

Bangor Women's Golf Club
Fall Meeting
October 6, 2014
Pat's Pizza at Traditions Golf Course
5:30 Social Hour
6:00 Dinner and Meeting

Members in Attendance

Robin Ashe	Elanna Farnham	Brenda Crosby
Kathy Constantine	Marlene Viger	Sandy Meehan
Louise Shindler	Janice White	Claudette Amoroso
Jean Young	Marilyn Rice	Marilyn Hughes
Karen Bamford	Judy Richard	Sandi Bourgoin
Gwen Archambault	Liz Coffin	Vi Kemp
Lillian Wark	Ruth Richardson	Janet Anderson
Gloria Attenweiler	Marina Aston	Nancy Hart
Diane Herring	Anne Pooler	Marie MacMillan

Guest in Attendance

Sandy Darr

Thank you for your presence and participation at this meeting.

Welcome to the meeting: President, Karen Bamford

Reports:

1. Secretary's Report

The bullets of the secretary's report of the August 28, 2014 BWGC Monthly Meeting were read.

2. Treasurer's Report

The beginning checkbook balance was \$2,462.32. The ending balance was \$1,774.74. The treasurer's report can be found in the Meeting Minutes notebook in the locker room.

The budget was discussed. Janice has made a spreadsheet showing how well we kept within the budget amounts. The budget will be reevaluated in the spring of 2015 and the budget for 2015 will be created.

3. Sponsor Committee

Elanna Farnham, chairperson, presented the report of the Sponsor Committee.

Thirty businesses were sent a letter of request for sponsorship. Of that thirty, thirteen became this year's sponsors. Two of the sponsors were new sponsors for BWGC. The total income to BWGC from sponsors was \$1460.00.

This year's sponsorships last from July 1, 2014 through July 1, 2015. A new sign recognizing our sponsors was designed and displayed in the Grill on the Green.

Next years request for sponsors need to be started in May and completed by June 30, 2015. BWGC members are asked to consider making a call on behalf of the sponsor request letter. At the spring meeting a sponsor request letter will be given to members who know of businesses that would consider being a sponsor.

Elanna has made a handbook for the Sponsor Committee detailing the responsibilities of its members.

A budget of expenses to include postage, paper, ink, envelopes, new sign costs needs to be developed by the committee.

Sponsors for 2014-2015 are:

Northeast Restoration & Remodeling
Thomas Agency
Union Street Laundry
Fairmount Market
Downeast Toyota Scion
Sunshine Ladies
Snowbound Ladies of Muni
Grill on the Green
RBC Wealth Management
The Mex
W. S. Emerson
Creative Print Services.

Sponsor in Kind: (ice cream for First Tee participants and WMSGA tournament participants)
Getchell Bros, Inc.

Elanna distributed a sheet listing the sponsors for 2012, 2013 and 2014.

Thank you, Elanna for the great job you have done for the last three years as Sponsor Committee Chairperson.

4. First Tee Program

Some of our sponsor money will be used to purchase two sets of clubs to be used by girls who participate in this program. We had voted to purchase two sets of clubs to be used this year. Rob Jarvis, leader of this program, wanted BWGC to know exactly what was purchased and was unsure of how payment should be made for the clubs. None were purchased by BWGC during the 2014 season. Brian Enman and Rob said that a good set of clubs for girls could be purchased for \$100.00. President Karen Bamford made an executive decision that we would purchase two sets of clubs (as we had intended earlier) at the cost of \$200.00, \$40.00 over the amount voted upon earlier. The women in attendance supported Karen in this decision.

Rob wrote a letter to BWGC telling us that the First Tee program had 60 participants. Fifteen of those were girls. Each year as classes graduate, another level is added to the program so that kids can continue in the program at a higher level of instruction and play. He thanked us for our donation of clubs to be used by girls. He also thanked us for the ice cream donated by Getchell Bros., Inc.

5. Weekly Tournaments

Tournament Chairperson, Claudette Amoroso, talked about the success of the tournaments each week and about the success of the Theme Day tournaments and Rally for the Cure. Recognized were:

Marilyn Rice and committee for the Moustache Bash;
Robin Ashe and committee for the Brown Bag Tournament;
The Executive Committee for the Solheim Cup;
Marilyn Hughes and Committee for the Rally for the Cure.

6. Handicapper

Jean Young, handicapper recognized Brian Enman and his computer for making the job of handicapper easy. Jean announced that Carole Cook was the most improved golfer at BWGC this year. Her handicap went from 26 to 23.

7. Women of Maine Golf Association.

Vi Kemp announced that Jean Young will be taking Vi's place on the Executive Board of the WMSGA.

WMSGA Low Gross winner from BWGC:

2nd, Liz Coffin.

Low Net winners from BWGC:

2nd, Carole Cook

4th, Vi Kemp

5th Diane Herring

7th Shirley Kile

8th Marlene Viger

10th Liz Coffin and Robin Ashe, tied.
Most Improved Handicap; Nancy Hart 21.2 to 14.4.

Jean Young has resigned as Administrative Assistant at WMSGGA. Sherry Thomas will be taking her place. Jean will help with Sherry's orientation to the job.

WMSGGA is still looking for a President Elect.

WMSGGA Executive Board is continuing to investigate the entrance of scores into GHIN by WMSGGA members. There are still questions regarding low net scores and handicaps.

The Amateur Tournament for WMSGGA will be held at Saco in 2015.

The second 2015 WMSGGA tournament will be held at Bangor Municipal Golf Course on May 26, 2015. Most WMSGGA tournaments this year will have a shotgun start.

During the 2014 season, the attendance at WMSGGA tournaments was down. Vi encouraged members to play more often and encouraged non-members to join.

Marlene Viger

Members of BWGC who are also members of WMSGGA wished to honor Jean Young for her 12 years of service to WMSGGA. Jean received several novelty gifts and gift certificates that should help make her Maine winter enjoyable.

Gratuities

Last year BWGC gave Brian \$350.00 to divide among the Pro Shop Staff. Kathy Constantine made the motion that we do this again this year. Diane Herring seconded it. BWGC members unanimously voted in favor of the motion.

Janice writes the card given to Brian and encloses the check. She was asked to specifically mention Chuck, the starter who has been so helpful to BWGC members on their tournament days.

Rally for the Cure in 2015

Marilyn Hughes presented the idea that next year instead of having a Rally for the Cure tournament, we might like to have a tournament to raise money for a local cancer organization. Places suggested that we could support were:

Sarah's House
Cancer Care of Maine
Caring Connections.

Marilyn Rice made a motion that a committee be formed to write a proposal to present at the Spring Meeting. Sandi Bourgoin seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The volunteers for this committee are:

Louise Shindler
Marilyn Hughes
Sandi Bourgoin
Claudette Amoroso
Marie MacMillan.

Vi Kemp: How well do you know the rules?

While we ate, Vi Kemp presented us with several golf situations to see if we knew the rule that determines how to play the ball in each situation.

Awards

In Carole Cook's absence, Claudette Amoroso presented the chip-ins for the month of September. Golf balls were presented to:

Janice White Liz Coffin
Marilyn Hughes Yukiko Bigney
Gwen Archambault

In Kathy Anderson's absence, Robin Ashe presented the Birdie Tree awards. This year the prizes were ball markers.

Kathy Anderson (5) Yukiko Bigney (6)
Liz Coffin (11) Brenda Crosby (1)
Bev Dubay (3) Nancy Hart (2)
Diane Herring (1) Vi Kemp (5)
Marilyn Rice (2) Judy Richard (5)
Louise Shindler (1) Marlene Viger (1)
Janice White (2) Karen Bamford (1)
Claudette Amoroso (1) Jean Young (1)

Janet Anderson: Ringer Board

Winner: Marilyn Rice (47)
2nd place: Yukiko Bigney (48)
3rd place: Kathy Anderson (50)

Robin Ashe: President's Cup

Winner: Yukiko Bigney
Runner-up: Marilyn Rice

Club Championship: Marilyn Rice

Overall winner: Liz Coffin
Flight A winner: Judy Richard
Flight B winner: Gloria Attenweiler
Flight C winner: Claudette Amoroso

Announcements

Marina Aston:

Sonny Reynolds has invited BWGC to come to Winterport to play at his par 3 course some day. The course is on the Cove Road in Winterport. It was decided to bring this up at the Spring Meeting and decide upon a time for this to occur.

Marilyn Hughes

Marilyn is having a bonfire at her home on October 10, 2014, at 5:00 PM. BWGC members are invited. There will be a potluck meal. Chili, rolls, ambrosia and hot chocolate will be provided. Marilyn's address is 566 Back Winterport Road, Hampden.

New Business

Club Championship: Marilyn Rice

Marilyn Rice presented a proposal of s guideline change for Club Championship. Since it is a big tournament for our club, the tournament is to be a stand-alone tournament. The Club Championship is a two-day event, Wednesday and Thursday. Members who are not in the Club Championship will play a different tournament on Thursday. Participants in the Club Championship will not pay the \$5.25 nor be included in any of the prizes for the tournament being held on Thursday as a regular weekly tournament.

Diane Herring made a motion that the proposal for the Club Championship to be a stand-alone tournament be accepted. The motion was seconded by Anne Pooler. The vote was a majority for the approval of this proposal.

Letter to be sent to Parks and Recreation: Karen Bamford

Karen read a letter to be sent to Parks and Recreation and cc'd to Brian Enman about the Grill on the Green. Liz Coffin made a motion that the letter be accepted and sent to Mr. Tracy Willette, Recreation Director, and cc'd to Brian Enman. The motion was seconded by Kathy Constantine.

During the ensuing discussion several people had suggestions for specific things that should be incorporated into the letter. At the end of the discussion, Janice White suggested that in addition to the letter being sent by BWGC, members write their own letters to Mr. Willette expressing their concerns and experiences with Grill on the Green.

The vote was first taken by asking, "All who approve of the letter read being sent to Mr. Willette, raise your hands." Then, "All who disapprove of the letter read being sent to Mr. Willette, raise your hands." A large majority of the members present approved the letter being sent.

(Mr. Tracy's address is:
City of Bangor
Parks and Recreation Department
Tracy Willette, Recreation Director
647 Main Street
Bangor, Maine 04401

Green Fees for Ladies' Day

Sandy Meehan expressed her concern that women are not really getting a great break in golf fees on our league day. It seems that if a person who is not a member of Muni chooses not to have a cart, the greens fees are raised from \$18.00 to \$20.00.

She also mentioned that at some courses, women are allowed to play all day for the amount that they pay for league.

It was decided that this would be one of the items that would be addressed early in the BWGC 2015 golf season.

Raffle

Raffle tickets were distributed as members entered the dining area. At the end of the meeting, raffle tickets were drawn. If members found their numbers on drawn tickets, they went to a table and picked a prize.

Video

Early in the evening, Liz Coffin distributed copies of this year's BWGC video. At this time, meeting participants had a premier viewing of the DVD.

Adjournment: 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen Archambault, Secretary