Bangor Women's Golf Club Annual Spring Meeting May 1, 2012

Members Present:

Marlene Viger Marie MacMillan Mary Crawford Marilvn Rice **Kathy Constantine** Karen Bamford Brenda Crosby Rachel LaPointe Jean Young Hilda Wardwell Sandi Bourgoin Jean Sweetser Rita Stimpson Lil Wark Yukiko Bigney Geri Halkett **Kathy Anderson** Gloria Attenweiller Sandy Meehan Vi Kemp Claudette Amoroso

Shirley Kile Gwen Archambault

Welcome from Marilyn

Marilyn shared her **goals** for our BWGC:

- 1. **Open communication** lines with members and the executive committee. Minutes of meetings will be posted on line and in the locker room. The agenda for each monthly meeting will be determined by the executive committee and posted to allow discussions of items before the meeting. This will allow shorter discussions before a vote on agenda items.
- 2. **Have fun**. There will be fun tournaments and competition for all level golfers.
- 3. Fund all our activities and donate to charities.

Executive Committee Members were introduced:

President: Marilyn Rice

Vice President: Karen Bamford

Treasurer: Janice White Secretary: Gwen Archambault Handicapper: Marilyn Rice

Tournaments Organizer: Claudette Amoroso

Members at Large: Vi Kemp Shirley Kile Cyndi Whalen

Past President: Kathy Constantine

Secretary's Report:

October's meeting notes are on the internet under www.liz44.com.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as of October 6, 2011 \$1,308.51
Interest .10
Total \$1308.61

Expenditures

Outgoing President \$50.00 DVD's \$50.00 Gratuities and Rob's wedding \$400.00
Donation to Spruce Run \$400.00 **Total** \$900.00

Balance as of April 17, 2012 \$ 408.61 *\$98.00 is allotted for hole-in-one

General Information:

1. Membership dues for 2012 will stay at \$35.00. These can be paid at the Bangor Municipal Golf Course clubhouse to Brian or Cheryl. Karen Bamford volunteered to collect dues from women wanting to pay at this meeting.

Part of our dues pays for GHIN. These expenses continue to increase. Because of this, we can expect that next year there will be an increase in our club dues. Our dues are also used for tournament expenses such as the Ringer Board, President's Cup, and Club Championship.

2. Calendar for 2012 will be out by June 1st as will the member booklet.

The **membership booklet** will be posted on the internet under www.liz44.com as of June 1st. If people do not have internet access, there will be some printed booklets. Printed booklets will be in the Pro Shop for new members.

3. Weekly tournaments will start this Thursday, May 3. No sign up is necessary. Eight (8) or more people arriving for play constitute a tournament. Starting time is 9:00 AM.

The tournament of May 31st may start earlier than 9:00. This will be the first tournament that will require sign-up. On tournament day there will be a sign-up sheet posted in the women's locker room for the following week's tournament. Since he is doing the pairings, Brian will be taking the list down Tuesday evening. If people decide on Wednesday that they wish to play, Brian will need to be contacted in person or by phone or e-mail. If people decide on Thursday morning they wish to play, they must call Brian as early as possible to find out if they can be included in the tournament.

If people have signed up but find they cannot play, please contact Brian as soon as possible.

4. Theme days will be held in June, July, and August on the day of the monthly meeting. The executive committee will select the themes and decide the tournament format. At monthly meetings members will be asked to help with organizing, decorating, and awarding prizes for the theme day to be held the following month. The theme day committee will receive \$100.00 to defray the costs of the tournament.

- **5. Executive committee meetings** will continue to be held the week before monthly meetings for the purpose of setting the agenda for those meetings. If there is something you would like discussed in a meeting, please express your idea(s) to an executive committee member.
- **6. Sponsors** are needed to help with our activities, especially our invitational tournament to be held on Thursday, August 9th. Last year we had 10 sponsors. Each sponsor gave \$100.00 for a hole. This year we hope to have at least 10 sponsors, meaning \$1,000.00 for our club. More than 10 businesses will be approached. There will be a committee of three people to work on this. Janice White has letters to send to sponsors and to thank them for their support. Gwen Archambault will be responsible for sending thank you letters to people willing to be sponsors.

(At this point the meeting was interrupted so that meals could be enjoyed.)

The **committee for sponsors** will be Jean Young, Mary Crawford, Marlene Viger, and Gwen Archambault.

New Business

1. An **Invitational Tournament** will be held on August 9th. Certain clubs will be invited. A committee will send out announcements of the tournament and receive responses from people wishing to participate by a decided date. A call went out for people to volunteer to be on a planning committee for this event.

The **Invitational Tournament Committee** will be Janice White, Sandi Bourgoin, Kathy Anderson, and Marilyn Rice.

2. Hole-in-One Fund. Last year members who wished contributed \$1.00 to the hole-in-one fund designated to be given to a member who had a hole-in-one during a BWGC Thursday tournament.

Discussion was held concerning whether a person getting a hole-in-one should receive all of that money or only half so that some money would remain for the possibility that someone else might achieve a hole-in-one.

Further discussion suggested that if a player gets a hole-in-one that members would give \$1.00 to the player at that time.

This matter will be on the agenda of the May 31st monthly meeting.

3. Women's Maine State Golf Association information. Jean Young reported that there will be no more WMSGA booklets. They can be found on the WMSGA web site, www.wmsga.org. All applications can be found on line as well. Members may have a prepay account. When they sign up for tournaments, funds will be deducted from their prepay accounts.

Due to USGA regulations, Jean will be posting WMSGA weekly tournament scores as "non-tournament" scores. The score will show on the individual player's GHIN record as "H" for home score. The only "T," or tournament scores, will be for the Women's Maine Amateur and Senior Championship scores. Scores from team events (like the Metropolitan, Best Ball of 2, Ryder Cup, and Scramble) will not be posted. If a player believes that her score from a team event is a legitimate score, she may post it herself as a "Home" score.

New information about WMSGA is posted in the women's locker room.

The WMSGA State Championship Tournament will take place at Natanis on the Tomahawk Course on July 9th, 10th, and 11th. Volunteers are needed to help with hospitality, spotting, etc.

Vi Kemp, our WMSGA representative, told us that new rulebooks are available free of charge to people who want them. She recommended that our club get many of these and pay for the postage.

If during a tournament a question concerning rules arises, take the issue to Vi or Marilyn Rice so that this can be discussed before the next tournament or at another later date.

Again, the emphasis on "Have Fun" means that we help each other when rule questions arise rather than berate players by saying, for example, "You can't do that."

- **4. Fairways Grille** will be run this year by Melissa and Michael Towle. They are very interested in helping our BWGC. Please help to make them feel welcome and wanted.
- **5. Barry Hobert** would like to do a tournament that would involve both the Men and Women's Leagues in a charity benefit. He suggests a "Birdies for Cancer" tournament to be played on a weekend Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Each player would pay ten dollars (\$10.00) to play. Five dollars (\$5.00) would go towards prizes and five dollars (\$5.00) would go towards the charity. In addition, the Men's League would pay \$2.50 for each birdie with the Women's League would match that amount. Then each league would contribute \$250.00 to the charity. Questions were raised as to our ability to fund this as well as the other things that we do for charity.

The members present voted 10 to 7 to have Marilyn pursue this matter further with Barry.

6. Monthly meetings often start late because people have not finished their round of golf. Sometimes members are not able to golf on a meeting

day, but they come to the meeting expecting the meeting to begin at a particular time. Some members felt that the meeting ought to begin on time knowing that some people will come in after the beginning of the meeting.

7. Next Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Mary 24, 2012 at Geaghan's Restaurant at 5:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM. after hearing two delightful Hilda Wardwell stories presented by Hilda herself.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen Archambault, Secretary.