

**SWGA @ SCP**  
**OPENING DAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**MARCH 1, 2023**  
**10:00 AM**

The opening meeting was attended by 72 members and three guests from Harbor of Hope. Lenora Bryant gave the Invocation and a buffet brunch was served.

**President Peggy Gardner** opened the meeting at 10:48 welcoming the members, introducing the Board and three volunteers from Harbor of Hope.

- Highlighting the theme of "Live Well, Laugh Often, Love Golf" connected the theme to SWGA Expected Conduct, emphasizing the importance of courtesy, respect and consideration.
- She gave an overview of the Fiver program. All new members will start in Fivers. Recognition was given to Organizers, Helpers, and Fivers.
- Announced the Ringer program will continue this season. Information on website. A Punchbowl invite will be going out soon for sign ups.
- The website is complete. Members are encouraged to check it out. One or two member volunteers are needed to help with ongoing maintenance.
- The current Board's term of office will be up at the end of this year and we are looking for members interested in filling a position. The current Board will answer all questions for those interested. Members were asked to strongly consider becoming an officer.

**Vice President Peggy Gagner** reported on food service and cancellations. Members are encouraged to cancel if they cannot attend by the deadline or as soon as possible using their PunchBowl reservation or contacting a board member. The website will be updated soon with new procedures for organized event meals as presented at the meeting. Chip-ins will continue. An additional EOY award will be Milestones - Breaking 70/80/90/100 for 18 holes and 30/45/50 for 9 holes.

**Treasurer Jan McElroy** reported we have 106 members, 5 new recently joined. Accounts were reviewed and approved. Balance in account of \$3,312 are dues paid plus a \$500 donation from Pace PT. SWGA made a donation of \$100 to Spalding tornado relief.

Split the Pot money subsidizes SWGA tournaments and other events.

Fran Cook and Jan Craddock were thanked for taking pictures again this year.

**Secretary Karen Winter** reported the minutes from last year's closing meeting were approved by the board and posted on the website within the week. The practice will continue for these minutes. She encouraged communication and referenced the Member booklet, the Bulletin Board, Facebook use and the Weebly website. She thanked the volunteers who attended the planning meeting for the new Fun Team.

**Playday Chair Judy Matton** introduced the 2023 Playday Team.

- No changes to playday procedures this year, she will still be posting scores on Wednesday and for Events/Tournaments.
- Emphasis on Golf Genius invite - **indicate PLAYING or NOT PLAYING** save email in case of change. Check Member booklet for deadlines.
- New Handicap requirement: 18 holes Wednesday: CH 42 or less; 9 holes Wednesday: CH 50 or less; Fridays: CH 50 or less
- New course rating/slope and hole allocations are on a new card.
- Shotgun times will be 10 am until April 5th, then start at 9 am.
- Par 3 for Pink will be a breast cancer charity event for Harbor of Hope Oct 18. Judy introduced the volunteers from Harbor of Hope. The board had previously met with them. They gave a short presentation that was enthusiastically accepted by the members. Their mission is helping both women and men. They are all survivors, volunteers, and rely on donations.

### **New Business**

- Peggy discussed and highlighted "Ready Golf Best practices" given to each member.
- Jan encouraged Adopt a Hole to keep the tees picked up and repair divots.
- Peggy Gagner reported there have been requests from members to have a membership listing. The Board determined there's too many privacy issues and members are encouraged to go to the HOA website.
- Byron Cook discussed the state of the Club
  - The Club is doing financially well; however, with inflation expenses have really gone up. He offered that if the membership would eat there at least once a week it would help the club.
  - Currently there are 296 golf members and 531 Social members. The goal for golfing members is 400. Have about 12 Non resident members. They will be phased out when club golf members start to get towards the goal. Estimate: 5 years.
  - No plans to raise fees.
  - No plans to hire Marshals.
  - Considering mats for driving range.
  - Asked that we stay on the cart path as much as possible and ride together (not mandatory).
  - Most, if not all money, above expenses goes to improve the club.
  - Back 9 restroom has water but no plans for electricity in the near future.
  - Front 9 water tank has been replaced and has running water. Adding electricity is expensive. No plans.
  - Course conditions on the website did not work as planned. Currently, conditions are being sent by email. Looking for other options.
  - He is aware of the damage caused by the maintenance crew and has asked that Steve address it with his team.

- Members can help by...
  - When CPO, follow it. All tires on concrete.
  - Pair up and ride together.
  - Watch areas for wet spots. Don't be the SECOND (or Third) person to go through a wet area. Be alert. Pay attention.
  - Fix ball marks.
- Maintenance crew has been increased by two people.
- Some questions from the floor were addressed.

### **Questions for the Board**

Several questions on playday aspects were presented and answered.

One member asked if Judy would consider chipping clinics other than for Fivers. All will be taken under consideration.

Table drawings were done for the centerpieces.

Split the Pot total was \$365. SWGA netted \$185, three members received payouts for the remainder.

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Winter, Secretary