

**Women's Golf Association of Metropolitan Indianapolis**  
**Meridian Hills Country Club**  
**November 16, 2019**

President Beth Orsay called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Beth announced the past presidents in attendance - Linda Hawk (1979 and 1980), Carole Gibrade (2010), Karen Hurley (2012), Rebecca Branson (2016) and Mini Dhanjal (2019). She also introduced the past champions in attendance – Nina Whalen & Anne Maloberti. The attendees usually introduce themselves but fortunately this year we had a great turnout (55 attendees) so we skipped introductions.

Linda Hawk, who has played in the tournament 45 times since 1972 was our guest speaker. Linda shared some of her experiences as a player as well as a past President of WGAMI in 1979 and 1980. Linda also talked about how important it is to encourage your friends to play in the "City." Word of mouth is the best way to get new players and keep the City Championship going for another 100 years!

Beth announced ladies in attendance who have played in the City 14 times or more:

- Linda Hawk (45 times since 1972)
- Sharon Hasselberg (34 times since 1984)
- Sandy Fenstermaker (29 times)
- Donna Shockey (24 times since 1992)
- Nina Whalen (21 times, every year since 1999)
- Carla Windisch (20 times)
- Kathy Ferguson (17 times since 1979)
- Rebecca Branson (17 times)
- Karen Hurley (15 times)
- Debbie Batt & Joan Belschwender (14 times)

Beth presented the 2020 Slate of Officers: Beth Orsay, Anne Maloberti and Mia Montgomery. Last year's president is Mini Dhanjal. Rebecca Branson made the motion to approve, Edith Millikan second the motion. All were in favor and the 2020 Slate of Officers was approved.

Beth announced some of the winners from the 2019 City Championship at Highland.

- Champion – Lisa Higgins
- Medalist and Runner-up – Kayla Bengé
- Flight Winners – Rhonda Trammell, Vicki Bullock, Leslie Wilson, Jina Clark, Karen Hurley, Cheryl Yonkus, Martha O'Connor, Cheri Chapman

Beth mentioned we had a great turnout of 75 players at Highland this year. Next year we hope to have a full field of 96 players since it's our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Secretary Anne Maloberti presented the minutes from the June meeting at Highland. Motion was made to approve the minutes, Kay Fuller seconded, all were in favor and they were accepted as written.

Beth presented the treasurer's report for 2019. Motion was made to approve, Sharon Hasselberg seconded, all were in favor and the report was accepted. Beth presented the budget for 2020. Beth explained that, in the budget, you will notice that expenses exceed income by over \$1,000. This is due to expenses for the 100<sup>th</sup> celebration. We anticipate special guests, past presidents and Champions (people that can no longer play). We will use these funds to pay for all or part of their luncheon. Also, awards and favors will be a little nicer than usual. Motion was made to accept the proposed budget, Carole Gilbride seconded, all were in favor and it was approved.

**2020 City:** Beth announced that the 2020 City Championship will be the 100<sup>th</sup> City Championship and will be held at Meridian Hills Country Club from June 15<sup>th</sup> through June 18<sup>th</sup>. She also announced Todd Firestone as the Head Pro and Kelly Letzler as their Events Coordinator. Beth thanked Meridian Hills Staff for a wonderful brunch and for hosting our tournament next year. Flyers were placed on the table for the 2020 Championship and everyone was encouraged to invite friends and members to participate. Beth announced the entry form will be available on the web site in April of next year and will be emailed to former players a few weeks prior to that.

Nina Whalen (dressed in our theme for next year – “100 years of Women’s golf” – looking great) discussed what a big deal the 100<sup>th</sup> celebration of the WGAMI tournament really is. Nina expressed how important it is to go back to our clubs and communicate our enthusiasm about this event. She expressed how we present it should help people understand it’s a “big deal” and to please spread the word.

Beth announced the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee consisting of Nina Whalen, Janett Marie Braun, Alanna O’Connor, Becky Gatman, Karen Hurley, Alison Brown, Mia Montgomery and Beth Orsay.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Beth opened the discussion for old business. There was no old business for discussion.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Beth addressed new rules of handicapping being introduced, in the United States, in January 2020. She will post a link on the WGAMI website and on Facebook. Beth highlighted the following five major changes:

- **Handicap calculation is changing** – only use best 8 scores out of past 20
- **Playing Handicap** – slope rating and now course rating and par will be used to determine your playing handicap
- **Net Double-Bogey Mix** – maximum hole score for handicap purposes will be limited to par + 2 + any handicap strokes you receive on that hole
- **Handicap will be updated automatically the day after you post a score**
- **Abnormal Playing Conditions** – If scores posted from a course on the same day are all higher than normal then adjustments will be made to your handicap.

### **ISWGA (Indiana Senior Women’s Golf Association)**

Beth announced next year’s tournament will be at Brookwood Golf Club in Fort Wayne, Indiana September 13<sup>th</sup> through September 15<sup>th</sup>. Entry forms will be available next Spring on their website at [iswga.com](http://iswga.com).

A motion was made that we adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mia Montgomery, WGAMI Secretary