientations.
- C. **2024 Handbook:** M. Byers reported that the Handbook is at the printer's and should be available for distribution by January 31. 115 copies will be ordered with lavender or purple covers. Extra copies will be given to L. Ellingson for new member orientations.
- D. **Invitational:** S. Lucci reported that Invitational planning is on track, and she will invite all volunteers to her next meeting on January 22.
- E. **Missing Plaques:** Since the missing plaques removed during construction have not been located, S. Wagoner will get a quote for one replacement plaque. If approved, replacement plaques will be ordered and billed to HOA1.
- F. **Cheesecake Giveaway:** Mary Jo Swartzberg is donating a homemade cheesecake to be raffled at the Founders Cup luncheon.

New Business: None to report.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 AM.

Karla Kincaid
Secretary