

April 2024 SBRLN Board Notes

Call to Order

President Mary Schlachter called to order the April meeting of the SBR Lady Niners Board of Directors at 10:00 am on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, in the la Mesa Room, La Hacienda building.

Roll Call/Sign In

Board Members: Mary Schlachter, Susan Knight, Kay Grady, Mags Johnson, Joyce Watt, Evie Falk, Connie Garrison, Val Zupancic

Golf Staff: Mike Jahaske

Support Staff and Guests: Anna Miller, Edie Kellogg, Pam Engelhardt, Lynn Mulhall

Approval of minutes for March 12, 2024, meeting

March board notes were approved as presented. Motion to approve Val. Second Kay.

Board Reports

Membership

Kay Grady, Membership chair, reported current membership is 82. Tina Kratzer and Mary Vanloon are new. Kathy Ross and Sue Gitelson have resigned.

Treasurer

Mary Schlachter reported March financials. Beginning balance \$2,721.25. Checks and deposits \$6,163.00. Checks and deposits include Invitational registration fees, 3 Sponsorship payments and AGA memberships. Ending balance \$8,483.19. Invitational related items are estimated at \$5,163. Current club balance (minus invitational expenses) is estimated at \$3,320.19. A final Invitational balance sheet will be presented at the next board meeting.

Game Day

Lynn Mulhall reported in Lani Warren, Game Day Chair's absence. The Game Day committee suggested that a Member/Member Tournament be scheduled for Fall. Board approved. Lani and committee will proceed with planning.

At one time the plan was for Joyce Watt, Handicap and Rules Chair, to do scoring on game days. Joyce reported that she and Lani are working on transitioning to that system.

As an option, Mike Jakeske reported that Golf Genius offers a feature that allows for scoring during play via an app. At the end of play, total scores are available by player and winners are calculated. Individual player scores are also automatically downloaded to GHIN. To use the system one person in each foursome must have the Golf Genius app on their phone and be responsible for recording scores during play. The system is being used sporadically now by some informal groups and some 18-hole members. It is free to all golfers at SaddleBrooke Ranch. Robson pays the annual cost of usage. It is an option that

the SBRLN can begin using at any time and would replace most of the Game Day scoring work.

Tournaments

Mags Johnson, Tournaments Chair, reported that outside Tournaments for this year are completed. The last one was at Ventana Canyon on Monday, April 8, 2024. There were 92 players. One interesting thing they did was a fashion show displaying clothes from their Pro Shop. It was a very effective way to promote Golf Shop sales. Players also were able to purchase clothing at member prices.

Mags has had several complaints and concerns about how the registration and selection process regarding who got to go to the tournaments this year was managed. She recommends that a policy be developed regarding Lady Niner participation in outside Invitationals to include announcements of Invitationals, internal registration process and verify that those signing up to play are active members of the SBRLN. The goal being to ensure that all who are interested have a chance to attend at least one Invitational. Mags will draft a policy for board consideration.

The Views has already given us possible dates for next year asking for our preference. The board prefers an early April date. Mags will report back to The Views.

Handicap and Rules

Joyce Watt, Handicap and Rules Chair, reported that she is all up to date on required testing. Good job Joyce!!!!

Social

Evie Falk, Social Chair, asked if the Lady Niners would like to have a cocktail party in July. The board agreed. Evie will proceed with planning and report back to the board.

The social committee will be starting to plan the December SBRLN holiday party and the January Awards luncheon.

Sponsorship and Sunshine

Mary reported in Susan Engebretson's absence, that all sponsors from 2023 have signed up for 2024 except Fork and Fire. Connie reported that she has a new sponsor ready to sign up. We will report the name at the May meeting after signing is finalized.

Communications

Connie Garrison, Communication Chair reported that an article about the SBRLN Invitational has been submitted to the Round Up and will appear in the May edition. Thank you, Connie!!

Website

Val Zupancic, Website Chair, has contacted the AGA regarding the free website they offer. To continue discussions, she will need to more clearly define SBRLN website needs. Edie commented that the SBRWGA website would be a good one to look at for ideas. Mary suggested that a committee be formed to define SBRLN website needs. Val will coordinate the initial meeting to include Val, Mary, Edie and Lynn Mulhall. Feedback and participation will be invited from all Lady Niners once the group is organized.

Recap of Invitational

Financial

Final accounting for the SBRLN Invitational will happen in May. Mary will discuss this with Judy and Judy will meet with the Invitational organizers to coordinate payment for outstanding invoices and prepare the final accounting report.

Refunds

Mags will write refund checks for green fees. Judy or Mary will sign the checks once prepared. Check pick up will be scheduled for a Tuesday at the Bistro before golf.

One participant was unhappy with the notification process, requesting full refund. Mags will resolve the issue.

Rescheduling

The board will review Ann's detailed overview of the event at the May board meeting when she can be present.

Comments and recommendations from today's discussion included: Board agreed to schedule an Invitational for 2025. The date preferred is April 15, 2025. Some on the board suggested a regular scramble instead of the more complicated Lone Ranger and the Three Amigas. The board agrees that 72 participants is still a good number. 36 SBRLN members, 36 from other clubs. Suggestion was made to invite the same 6 outside clubs invited in 2024 and add 2 more.

Recommendations and discussion for the 2025 event will continue in May.

Overall comments concerning lunch, set up etc.

Evie reported that she has had no complaints or negative comments about the event. Participants understood that weather interfered with tournament play but 65 out of the 72 women signed up to paly attended the luncheon and enjoyed it. The restaurant did a great job setting up and managing the luncheon. We thank them!!!!

Evie emphasized that it is important for the success of our events that only one person be the lead contact with the restaurant. Mary let the board know that she has been part of a committee organized by members of SBR clubs that schedule meetings utilizing the food services of the Ranch House Grill. The purpose of the committee is to solicit input about how to do a better job on banquets and food service in general. That committee has also

emphasized that it is critical that only one person be designated at the lead representing the club for events. They are also requesting that if there are problems overall or individual dissatisfaction that the issue be addressed to the club representative who will address it with the restaurant directly as opposed to utilizing social media.

Raffle Baskets were amazing, and all enjoyed participating. Connie will follow up with Susan E. to make sure donations included in the baskets from sponsors have been acknowledged and thanked.

Snacks purchased for the event will be kept and used at the fall Member/Member Tournament.

Mags and Mary or other club representatives will present the donation check to Family First in person. Connie will record the event with a photo and prepare an article for The Round Up. Total amount donated was estimated to be about \$2000 and will be confirmed when the financials for the event are completed.

New Business

Logo and Colors for Club

A concern was raised that the current logo is not easily adapted to embroidery on golf wear. The current colors (black and gold) and design limit how it shows up. The board agreed to solicit ideas from the membership perhaps in the form of a contest for new logo ideas. Mary will take the lead determining next steps.

Shirts and Hats

Pam Engelhardt attended the meeting to discuss the next order for SBRLN shirts and hats. The current shirt is not available for re-order. The board recommended red, navy or teal as colors for the next order. And requested that the assortment of options include shirts (long sleeved, short sleeved and sleeves), hats (visor and a second option) and a jacket.

By Laws review/update needed

Mary requested that all board members review the current By Laws to determine if updates are needed. Please get back to Mary before the May meeting.

Policies and Procedures review/update needed.

Ann will organize a committee to update the current Policies and Procedures.

Summer play

Summer play will continue as we are currently organized. Members will sign up via Chelsea, the \$3.00 fee will be collected at check-in. If less than 12 sign up, no game will be played, and the \$3.00 fee will be moved to the players Credit Book in the Pro Shop. Consideration is being given to eliminating games in June, July and August. Lani will decide as we get closer.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am. Motion to adjourn Joyce. Second Connie.

Next meeting Tuesday May 14, 2024, in the La Mesa Room, La Hacienda at 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Knight, Secretary