

## SADDLEBROOKE LADY NINERS BOARD MINUTES

April 6, 2026

President Karla Kincaid called the meeting to order at 8:25 a.m. In attendance were: Karla Kincaid, Hedy Grysza, Sandy Wagoner, Mary Jo Swartzberg, Susan Goebel, Charlotte James, Regina Pang, Sue Schliepsiek and Susan Lucci.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Regina Pang, seconded by Charlotte James, the minutes of the March 2 Board meeting were approved as mailed.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Karla Kincaid

>Twenty-six Niners have signed up for the Ready Golf Clinic, scheduled for Tuesday, April 7 from 8:00 until 8:30 a.m.

>The Rules document is complete; Karla will ask Jane to review it prior to publication.

### MEMBERSHIP – Hedy Grysza

>The membership list was previously sent to Board members.

>Two people from Mountain View want to join our League.

>There are currently 81 members in our League.

### SECRETARY REPORT – Mary Jo Swartzberg

>Mary Jo will be out of town on Monday, June 1. Charlotte James will take the minutes. Upon her return Mary Jo will complete them.

### TREASURER'S REPORT – Sandy Wagoner

>The beginning balance on March 1 was \$19,712.81 and the ending balance was \$12,880.98.

>Regarding the expenses for the Invitational, Sandy reported that because the event was held on the last day of the month (3/31) many related transactions are not reflected in the March Treasurer's Report.

>Sandy will send a final budget report for the Invitational as soon as all of the expenses are accounted for.

>Discussion ensued regarding how to ensure we receive all invitations that are sent to us to attend other clubs' events. Some ideas for the next Invitational season include designating Charlotte James to be our contact for receiving all outside invitations and providing other clubs with her contact information by:

~Sending a letter to area golf clubs early in the year (need to determine to whom the letters should be sent);

~Sending a letter to those who attended our Invitational this year; and

~Sending a letter to those golf clubs that participated this year.

>There was an "outsider" fee charged to the Niners. This expense will be reversed.

>Rancheros Market has not responded to numerous letters asking if it wants to be a sponsor of the Niners. Because of no responses, its name will be removed from our website, Niners Notes, and luncheon advertisements. Maria Byers will be notified.

#### TOURNAMENT – Susan Goebel

>Regarding the April 14 Game Day event, it will be a *Cha-Cha-Cha* two-person format.

>Susan indicated that, for the President's Cup, all participants must hit from the red tees. This issue might have explained why there were not many participants for the event. For future red tee event, we will explain how handicap adjustments compensate for playing more difficult tees.

>Trophy space – this topic will be placed on the agenda for the May Board meeting. Karla will ask Jane about the possibility of more space.

>Regarding the April 21 Ladies Choice event cash raffle, Carolyn Larson will be asked to announce that 50% will go into the Niners' treasury and a donation will be given to Girls Golf at the end of the year.

#### HANDICAP & WEBSITE – Regina Pang

>There have not been any issues with the website.

>People have been good about posting.

>Regina will add the following language to the website – "If you post the wrong date this can be fixed in GHIN."

## PAIRINGS – Charlotte James

>Information regarding the President's Cup is in Golf Genius. It will be necessary to have 16 Niners participate in the event; otherwise, the event will have to be cancelled.

>The 18-Holers' league has agreed to play one course twice in order to make way for our President's Cup event. Charlotte thanked Carol Bidwell and Cathy Kropp for making this possible. Mary Jo will send a note of thanks to the President of the 18-Holers' league.

## RULES – Sue Schliepsiek (KMK doesn't recall this section?)

>Rules issues that were discussed in March have been posted on our website.

>Also posted was a statement about "public knowledge" of the Niners' rules.

## INVITATIONAL – Susan Lucci

>There were many positive comments about the Invitational.

>The final budget will be forthcoming.

>There were some "closest to the line" issues that will be addressed before we have another contest of this kind.

>The photographer for the event is working on a slideshow; he will be sent a gift card to thank him for his time and effort.

>Mary Jo suggested that the 9ers have a "trademark" name for our next Invitational.

>Sue Schliepsiek discussed numerous raffle tickets/basket issues. Her suggested improvements will be included in a job description for the next basket team.

## GOLF COMMITTEE – Susan Lucci

>Susan presented an overview of the March 20, 2026 Golf Committee meeting:

Third best February since 2021 even though 2.5 days lost due to short month. Good weather helped. The Beginner's League will start in April. Good participation and enrollment is expected.

Next tournament: Master's Tournament – Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup> – sold out and the wait list is full.

Science Saturday - March – The Mental Game! It was EXCELLENT!

HOA#1 Goats: Successful progress with the goats on Catalina 5 – they did the full length on the left side and it looks good. Now on Tucson and both sides are scheduled to be cleared.

Water Reduction on Courses: Mike Roddy has presented a plan for the areas where watering can be scaled back. Most of the areas are to be a desert blend with a few to be landscaped and at least one to be a combination of the two. It is not final, just a proposal at this time.

May course closures: Each course will be closed for one week.

Golf Course Improvements: Looking again at the possibility of some improvements with the funds that were allocated, but deferred due to anticipated increase in water costs. One area of consideration is to reduce the bumps going across the cart path where there is turf build-up due to top dressing and growth. Two to consider first as a test would be S1 and T5.

Northstar installation: Not yet complete – there are some challenges. Tee sheet transfer has not yet happened. Chelsea is owned by Northstar so a solution/interface is being worked on. Other migrations used member # and not Chelsea #. We do not want to do that.

USGA on site: will have someone here in July for course evaluation.

Water Update: Meeting on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM with JW Water to discuss a reduced rate. JW Water has indicated a willingness to discuss options. Golf Committee members were encouraged to attend.

## NEW BUSINESS

>Regarding the results of the recent Lady Niners' survey, we were very pleased to receive a 70% participation rate. The survey results were sent to the membership on March 12.

>Susan Goebel and Charlotte will collaborate to come up with more frequent and varied League games. We will try to work one game per month into our schedule.

>There was discussion regarding our 2027 schedule for League tournaments, especially the State Medallion. Charlotte will peruse the 2027 calendar to determine scheduling options for more team games along with traditional League events. We will review and finalize our 2027 calendar in late November and present it to our members at the December general meeting.

It was also agreed that we would publish a one-sheet overview of all annual tournaments to encourage more participation.

>Regarding the Club Championship, discussion was held to improve participation next year. Some suggestions included:

- Advertise the event earlier and more often, including the amount of prize money available;

- Increase the size of the "purse" (last increased in 2014)

- Make sure that instructions and playing options are clearly communicated in early advertisements;

- Hold a party after the event for participants; and

- Give a sleeve of golf balls or a pin to each participant.

>We discussed how to increase participation in the President's Cup, which will commence May 5.

- This year there will be two match play flights, with the final round including one player from each flight;

- Everyone must play from the red tees, and we will explain how handicap "pops" are adjusted to compensate for the more difficult tees;

- It was suggested that the pairings be as two-somes;

- Only two courses will be open in May;

- Sue Schliepsiek will write up the match play process rules;
- An announcement will be crafted by Karla and Susan Goebel; and
- It was suggested that there might be a “meet and greet” prior to the tournament;

>The *Fun Day with Friends* was tentatively scheduled for June 30. After some discussion it was decided that Charlotte will look at the calendar to determine the possibility of holding this event later in the year when more members are here and the temperatures are cooler.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Swartzberg

Secretary