

MPLN Board Meeting Minutes November 5, 2024 1:00 Catalina room

Members Present: Louise Bidwell, Helen Biggs, Barbara Bloch, Marla Butcher, Raye Cobb, Mary Cummins, Joyce Deutsch, Caryl Dowell, Charlene Leach, Rita Smith, Eileen Snearly, MarcyTixier, KayTomaszek, Sue Wilson.

Call to order. Marcy called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

- Approval of the Minutes of the Oct board meeting. Only change Joyce D added after it went out was Deb Bunker attended. Char L. motioned and Sue W. 2nd. Motion carried.

- October Treasurer's Report
Balance 9/30/24 was \$12,056.67. There was \$8.41 interest on the savings account and payment reversal of a check fee as well as new member name tag. One pay out to closest to the pin of \$10.00.
This left ending balance 10/31/2024 of 12,095.33.
Rita said she liked that we have a savings account.
Motion to approve Treasurer's Report: Motion made to approve: Caryl D. 2nd: Helen B. Motion carried.

Old Business

Website update/tech clinic

- A few people came to the tech clinic which was great. A few people have called Joyce D and Marcy to ask 'Why can I only see Go Daddy?' This means they are not logged into the new website. Thank you for Joyce D and Jo for coming to the **tech clinic**. Website seems to be going well. Calendar icon needs to be updated. Some people are not printing their scorecards. Not all are using Golf Genius. If you are having issues see Marcy.

Holly Jolly Update - Joyce S

- **Char reporting:** Flyer is on the website. All is moving along nicely. Committee meeting is next **Thursday**. Flyers mailed to some retired 9ers. There is only one item for lunch offered. There will be some games at the luncheon. Frosty's Frolics is the name of the event and it is on budget.

New Business:

President's Cup- Nothing to report.

- Jo and Diane are absent.
- Mike will attend the luncheon.

Standing rules: Rita

- Short course pay-outs – playing under 45 and 50 payouts are eliminated because it is short course. Not really a legitimate break 50. Prize money pay-outs are listed on page 6 under prize money on the Standing Rules

Document. We need to add a statement in regards to short course due to over seeding.

- Rita also changed methods of communication to new website as the old website was mentioned.
- Also Rita said it now has the ability to go to AZ golf website for renewal: and Rita rewrote it to make it go back to our website to make it easier for members.
- We need this updated so that the most recent gets approved. The updated version would be on the new website and will be updated as needed.
- Caryl moves to make the changes on the standing rules. Barbara B 2nd. Motion carried.

2025 slate of officers-

- Pres: Helen B
- VP: Denise and Caroline Witt
- Secretary: Joyce D
- Treasurer: Jo Carter
- Handicap – Janet Eckert
- Sponsorship: Eileen S and Sandy D
- Membership who will help Rita: Janet Drake
- Char of Bring a Friend: Loralee H
- Chair of Holly Jolly: open
- Sue Wilson will be rep for Across the Brooke. (Event will be held at HOA 1 in 2025.)

2025 Club Champion schedule/schedule conflicts

- Diann had asked Marcy for schedule for next year, the only conflict was Nov 11, Presidents Cup Luncheon. Since then Mike has asked for calendar and told Marcy there are some conflicts. Catering did not pick up on this.
- Mike normally asks for leagues to get together to schedule events. There was no meeting this year.
- **Helen needed to be included. Delete this line**
- Bring a Friend had to be moved to April 22, 2025 because of a conflict with lady 18'ers.
- Club Championship: In April as is Across the Brooke. We need Across the Brooke date **first, then we will determine CC dates for 2025.**

Golf shop “comp’d” ball for events

- Mike said balls were com’p for 3 events.
 - Holly Jolly,
 - Bring a Friend
 - Across the Brook- every other year.
 - **Presidents Cup and Club Championship - do not get balls com’p. delete this line**
- **Presidents Cup day 2 balls get comp/d when we do not host Across the Brooke. (which is this year)**

Recruitment and retention 2025: Helen

- A neighbour contacted Helen suggesting that we have a recruitment/adhoc committee to attract new members, keep members.

- It was suggested Rita should serve on the committee
- Do we have reasons why members are leaving? Rita has a record. Come up with solutions.
- Recruiting: we opened up to other clubs. Unless they come and play – they would never know who we are. Marcy and Joyce stayed at a table at Putters on a Monday. Passed out flyers. Did have a new member.
- Playing on off days – when other clubs don't play.
- Tutorial day: make it fun – use driving range, putting greens, etc.
- Could we do this off the course: so that people don't feel threatened because they don't follow 'our rules'?
- Helen would like to have Denise and Caroline in charge of this adhoc committee.
- Sue mentioned there aren't many women who play golf from Preserve.
- Mary asked why we didn't have a Nine and Wine here – Matt told her at that time it wasn't warranted. Matt is no longer here – maybe new staff would be **interested in setting this up.**
- Char said maybe a 'college group' an Illinois, Washington, Colorado group of adults associated with colleges?
- How do units make it a big group who play golf?
- Should this be mentioned at Holly Jolly or Presidents Cup, or in Niner notes?
- Do members know **that we can bring a guest 2 times to "check us out?"bring a guest?**
- Kay hears that Time of Play often: we play too early. I can't play the Preserve ,HOA 1 plays at 9AM. Summer 7 AM.
- We are an aging population. Younger people in Saddlebrooke seems to play pickleball etc.
- Helen stated sometimes Niners are not taken seriously. As much as the 18ers.
- Rita said Marcy had a good idea with going to putters with flyers. We did get some people from that.
- Activity Fair is also coming up and we will apply for that. Rita will look where and when and notify Helen.

Golf shop staff

- Mike asked Marcy to have everyone direct questions to Wayne Clark and Julie. He and Julie will be the contact person for us.
- Please cc Mike, so that he can do more admin stuff.

4Tees:

- Men and 18ers book times and events on 4Tees. Pay for play and lunch. Automatically charges house account and we can see the numbers for the event. Less work for Jo to pick up envelopes – as it goes right to the accounts. Should we change to this method to make it easier? Club championship would be the first event with this method.
- Men's groups lunch and play are one item. Everyone that plays eats lunch. This supports food and beverage as well. If you are sick and can't play, someone can come pick up lunch since you wouldn't be there.
- People who only eat lunch maybe a check is given to Food and Beverage this will need to be figured out.

- Associate members who want to attend will also be needed to be figured out.

Committee Reports:

Pairings--Caryl, Deb, Becky, Maria, Raye, Linda M.

- Good turnout this morning for Pres Cup. **Date and Time is posted on 4 Tees.** **(delete)** Pace of play was an issue. Everyone needs to be efficient in golfing. Play ready golf. Linda M. is back.

AGA Liaison—Helen

- Last qualifying round was today.
- **State Medallion is** Jan 10-12 AT Oakwood Country Club – 10 AM shotgun. Registration is open. Closes Dec 1.
- We need to get our 2 players registered. Helen will announce the 2 representatives at Presidents Cup luncheon.
- Jan 6 is deadline to replace players if one is needed.
- Jan 7 will receive their pairings.
- Annual AGA Meeting will be held Feb 21, 2025. **Helen has yet to decide if she will attend.**
- Medals have been mailed.

Webmaster--Joyce S. and Kathy S.,

- Should now be Joyce D and Kathy S.
- Should be WebTeam from now on.

Outside Invitationals—Mary

These are the "Save the Date" E-Mails/Flyers- Outside Invitationals in 2025:

- The Highlands: Tuesday, March 11th
- Tucson National: Wednesday, March 19th (Afternoon Event)
- The Views: Thursday, April 3rd
- Saddlebrooke Ranch: Tuesday, April 15th
- HOA 1 **maybe the** last part of March as well as Across the Brooke.
- Highlands might have one: Mary could not find flyer.

Social--Diann K. Absent

Publicity—Eileen

- Nothing to report
- Club Championship and Presidents cup articles will go together.

Partners for Par—Mary

- One: Carol Conway: will need to talk to see if she wants to continue.
- Caryl also said Sandy Brogan said she might need to improve before she continues with us.
- Ruth Sollin doesn't need partner for Par. Joined in 23, and is now playing.
- Pat Morris signed up, but recognized that she can't play. She got her money back from AGA.

Par/Ringer—Barbara

- Nothing to report

Membership—Rita

- 27 renewals so far, 3 potentials, 1 is new member to Saddlebrooke.
- Reminder that we can bring a guest 2x's as a guest,

Sponsors and Signs—Jo

- 1 New Sponsor: Harn agency: She would love to come to an event to speak to members.
- **Bring a Friend might be a good time to invite her**
- Joyce continues to send out Thanks you to Sponsor of Month end of month.

Handicaps--Louise and Marla

- Janet will be a great person to take over in 2025.

Rules--Kay, Sue W.

- Rule today that was issue: Drop zone on 13. Was it usable or not? Yes it is useable. 17 is not.
- *A big Thank you:* When over seeding was over and we could play – Person behind the scene: *Ray Cobb* does all the blue markers **so we could play the short course**. Thank you Ray. She also does **closest** to the pin, and she is another set of eyes on scorecards.
- When we have new people, we need to figure out how to get new people understand the course rules. When you play with new people; make sure they play with our rules.
- Kay and Caryl have not played Preserve to see if rules of play need amending however they did not remodel it.

Open Discussion/address rumors

- Caryl: mentioned to Marcy: Christmas gifts money in envelop – where in budget if we continue \$\$ for gifts? We are good for this year. We can do ½ for Wayne and Julie.

Adjournment:

- Marcy called for adjournment 2:35 pm
- Helen moved, Eileen 2nd Motion carried.

Note the December board meeting is December 10.

Submitted by
Joyce Deutsch, Secretary

