



WOMEN'S MAINE STATE GOLF ASSOCIATION

**WOMEN'S MAINE STATE GOLF ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING
AUGUSTA COUNTRY CLUB
19 Hammonds Grove, Augusta, Maine
Monday, September 19, 2011**

President Nancy Pratt called the Association meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

Roll Call: Executive Board present: President Nancy Pratt, President-Elect Trudy Dorval, Treasurer Madeline Kilmister, Secretary Pam Johnson, Past President Linda Pearse, Members-at-Large Denise Hennessey, Esther Sexton, Helen Plourd and Deb Wiley and Administrative Assistant Jean Young. Twenty-seven Clubs were represented. Nine Committee Chairs were present.

Helen Plourd moved to dispense with the reading of and to accept the minutes of the 2010 Annual Meeting and the last Executive Board Meeting as written. Motion seconded by Linda Pearse. **Motion passed.**

Treasurer Madeline Kilmister presented a financial report that was distributed to all members present. The report included:

- An Income Statement showing total revenues (Year to Date) of \$75,595.11 and total expenses (YTD) of \$71,681.57. The estimated amount for 2011 was \$102,459.61 in revenues and \$102,792.99 for expenses.
- A Balance Sheet showing total Assets of \$78,591.41 with Total Liabilities of \$33,920.36 and a Fund Balance of \$44,671.05.

It was noted that the complete report will be posted on the WMSGGA website. President Nancy Pratt thanked Madeline for her hard work and thorough report.

Deb Wiley moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as written. Motion seconded by Linda Pearse. **Motion passed.**

Committee Reports were published and distributed at the meeting. **They are available on the WMSGGA website.** Several Committee Chairs commented on their reports.

- Handicap Chair Nancy Pratt brought up the policy of handicaps being "reduced". The Committee decided and voted to change posting of weekly WMSGGA tournament from "tournament scores" to "home". It was recommended by the USGA that the weekly tournaments and the team tournaments be posted as Home and only those tournaments played at a level of a championship be posted as Tournament. A player's handicap is reduced if there are 2 lower than usual tournament scores posted in 1 year. After further discussion and input from the

- floor, the Handicap Committee decided to have the regular weekly tournaments and the championship be posted as Tournaments and that the team events be posted as Home, effective immediately.
- Terry Hamm-Morris noted that NEWGA would be played at Natanis next year July 9-11. Terry helped pick that site because it is centrally located and accessible to accommodations nearby and has a large women's association available for support. Terry urged people to play next year as it is in Maine. One needs a 17.4 handicap or better to participate.
 - Rules Committee chair Ilse Pfander urged people to read the USGA rulebook over the winter!
 - Tournament Chair Trudy Dorval said that the tentative schedule passed out was almost confirmed for next year.
 - Administrative Assistant Jean Young said the vouchers were available after the meeting and to please pick them up.
 - Webmaster Charlotte Cole said that all the reports are on the website and are printable. She said that the handbook is available on the website and in the future could be used online instead of printing the handbook. At present the cost of the handbook is approximately \$2000 and it is not covered completely by advertising. She mentioned that it would be possible to get more ads by having advertising on the website.

Complete reports are available at www.wmsga.org.

Unfinished Business:

It was noted that there was a typo on the tentative schedule handed out. It should read for NEWGA, July 9,10,11.

It was announced that the results of the elections would be given later and Diane Pooler and Shirley Kile should be added to the ballot handed out.

New Business:

Proposal # 1:

A proposal that the Senior Championship be returned to the time of the State Championship as a separate 54 hole event.

Rationale: Better players do not tire and 54 holes is a truer test of a champion. Submitted by Debby Gardner.

This year the Senior Championship was held on one day. No one spoke up in support of the proposal and it was noted that the 2012 State Championship was going to be a combined event with SMWGA and the Senior Championship was scheduled on June 26, 2012 at Hermon Meadows. **The proposal was not moved and was tabled.**

Proposal # 2:

A proposal that an email must be sent to all members as to any changes made at the annual meeting.

Rationale: To make sure that all members are informed for the coming year.

Submitted by Debby Gardner.

It was discussed that all information will be posted on the WMSGGA website and available to all members, and that is should be the responsibility of the Club representatives to let members know. **Motion declined.**

Proposal # 3:

Each time a WMSGGA lady plays a tournament she gets a point, mark or whatever you want to call it. The accumulated points will be used if a course is oversubscribed. The ladies with the most points will not be drawn out, and the ladies with the least points would be first to be drawn out.

Rationale: This will award the player that is a continued supporter of WMSGGA each week the opportunity of playing at the oversubscribed course and the player that only supports WMSGGA the fewest amounts of times is encouraged to play more often to be eligible for the more popular courses.

Submitted by Bobbie Andrus

Helen Plourd encouraged this to be passed to reward the weekly participants' loyalty and support of WMSGGA. It was discussed that it might be tricky and perhaps a study should be done. Bobby Andrus amended the motion to include an additional sentence: Once a player is drawn out, the existing policy for drawouts will go into effect. **Motion passed.**

Proposal # 4:

A proposal that in scheduling Tuesday WMSGGA events, that nine hole courses should be scheduled only against other nine hole courses.

Rationale: Rocky Knoll had only a handful of players, while Lakewood had a special tourney with more players than they could handle. It was not fair to Rocky Knoll to have to go up against that.

Submitted by Deb Wiley

Nancy Pratt and Trudy Dorval said that it is always taken into consideration and sometimes an unexpected schedule change happens, which results in an unavoidable mismatch. **Proposal Withdrawn.**

Proposal # 5: That Championship flights should be set up by Handicap and not just by the group divided into thirds.

Rationale: It is not fair that double-digit handicaps have to play against a 2 handicap, and a 33 handicap should not have to play against a 20 handicap.

Submitted by Deb Wiley

Charlotte Cole clarified what Deb meant was to have handicap flights determined by players' handicaps not just divided into 4 equal flights. Nancy Pratt said that four flights were being discussed with SMWGA for next year. At the upcoming meeting of the championship committee in November, Nancy said she would suggest Deb's concept.

Proposal withdrawn.

Proposal # 6: A proposal to look at amending the requirements for participation in the Championship.

Rationale: It appears that it is difficult for high school and college students to meet the 3 event minimum. We should put in place some parameters for this group such as “event participation for students age 23 or younger does not require playing in regularly scheduled.

Submitted by Kathi O’Grady

It was pointed out that a Junior can count MSGA events as tournaments. WMSGGA now has a “bring a junior” tournament on their schedule that can count as a tournament and it was also noted that the Championship from the previous year can count as one tournament so getting in three tournaments should be fairly possible. **Motion declined.**

Year-End Prizes:

Most Improved

Yukiko Bigney – Bangor Muni \$25
20.6 to 14.7

Low Gross Averages

Pennie Cummings-Springbrook GC \$50
75.71

Emily Bouchard-Biddeford/Saco \$35
78.14

Liz Coffin-Bangor Muni GC \$25
79.00

Low Net Averages

Vi Kemp-Bangor Muni GC \$50
68.43

Carole Cook-Bangor Muni GC \$35
68.71

Janice Ogier-Goose River GC \$25
68.86

Value of 1 Skin= \$7.03

Election Results:

Ballots were distributed and the Results for Members-at-Large were:

Helen Plourd

Esther Sexton

Sue Wootton

Diane Pooler

Annette Charest

At the Fall Executive Meeting they will decide who shall serve the different terms.

Linda Morin-Pasco will be taking position of Secretary.

Sharon Nelson will be taking the position of Tournament Chair/President Elect.

Linda Pearse and Nancy Pratt will serve on the Board of Directors as the two Past Presidents.

The gavel was passed to Trudy Dorval, new President of WMSGGA. Trudy thanked Nancy Pratt for all her work and accomplishments during her term of office.

Helen Plourd moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:45. Birdie Pearse seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Johnson, Secretary WMSGGA