



Calgary Ladies Golf Association

2012 SPRING GENERAL MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, MAY 14, 2011 REDWOOD MEADOWS GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

1. CALL TO ORDER

The President, Margie Nicol, called the meeting to order at 7.20 PM. The meeting was called early as the Presidents and Vice Presidents forum was finished early and it was agreed by all that most of the attendees were already in attendance.

2. WELCOME

Margie Nicol welcomed the member club representatives. Margie noted that each club should pick up their club folder which included posters for the upcoming tournaments. She asked that people put the posters up in a good spot as soon as possible.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Pat Henderson (Silver Springs) moved that the agenda be adopted as presented. Karen Walsh (Canyon Meadows) seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

4. ADOPTION OF THE FALL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Margie Nicol noted that the minutes from the fall AGM were on the CLGA website and not in the club folders handed out. Attendees had noted prior to the meeting starting that they hadn't received notification of the meeting and that they would like notification for the next meeting together with minutes of the last meeting.

Karen Walsh (Canyon Meadows) moved that the minutes be approved as amended. Laurie Thompson (Cottonwood) seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

5. ROLL CALL

Bearspaw	4	Glencoe	1	River Spirit	1
Calgary Elks	2	Heritage Pointe	0	River's Edge	1
Calgary Golf & CC	1	Inglewood	1	Shaganappi	2
Canyon Meadows	2	Lakeside Greens	2	Silver Springs	2
Carnmoney	2	Lynx Ridge	2	Springbank Links	0
Cochrane	0	Maple Ridge	3	Valley Ridge	2
Confederation Park	1	McCall Lake	0	Willow Park	3
Cottonwood	3	McCall Business	0	Wintergreen	0
Country Hills	3	Pinebrook	2	Woodside	0
Earl Grey	2	Priddis Greens	0		
Elbow Springs	0	Redwood Meadows	5		

A total of 47 individuals representing 22 clubs were in attendance.

6. EXECUTIVE INTRODUCTIONS AND WEBSITE UPDATE

Margie Nicol introduced the 2012 Executive and she noted that many of the Executive were at a function in Edmonton and were not able to attend, but that their reports are on the CLGA website www.calgaryladiesgolf.ca under "Reports and Minutes".

Margie noted that Monika Jansen has created a new CLGA logo which can be seen on the CLGA website.

Carolyn Radomsky of Redwood Meadows - City Amateur Tournament Chair, noted that the City Amateur tournament is June 26, 27 and 28 at Redwood Meadows and she asked that all attendees encourage their members to register.

7. NEW BUSINESS

By-Laws

Margie Nicol discussed the new by-laws that were approved last fall and noted that there were some flaws. When the new by-laws were being amended last year, Section 9 the "Audit" clause was inadvertently left in. After discussions with Government of Alberta and a corporate lawyer the Executive determined that the CLGA does not require an audit. Margie noted that CLGA records are open at any time to anyone to inspect and welcomed such a review if you deem it necessary on proper notice. Margie moved that Section 9 be changed and the section the Executive proposed reads as follows:

"The books, accounts and records of the Secretary and Treasurer may be examined by two members of the Association at a place and time convenient to all parties."

There were no questions or concerns for the attendees.

It was moved by Donna Muller (Redwood Meadows) and seconded by Maureen Best (Inglewood) that the motion be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Margie Nicol discussed clause 2.1 which mentions the number of kilometers membership in the Association is limited to. Strathmore, Turner Valley and Highwoods have all indicated an interest in joining the CLGA. Margie noted that the Association's numbers are dwindling and she recommended that this clause be changed to read 80 Kilometers rather than 40. Most attendees seemed to feel this was a positive step.

It was moved by Laurie Thompson (Inglewood) and seconded by Janine Engelhardt (River's Edge) that the motion be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Margie Nicol discussed clause 11 which reads, "The By-laws may be rescinded, altered or added to by a "Special Resolution". ". The term Special Resolution is not defined in the by-laws and of course should be. The Executive is therefore recommending that the sentence, "Special Resolution means a resolution passed at a general meeting of the Association by a simple majority vote" be added at the end thereof.

There were no questions or concerns for the attendees.

It was moved by Kathy Deyell (Pinebrook) and seconded by Linda Grey (Country Hills) that the motion be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Involvement of the City of Calgary Courses

Margie Nicol noted that the four City of Calgary courses are not in compliance with the CLGA by-laws. Margie reminded everyone if they attended 2011 fall meeting, it was discussed at length the non-compliance issue that the City has with the CLGA. It was noted that there have been several telephone conversations, e-mails and letters between the parties since that time. However, It is still the City's opinion that they do not have to participate in hosting our events, nor have they shown any willingness to join in the five year rotation plan that other member courses are obliged to do according to Section 2.3 of the By-Laws.

The Executive sent copies of all the correspondence to all the clubs involved, to the Mayor and to the Booking Services Administrator for the City, Stacie Lehmann and her boss, Joan Friedel. Copies of Stacie's reply were also sent to the respective courses. The Executive have also requested meetings with the City to discuss this situation and the Executive have worked diligently to try to resolve this but to no avail.

The City says and Margie quoted "is reviewing our current Association memberships and responsibilities. This review will be completed prior to the 2013 golf season." The CLGA 2013 golf season starts in October as schedules have to be in place for the coming year. It therefore has been unanimously agreed upon by the Executive that if a solution is not forthcoming from the City by the end of the summer that a vote be taken at the fall general meeting to have the four City courses, namely, Shaganappi, Confederation, McCall Lake and Maple Ridge removed from the CLGA effective October 2012. Margie appealed to those ladies involved to canvass the City and make your opinions known to them.

Laura Nalder of Maple Ridge spoke and noted that she has met with Stacey Lehmann of the City of Calgary. The ladies clubs only has control over their block bookings which are mandated by City Council. She asked if Margie had received the letter they sent her. Margie noted that she did not receive the letter. The golf course operations stated in the meeting that they cannot meet the tournament hosting requirements The City courses would like to be part of the CLGA but the Ladies Club cannot change the city and she doesn't believe the city will bend. Stacey Lehmann has complied this year by offering Shaganappi for the Medalist Series – they could not offer Maple Ridge as they do not host any tournaments there in September. The only thing the ladies at Maple Ridge could offer Ladies is their Tuesday block booking of 52 players. They can also volunteer at other courses at tournaments. They do not have the funds to host tournaments.

Louise Yont of Maple Ridge gave Margie Nicol a copy of the letter and chart that was sent to her on two different occasions. In the email Louise outlined the fact that it was agreed by the CLGA that all the City courses would be treated as 1 club in the rotation of tournaments. This was apparently agreed upon in a general meeting in 1992, however no record of such a discussion has been found. Since 1992 to 2011 the City courses have hosted 7 tournaments.

Laurie Thompson of Cottonwood noted that we have just passed a motion to increase our distance from 40 km to 80 km so as to increase our membership so it doesn't seem right to now be voting out the City of Calgary courses.

Marny Dabbs of Silver Springs, noted that the rest of the clubs are having to pick up the slack re hosting tournaments and these other courses are pushing back saying it isn't fair that the City isn't taking its fair share of tournaments.

Sandra Debolt (name of club not given) noted that the City is treated as 1 for tournaments and 2 for CHAMPS. She suggested maybe they should only be treated as 1 for CHAMPS too.

Lorna Earl of Redwood noted that the only reason Redwood Meadows is hosting the Amateur this year is because Redwood was told it would be dropped from the CLGA if it didn't host it.

Janine Engelhardt of River's Edge wanted to know which courses were complaining about hosting tournaments. She noted that River's Edge has hosted numerous tournaments and they really like doing it as it has have been good for their course and it is good for golf in general.

Pat Henderson of Silver Springs noted that Silver Springs members don't want CLGA tournaments as it takes their tee times and it is also expensive.

Louise Nielsen (Confederation Park) wanted to know if they were on the list to be removed. She mentioned that their fees were due for payment the following day. Margie replied Confederation could possibly be removed if there is no satisfactory resolution to the issue. Louise stated they are only a nine hole course and would probably not be wanted. Margie informed her this could be the case but if required, players can go off two different tee positions.

Donald Stewart from the Alberta Golf Association noted that they look at the City of Calgary courses as one course and they have trouble getting the City to host tournaments.

Karen Lavoie from Shaganappi noted that they cannot even have their Club Championship at Shaganappi and McCall has the same problem.

Linda Gray from Country Hills suggested using the City Ladies as volunteers for tournaments held at other courses when it is difficult to get volunteers.

Jan Grey from Bears paw stated that enrollment in the sport of female golf is going down and that the CLGA should do everything they can to support the sport.

Donald Stewart – Executive Assistant Director, Alberta Golf

Donald Stewart mentioned that there is a Quick Response (QR) code on the back of your Alberta Golf membership card this year basically it is like a bar code which you can scan with your smart phone to pull up your handicap factor. He advised the attendees that if they are playing in any of the Alberta events this year they should get their memberships cards from their clubs and make sure they activate them so they can scan them at the events.

The AG website is www.albertagolf.org and it has information on all their tournaments (which he read).

Donald also talked about the Equitable Stroke Changes informing the attendees that Golf Canada hired a professor from UBC to look at the statistics of the Equitable Stroke control that was presently being used and he found that it was statistically unfair for a lower handicap player to play against a higher handicap player as the lower handicap had a better chance of winning. Donald passed out a handout on the new rules which came into effect on 1 March, 2012. The changes bring the Canadian system in line with the US handicap system and will simplify things for Canadians playing in US events.

President and Vice President Forum

Margie Nicol asked if there is a need for the one hour President and Vice President Forum before the members meeting and it was felt 30 minutes would be adequate for the fall meeting,

Jay Anderson – River Spirit

Margie Nicol informed the attendees that Jay Anderson, Head Professional from River Spirit was to be at the meeting but was unavailable now due to a personal commitment. River Spirit is hosting the Royale Cup for Canadian National Junior Girls from July 30 to August 3 this year and he is looking for 150 volunteers for the tournament.

Lorna Earl, CLGA Treasurer

Lorna Earl noted that the 2011 Financials and the 2012 Budget were in the clubs folders and also on the CLGA website. Lorna gave a brief recap of the Treasurer's report which is also on the CLGA website.

Marny Dabbs, CLGA Past President

Marny Dabbs from Silver Springs noted that the Glenbow Museum is happy to have all the CLGA records, CLGA minutes, pictures etc. However the pictures must have the names of the people, the courses names and dates on them. Marny would like people from numerous clubs to take photo albums and put names to faces. Silver Springs, Shawnee, Elbow Springs, Winter Green, Canyon Meadows, Priddis Greens, Earl Grey, Willow Park.

Kathy Deyell of Pinebrook

Kathy Deyell of Pinebrook asked for information on how much the various ladies clubs get from their Clubs for each lady member. People responded with various numbers from \$30 to \$77 with a lot around \$50. Kathy also inquired that round table discussions be injected into the President and Vice-President's forum in the future to discuss possible issues arising throughout the golf season.

8. NEXT MEETING

The President and Vice-President's forum will be held at 7:00 p.m. with the fall general meeting to follow at 7:30 on Monday, October 15, 2012 at Redwood Meadows.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Margie Nicol (Redwood Meadows) moved that the meeting be adjourned. Pat Henderson (Silver Springs) seconded the motion. Motion Carried.