

Cottonwood Ladies Golf Association Board Meeting

DATE: March 6, 2025

LOCATION: Phoenix Room, CLC

ELECTED OFFICERS PRESENT: Virginia Diers, Deb Feist, Zara Logan, and Pat McRoberts.

APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tara Bradford, Marylana Breit, Karen Fischer, Sandy Eeds, Patti Hegenbarth, Nancy Hermanson, Mary Anne Lofquist, and Sandy Worden.

The president, Zara Logan, called the meeting to order at 1:33 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Karen Fischer moved to approve the February Board Meeting Minutes posted on the website. Sandy Eeds seconded and the motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Pat McRoberts. We have \$14,497 in our account. Due to a donation, we were \$46.91 to the good for the Cotton Verde tournament.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT: Deb Feist reported that we currently have donations of \$900.00 from sponsors for our events. She's also received tangible items that will be used for our Member-Guest raffle baskets. There is a rate for sponsoring four or fewer events. The sponsor signs are reusable. The donations will be used for any overages related to our events unless the donor specifically designates them for a particular purpose.

Sponsors need a W-9 tax form for their business deductions. Our EIN is required to fill out the W-9 application. Deb and Tara will confirm that our number is still active.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TOURNAMENT CHAIR: Karen Fischer reported that a few members suggested a different format for next year's Partners Tournament, and she will consider it for next year.

We will recognize all four major tournament winners at our patio party on March 20th.

MEMBER/GUEST: Mary Kay Hobby and Karen Lindgren (chairs) could not attend, Zara Logan reported on their behalf. There are 128 registered members and guests. The tee time is 8:00 AM, and the luncheon will be in the ballroom. Volunteers will assist with golf bags. Registration starts at 7:00, and only members should check in at the registration table. Drinks will be available on the course, and some fun games are planned. Before playing, they will judge the best costume and the best-decorated golf cart. More details will be emailed with a reminder to bring cash. Some of the profits will be donated to the Women's Trafficking Program.

Some members are unhappy that Wednesday is the only practice day for guests. Jon made that determination.

GOLF COMMITTEE CHAIR: Sandy Worden: On CW hole 15, some believe that the large rock near the forward tees presents a trip hazard. Scott will investigate.

Tee marker status: We have a vendor, and the cost will be less than originally anticipated. The price should be between \$10,000 and \$15,000, depending on shipping fees. The order will be for 300 markers, but it won't happen until November. The golf committee will help in selecting the markers.

There was a request to send out notices for events that last more than one day. This will help when you have guests from out of town and plan to have them play on a Sunday. However, they can't because the men's club has the course occupied. Additionally, regular members would like to be informed. Sandy will follow up on this request to send out notices.

The goose poop situation, according to Jon, should be a league decision on whether to lift, clean, and place. The PV men's team decided not to change the ruling.

The pace of play is good, even though there have been a lot of players. They only had to wait list 3 times. March will be a busy month due to tournaments.

The PV men's league is paying Erin's entry fee for a seniors' tournament

Sandy asked for input for the next golf committee meeting and board members suggested: that an improved walking path is needed between holes 16 and 17 at CW. Is there a policy for tournaments to have ground under repair marked? The concrete on hole 17 should be repaired and widened as players drive to the forward tees. Parking golf carts on the north side of the pro shop pose a safety hazard and should not be permitted. Is our patio a non-smoking area? More awareness for slowing down and yielding before driving through the tunnel.

HANDICAP CHAIR: Nancy Hermanson reported she appreciates that most members are turning in two cards. The reason for the two cards is that Travis looks at Golf Genius and one card, and if they don't match, he looks at the second card. Travis uses the cards for the scores, not Golf Genius. Members should check scores hole by hole not just the total score.

Nancy Hermanson and Karen Fischer have a proposal for a handicap that will be used strictly for our CLGA Thursday ladies' league play day only. They recommend adding this proposal to the fall agenda.

RULES CHAIR: Marylana Breit regarding the 18th hole: Terry Gaube researched a ruling from the USGA about using the drop zone after a second attempt to clear the water hazard. The response from the USGA confirmed that a Local Rule allowing the use of the drop zone after a second failed attempt to clear the water would be contrary to the rules of golf. The agreement is to keep the rule as it is and not implement a drop zone.

AZ GOLF REP: Mary Anne Lofquist reported today (March 6th) was the 3rd day of our State Medallion and March 20th will be the last day.

WEBMASTER: Sandy Eeds had nothing new regarding our website.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE: Tara Bradford would like more clarity on her role and ways to get suggestions for improvements from our members. Tara and Deb will meet, and everyone else is welcome to join them. They will have another report at next month's meeting.

MEMBERSHIP: Patti Hegenbarth reported we have 91 members, including 25 new members. She needs more volunteers to become Big Sisters. Only a few new members attended her new member orientation.

Patti will be handing out service awards at our March 20th patio party. We have been awarding service for 20, 25, 30, and 35 years, and she asked if we should change the numbers. It was agreed that we would not change the number.

OLD BUSINESS

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE VOTE: Zara Logan reported that our members approved the Code of Conduct along with the change from a 30-day to a 15-day posting of By-Law changes. Fifty-five out of 91 members voted. The revised By-Laws and the Code of Conduct form are on our website.

Luncheon Sign-up: Deb Feist and Sandy Eeds met with Jon and talked about using Golf Genius for signing up for our luncheons and he says it is possible. However, Golf Genius will only accept credit card payments, not Zelle. The board decided to keep the current sign-up procedure and put the Golf Genius method on hold.

NEW BUSINESS

CAGD LUNCHEON EXPENSE: Zara Logan reported that CAGD will have two luncheons instead of one for the representatives in the Central Arizona District. We only budgeted for one luncheon. Zara proposed that we pay for the additional luncheon for our representatives: Kathy Langston and Lisa Mohoric. Sandy Worden moved to approve and Karen Fischer seconded. Next year we will budget for the two luncheons.

MEETING with CMGA REPS: Bob Kaczmarek, president of the men's league met with Zara. He wants more cooperative activities with CLGA besides the match scheduled for Saturday, March 15th. They would like to continue doing that on Saturdays and perhaps one of our Thursday league days. They are supporting us by witnessing some of our fun games, and we will reciprocate by doing the same for them. They would like to invite us to their Christmas party.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Zara Logan reported that the projected officers need to be posted two weeks before the election in May. This means the nominating committee needs candidates before the end of April. All four offices are open: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Moe England, Joanne Rumpler, and Cindy Edwards volunteered to be on the nominating committee.

OTHER BUSINESS

Nancy Hermanson inquired why some members are not receiving Jon's Golf Genius emails for play. Members should check their Spam or junk folder, as emails may be going there. Additionally, Apple's recent update on iPhones has organized emails into different categories on your phone.

Patti Hegenbarth and Pat McRoberts asked if members can join CAGD any time of the year. Members can join CAGD at any time during the year by submitting their \$8.00 to Lisa Mohoric and she will see that it gets to the CAGD office.

Patti Hegenbarth asked if members can join Ringers anytime. Members must join Ringer before December.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM.

Virginia Diers
Secretary