

## **CLGA BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**September 18, 2025**

**Bearspaw Golf Club**

Meeting Chair: Kathy Trofin, President

Recording Secretary: Pat Peters

### **Directors in Attendance (in-person):**

Kathy Trofin, President

Pamela Scott, Vice President

Patricia Peters, Secretary

Carey-Ann Ramsay, Tournaments and Events

Wendy Ellacott, Communications/Marketing

Erin Wagner, Treasurer

Jocelyn Frankow, Junior Development

Cindy Beaudet, Past President

### **Other:**

Monika Jansen, Website Coordinator

### **Not in Attendance:**

Davona Walton, 5 Year Planning (Proxy Given to Kathy Trofin)

**Call to Order:** Kathy Trofin, President, called the meeting to order at 7:10PM.

## **Board Member Updates and Transitions**

### **Vice-President Position**

The status of the new Vice-President position from Woodside, intended to be filled by Darcy Boudreau, Director of Golf Operations, remains unresolved. Traditionally, this role is to be occupied by a representative from the host club of the Calgary Amateur for 2026. However, as Woodside does not have a lady's league, there have been no candidates proposed from the club, and it appears unlikely that one will be put forward.

*NOTE: An update reveals that, due to an oversight, follow-up with Woodside regarding hosting the amateur tournament did not take place, resulting in the club not agreeing to host any tournaments. Davona Walton and Carey-Ann will initiate follow-up communications with Darcy Boudreau to clarify Woodside's involvement.*

## **Recognition of Exiting Board Members**

Exiting CLGA Board members were honoured at the preceding dinner. Thank-you gifts were presented to Cindy Beaudet and Pat Peters in appreciation of their dedicated volunteer service on the Board.

## **Director Job Descriptions and Document Management**

The review of individual director job descriptions is ongoing, with further discussion planned regarding the placement of annual working documents within the Board's section of the CLGA website. This initiative aims to identify opportunities for realignment and to eliminate duplication, ensuring that all areas are updated to improve operational efficiency—particularly when transitioning new individuals into these roles. The project will continue over the winter months.

## **Water Valley Club Membership Discussions**

Ongoing discussions are taking place between Wendy Ellacott, Kathy Trofin, and representatives of the Water Valley ladies' membership regarding the possibility of Water Valley joining the CLGA. These conversations are focused on exploring how the ladies at Water Valley can become members of Golf Canada, as this membership is not currently offered directly through the golf course. Instead, the Water Valley ladies are considering the option of registering individually for Golf Canada membership.

The best method to facilitate this individual membership process is still being determined. Water Valley has expressed their willingness to meet all obligations required by CLGA, showing their commitment to the organization's standards and expectations. Updates on the progress of these discussions and Water Valley's potential membership are anticipated in the fall.

## **Director Updates**

### **Communications and Marketing (Wendy Ellacott)**

Wendy Ellacott, together with Monica, will undertake the task of verifying that all CLGA event trophies accurately reflect the correct names engraved for the past several years. There is ongoing resistance from Cottonwood regarding the hosting of next year's senior city tournament. As a possible alternative, Strathmore may be considered for hosting the event. Woodside was previously confirmed for the city amateur; however, this is no longer the case as noted in the preceding discussion.

## **Treasurer's Report (Erin Wagner)**

Erin Wagner reported that all major tournaments were completed within budget, and all clubs have paid their dues in full. The Board recognizes the need to review and potentially increase the amount offered by the CLGA to clubs that host tournaments. A side discussion followed regarding the fees provided to hosting clubs, with the goal of encouraging greater willingness among clubs to host CLGA events.

It was noted that British Columbia Golf is working at the provincial level with local golf associations to support tournaments, and the Board is interested in learning more about their approach. There was strong agreement that the CLGA should increase the amount given to hosting clubs, with the suggested minimum being \$40 per player per day, aligning with other associations. Given the absence of sponsors, the only way to generate additional funds would be to increase entry fees. Negotiations with potential host courses should begin at the proposed rate of \$40 per participant, up from the previous \$20. Some public and semi-private courses appreciate the exposure and revenue associated with hosting CLGA events, while private courses are less receptive. Courses such as Strathmore, High River, River's Edge, and Turner Valley are keen to host major events and should be prioritized. Davona is encouraged to offer the \$40/day rate to increase success in securing venues.

***Motion: Increase the amount offered by the CLGA to clubs hosting any CLGA tournament from \$20 to \$40 per player per day.***

***Motion Proposed by: Kathy Trofin***

***Seconded by: Cindy Beaudet***

***Motion Passed***

## **Tournaments and Events (Carey-Ann Ramsay)**

Carey-Ann Ramsay reported that all tournaments were conducted successfully. She echoed Erin's concerns regarding the need for the CLGA to offer increased financial support to hosting venues. Many courses do not perceive sufficient value or obligation in hosting CLGA events as a courtesy, and financial incentives are necessary to secure their participation.

## **Juniors (Jocelyn Frankow)**

Jocelyn Frankow expressed uncertainty about the CLGA's partnership with Alberta Golf, noting that promised volunteers were unavailable at the last minute, and Valley Ridge proved to be a challenging venue for junior players. However, partnering with Alberta Golf

may provide access to better venues in the future, and it was suggested that the Board continue the collaboration for another year to assess outcomes.

There was discussion about providing opportunities for novice junior players who are not members of private clubs. Jocelyn emphasized the importance of creating environments where young girls can meet peers and find the game more engaging. Although the CLGA is not mandated to offer lessons for young players, it remains committed to providing tournament opportunities. Instructional programs such as The First Tee are available through other organizations.

Currently, junior members at member clubs seem unaware of the CLGA events available to them. Further discussion is needed to improve awareness and participation. Cindy also noted that juniors seeking world ranking points prefer not to participate in CLGA events, as these do not offer enough points.

### **Cindy Beaudet**

Cindy Beaudet highlighted the importance of monitoring and addressing any bullying at tournaments. Players who violate code of conduct standards should be disqualified, and incidents of inappropriate behaviour should be reported to Alberta Golf.

Cindy noted that tournament entry forms must now include the question “sex at birth,” as required by Alberta regulations.

Regarding casino licensing, Cindy explained that it takes two years to obtain a licence, and there are restrictions on using funds from these events to subsidize entry fees. She will continue to research legal options for use of these funds.

### **Kathy Trofin**

Kathy relayed her conversation with Jacquie Bader, Zone 6 Chair in BC, the challenges they have been facing, the closure of some Zones and their affiliation with BC Golf. Pam to perhaps continue this work next year.

Kathy plans to collect all trophies at the end of September for engraving in preparation for 2026. All directors are asked to submit their 2025 reports by Friday, October 3, for review and website upload in time for the Fall AGM Thursday, October 9, 2025, at Canyon Meadows.

### **Casino Licence**

Cindy provided an update regarding the casino licence, noting the lengthy application process and the need for further research into permissible uses of casino-generated funds.

## **Annual Returns**

Annual returns are to be reviewed and signed by Linda Porter and Karen Minton. Although previous treasurer Meaghan sent the returns to Cindy for submission, they remain outstanding. Erin is tasked with tracking and following up on the outstanding filings.

## **Member Club Concerns**

Kathy led the discussion on City Ladies membership in the CLGA. Historical review revealed that, around 2022, the City had a unique relationship with the CLGA and was not required to host events beyond CHAMPS and Riley's. However, current communications with Stacie Lehmann indicate that city courses will not host any CLGA events going forward. The CLGA bylaws require member clubs to host events periodically, and the city courses are not meeting this requirement. Thus, to maintain fairness to other member clubs, the Board has determined that city courses should no longer be part of the CLGA. The Board regrets this decision but remains open to reconsidering membership should circumstances change. Kathy will draft a response to Stacie Lehmann and ensure copies are sent to Shaganappi and Maple Ridge ladies club representatives.

***Motion: The Board agrees to remove city courses from membership in the CLGA until such time as they meet the responsibilities required by CLGA bylaws.***

***Motion Proposed by: Cindy Beaudet***

***Seconded by: Pat Peters***

***Motion Passed***

## **New Business**

The agenda for the upcoming Fall General Meeting was reviewed and approved.

With no further business raised by Board members, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m. by President Kathy Trofin.