

**2014 FALL CHAMPS MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2014
COTTONWOOD GOLF and COUNTRY CLUB**

1. CALL TO ORDER

President, Debbie Cook , called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS

Debbie welcomed all of the member club representatives and reported that there were 607 participants in CHAMPS this year.

3. NEW BUSINESS

Pace of Play/Hospitality Issues:

There have been concerns raised again, especially with “B” players regarding pace of play. Debbie reiterated this is supposed to be a fun game of golf experiencing a different course every other week; however some women seem to consider it more of a tournament and thus taking more time than necessary to complete a hole. It was suggested that if you are out of the hole, please pick up. Debbie however advised that you must abide by the rules of the particular course you are playing that day. By treating it as just another fun day with members from other clubs, and lessening the competition part of the game, it is hoped that more women will be willing to participate.

It was also suggested that it might be beneficial for the starter on the first hole to remind participants about pace of play, picking up and more importantly, having fun.

Elimination of First and Second Runner-Up Plaques:

Because of issues with the Executive (usually the Vice-President) having to gather the trophies each year, and more in line with the “hospitality” end of it, Debbie asked for a discussion regarding the elimination of the first and second runner-up plaques. She advised that the first place trophies were not an issue in that they had history attached to them but space on the plaques will eventually run out and new ones will need to be ordered.

After a short discussion, MOVED by Cindy Seibel of Lynx Ridge, SECONDED by Blanche Loyer of Valley Ridge that the CLGA eliminate all plaques from competition and keep only the first place trophies. APPROVED.

Recording CHAMPS' Scores with Golf Canada:

Debbie informed the meeting that CHAMPS is not considered a tournament and therefore the scores should not be put into the Golf Canada website as "tournament scores". Debbie will update the CHAMPS Rules and Regulations to reflect this.

4. GENERAL DISCUSSION

(a) Jane Gordon from Highwood advised that their course had problems with cost of luncheons and asked for clarification from other club Vice-Presidents. Debbie confirmed that she had previously sent a survey regarding this matter but not all clubs had responded. The survey showed that the cost of luncheons ranged from \$15.00 to \$45.00 and varied from club to club. She was asked to resend the survey to everyone in the hopes that all clubs would respond.

(b) Jane also reported that their club had difficulties in fielding B players while other representatives said they had difficulties with A players. Jane said that because of the flood issue at High River and the growing pains of getting the course back in shape, she had difficulty fielding teams this year but hoped that 2015 would be better. Other representatives said they had no trouble in providing the requisite foursomes.

This led to the suggestion that perhaps the index for A players be lowered and after a lengthy discussion, it was **MOVED** by Sonja Thomson of Silver Springs, **SECONDED** by Barbara Gibson from Wintergreen that the index for A players be lowered to 20.1. **APPROVED**. It was confirmed that the highest index allowed for a B player would remain at 35.2.

Debbie asked that all clubs provide their contact information via the website as soon as possible as the CHAMPS schedule would be prepared and sent out in January.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Margie Nicol, Acting Secretary, CLGA