



Calgary Ladies Golf Association

Executive Meeting, Wednesday April 18, 2018

Inglewood Golf & Curling Club

Draft Minutes

Present: Monique Morrison, Sylvie Dugas, Marilyn O'Connor, Linda Wagner, Titia Born, Monika Jansen, Cindy Beaudet, Jennifer Baerg, Karen Saunders, Gaylene Donald, Susan Plum, Debbie Cook

Regrets: Diane Jones, Maureen Best, Shannon Lefroy, Margie Nicol

Special Guest: Leslie Dunning – President Golf Canada

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:02
2. Minutes from the March 21st meeting were approved. Motion by Sylvie Dugas, seconded by Cindy Beaudet
3. Leslie Dunning, President of Golf Canada joined us as a special guest speaker to give an update on the state of golf in Canada. Contrary to popular opinion golf is not “dying”. The most popular sport in Canada is golf with over 6 million people participating. Golf Canada has a membership of 300 thousand. The change is that 30 years ago 90% of the golfers belonged to clubs and 10% did not. The reverse is now true. Leslie’s mission as president is one of inclusion. Women are underrepresented in the sport at the player, professional and volunteer levels. Her goal is to increase those numbers. Golf Canada has put together a booklet that outlines the value of belonging to Golf Canada for both the club and the player. The public players program should be the entryway to a golfer joining a club and they are tracking that information. In addition over half the schools in the country now have the Golf in School program and a Get Linked program. The focus is on family golf and expanding on the success of such programs as Golf for the Cure. Starting in the fall there will be on-line rules training on the new rules for level 1. In 2019 or 2020 there will be World Handicap System. Questions for Leslie – How do we get clubs to take our events? A; Work with Alberta Golf and also the members of each course. They need to advocate for their club to step up as part of their responsibilities towards the game. Q. How to get more junior girls at our tournaments? A. Go to the schools that are offering the Golf in School program. Q. Why are the provincial teams not recognized properly at our national championships? A. Not aware of the lack of recognition/celebration of those that make teams, will look into it. Q. How many of our ‘elite’ golfers that get a lot of training, play college golf continue in the sport? In Calgary we have a huge gap in the 25 – 40 age gap. A. Is going to look into those statistics.
4. Reports:
 - a. Past President – the survey came back on the wine box with the result that we will not be ordering them this year but maybe something for next year to celebrate the 90th year. Cindy and Sylvie to work together to potentially sponsor some gift packs

- b. President – nothing to report at this time. The discussion on the fee structure will be looked at later
 - c. Treasurer – five clubs have paid to date. All dues are required by the end of April so when Diane is home she will start calling. There is money in the bank to subsidize both the City Amateur and the City Seniors @\$10 per player to a maximum of \$960. Discussion; we have 10K in the bank why not spend it? Do we hold on to it and do something for the 90th year? Do we leave it and if the committees go into debt give them the money then? Do we give them the money and try to ensure that as much as possible goes back to the host club? The City Senior has upped their entry fee by \$5 – do they need the supplement? Motion by Monique Morrison – To supplement both the City Amateur and the City Senior \$10 per player. Seconded by Linda Wagner. Approved
 - d. Amateur Chair – nothing to report
 - e. Senior Chair – all on track for the seniors
 - f. Junior Development – have received a sponsorship cheque, a verbal commitment from Invisibobble to sponsor and are invoicing another company for their sponsorship
 - g. Junior Chair – while Lynx Ridge did not have a volunteer to chair the tournament, Titia has a lot of volunteers to help run the event.
 - h. Tournament Liason – the picture frame as a keeper item is a go. Sue Plum’s husband can source and engrave at a much lower cost that we were quoted – that will be explored. All posters and certificates are printed and ready to go for the AGM. Monika has been approached by members of the Ladies league at Wintergreen. If they pay their \$2 can they play in our tournaments? The idea of a Calgary Women’s Public Player card was briefly discussed - \$50 per year gives you the right to play in our events provided you have a verifiable index. This will need much further discussion.
 - i. Riley’s Match Play – Entries are closed. Three teams did not make it into the event. Draw to be done Friday 20th. May have time constraints due to weather and late course openings but at this point the finals will still be in June.
 - j. CHAMPS – nothing to report at this time. Margie will hold a separate CHAMPS meeting at some time after the AGM
 - k. Tournament of Champions – nothing new to report
 - l. Medalist Series – all events scheduled, nothing new to report
 - m. 5-year Plan – all letters are out for confirmation of 2019 events. Canyon Meadows will respond this week for the City Amateur. Debbie will send out a media release next week with all the CLGA events
 - n. Website – reports for the AGM needed ASAP
5. New Business Discussions – AGM prep – an email to go out to all clubs. Monique to circulate a draft for comments/changes. Please respond immediately so the notices can go out Friday. All positions to report verbally at the AGM with the goal to generate excitement on all we do.
 6. Meeting Adjourned at 9:15. A special thank you to the staff at Inglewood who treated us to a 6 course small plate sampler of what to expect at the City Amateur – Awesome!