

Blacksburg Country Club Women's Golf Association
Spring Meeting Minutes
March 29, 2017

WGA President

Melodee Wade called the meeting to order in the Dogwood Room of BCC clubhouse.

Melodee welcomed everybody and stated she was excited about the new season. She welcomed new members, the new members were: Mulan Shoucair, Jeri Baker, Jamie Cornelson, Danielle Bartelstein, and Lindsey Bowman. Nancy Brittle handed each new member a golf ball as a welcome gift.

Secretary

Corrinne Hunter announced that the minutes from the fall meeting had been E-mailed and copies were available at the meeting. Sara Cole moved to approve and dispense with reading the minutes. Sharon Akers seconded. Motion carried. A roster was circulated for corrections and additions.

Blacksburg Battles Cancer

Sharon Thompson announced this year's event will take place on September 25th, 2017. Blacksburg Battles Cancer is in its 4th year with a total of over \$100k being given back to the community. The 2016 event raised more than \$30k despite being rained out after 4 holes with money being raised by the golf tournament and silent auction. Sharon reminded everyone that volunteers are welcomed and they do not need to be golfers to contribute. Nancy Brittle asked who the money would be given to this year. Sharon stated that applications are still being reviewed for this year but this past year's recipients included: "Special Love" a charity for children with cancer and their families, "Carilion Hospice" and "Good Samaritan Hospice", "Susan G. Koman", and "Students vs. Cancer". Melodee asked who was on the board of Blacksburg Battles Cancer, Andi Parron, Terri-Lynn Howard, and Jeanette Koster were present.

Melodee moved on to new business introducing Casey Jones (Head Golf Professional) Casey started by thanking the board for their time and efforts. He announced that the club had lost Megan and that although we are sad to see her leave we are happy that she has new opportunities. Casey introduced the new Golf Assistant Derek Davis. The winners of the evening putting contest were announced: Laura Hewitt, Corrinne Hunter, and Leila Wilson, were joint winners and received a prize. Casey reiterated that it was important to update WGA roster so everyone would receive announcements. Casey announced there was a pamphlet of new events and at the beginning of each month there would be events designed to encourage new member to play. 1st Tuesday will be a "Scramble" and the 1st Thursday will be a "Shamble" (all players tee off, pick best drive, and play your own ball from there.) On Thursday afternoon, between 12 pm- 2 pm ladies can play for participation points but will be ineligible for cash prizes. Members need to play with two other WGA members.

Hall Of Fame Qualifiers

Sarah Cole was inducted into Hall of Fame last year. The last three weekends and last three Thursdays of May will be Hall of Fame qualifier events, (must play with another HOF qualifier participant.) New events include, the HOF Qualifier on May 7th and Ladies member/guest (theme to be announced.) The Club is hosting the VSGA Women's Stroke Play and Senior Women's Stroke Play Championship. Casey remarked this is a huge honor. Volunteers may be needed for this event, players encouraged to participate in this event.

Other Items

Golf Staff looking at pace of play, to help keep rounds at four hours or less everyone is asked to play ready golf, a reminder will also be in the newsletter. Everyone is asked to play ready golf remembering safety first in efforts to speed up play. Men will be reminded too. During cup events the MGA and WGA will rotate who goes first. New tees- orange, red, and green, designed to challenge your game or make it a simpler day. Women are encouraged to try out all the Tee's to have a different experience. The new Tees need to be re-rated. All ladies are being asked to post their scores hole by hole. The golf shop will be happy to post your scores for you.

Ladies clinics started after the last meeting, Wednesdays 1:30pm. Send Casey an e-mail if you're interested. Cost- \$15 per clinic, one hour in length. Each week will be something different, chipping, putting, and pitching etc. New simulator up and running, will be available for ½ hour or 1 hour intervals, cost will be \$10 for half hour and \$20 for an hour, cost is for room not per person, times can be reserved online.

Tee Times

Starting April 1st tee-times can be made one week in advance. Tee-times available Tuesday thru Sunday. This allows the club to be better prepared and help congestion. Times can be booked online.

It was announced that Frankie Cook will be hosting a party at her house before the Ladies Member/Guest.

Tom Duetsch

Tom announced that Chris Haley, Asst. GM will be leaving to take up a new position in Tennessee. Related to the golf course, Tom announced that the cart paths were almost finished, and there would be more parking spaces at the Banquet building. Markings will be done for distances. Stockholders meeting was held the previous night and he is happy to announce the club is financially sound. Greenies money was discussed. \$1550 was raised and the WGA may designate that money for something specific. Tom thanked all present for their support of the club.

Sara Cole was introduced by Melodee. Sarah declared that Blacksburg Country Club has the greatest women's group in the area and encouraged all members to come out and play on Tuesday and Thursdays. Don't be scared to come out, play, and have fun. Sara thanked Carol Eggleston who has coordinated the Blue Ridge and RVWGA events for the past several years. There are so many points gained for all events regardless of scores.

VSGA Event

To be held at Blacksburg CC. Our women will have a 1-2 stroke advantage. Senior Event- 36 hole (50+).

Sara talked about the Fleming Fund. \$300 was collected last year, and \$700 is needed to send a girl age 10-17 to a summer golf camp members were asked for donations.

Melodee introduced

Laura Hewitt

Laura spoke about the Ringer Tournament, there will be a poster located in the locker room. Ringer Tournament runs from April 1st to September 30th. Rules are posted next to the poster, credit will be awarded to the winners.

Birdie Tree

Birdie Tree contest will run from April 1st to September 30th. Credit awarded for each handicap level. Laura explained the rules. They will also be posted in the locker room.

Pinehurst Trip

Cindy Strock talked about the Pinehurst Trip. This year's trip is from May 21st to the 24th. 29 people and Casey signed up already.

Blue Ridge

Carol Eggleston talked about Blue Ridge events where the ladies get to play a lot of different local courses. Fee includes lunch and green fees. Final event will be at Draper Valley this year. Events are every Tuesday. Dates and Times in booklet provided.

RVWGA

On May 4th, there is a four lady captain's choice at Hunting Hills. Information and signup sheets are available in locker room. All players encouraged to participate.

Casey-

Some brochure changes, April 29th is a two person better ball. Andrew was recognized for contributing numerous hours in the absence of Megan.

Melodee solicited any further business. Sue Tolin suggested some of the greenies money to go to the Fleming Fund. Sue moved to pass motion, seconded by Laura. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by
Corrinne Hunter- WGA Secretary