

Women's Golf Association of Metropolitan Indianapolis
Highland Golf and Country Club
December 8, 2018 – Annual Brunch Minutes

President Mini Dhanjal called the meeting to order at 11:00am. She announced the past presidents and champions in attendance. Then she asked each attendee to introduce themselves.

Mini presented the 2019 Slate of Officers: President Mini Dhanjal; Treasurer Beth Orsay; Secretary Anne Maloberti; Past President Kay Humphrey (not in attendance). Mini announced that Leslie Wilson has resigned from the board for personal reasons. Motions to approve the board were made and the officers were approved by a majority vote.

Mini announced some of the winners from the 2018 City Championship at The Hawthorns.

- Champion – Nina Whalen
- Medalist & Runner-up – Anne Maloberti
- Flight Winners – Cilla Harrington, Laura Touchton, Leslie Wilson, Patty Yeager, Cynn timer Halsmer & Lestine Grady

Mini mentioned that we had a low turnout this year (60) at The Hawthorns. Next year's tournament won't conflict with OLGA or State Amateur which was part of the problem this year.

Beth Orsay presented the minutes from the June meeting at The Hawthorns. Motions were made to approve the minutes and they were accepted as written. Leslie Wilson presented the treasurer's report for 2018. Motions to approve were made and the report was accepted. Beth presented the budget for 2019. Someone asked why our balance was so high (\$4,784.96). Beth responded that she wasn't sure why we had such a big balance. Beth said that in the 2014 treasurer's report the account balance started at about \$2400 and ended at over \$4000, but she didn't know why. Beth said the board is planning to spend some of the excess money on the 100th anniversary championship in 2020. Motions were made to accept the proposed budget and it was approved.

2019 City: Mini announced that the 2019 City Championship is going to be at Highland Golf and Country Club from June 10th through June 13th. She said that Highland's clubhouse was being renovated this winter for their 100th anniversary celebration. She named some of the staff members at Highland including Golf Pro Bill Pollert. Mini thanked the Highland Staff for a wonderful brunch and for hosting our tournament next year.

2020 City: Mini mentioned that we were working on finalizing the venue for our 100th city championship. Beth has formed a 100th anniversary committee consisting of Nina Whalen, JanettMarie Braun and Alanna O'Connor. If anyone else is interested in being on the committee, please contact one of the board members.

OLD BUSINESS

Team Tie-breaker: Last year's meeting we voted to have a tie-breaker for team play instead of giving multiple prizes. After looking at our history, Beth found there have only been 3 team ties in the 98-year history of WGAMI in 1992, 2010 & 2017. Normally, the team play prizes are about \$25-\$30 per player which would be an additional \$100-\$120 if we have a tie. We give multiple prizes for ties for Medalist (11 ties), Senior Medalist (1 tie) and Low Net (4 ties). Beth made a motion to give all teams a prize if there is a tie at a future tournament. The motion was seconded and approved by a majority vote.

Championship Tees: Prior to the 2018 tournament, WGAMI board members received complaints from players who had a lower handicap which put them among the lowest 24 handicaps, but they didn't want to have to play from the longer "championship" tees because they weren't long hitters. For the 2018 tournament, the board decided to have everyone play from the forward tees because the course had gotten so much rain, we had a small field and very few long hitters. The board members are going to work with Highland so that the championship tees aren't too long for the shorter hitters for the 2019 tournament.

NEW BUSINESS

Push Carts: Beth suggested that we allow players to use push carts during the City Championship and charge a trail fee so that the club still gets the revenue. The pro at Highland approved. After much discussion, we agreed to allow push carts this year for a trail fee. Players who walk and carry their clubs will not pay an extra fee.

Testimonials: Beth would like to get player testimonials about the City Championship for the website. This was suggested by Nina Whalen. Please email Beth if you would like to give a testimonial.

Player Eligibility: Beth brought up the fact that player eligibility on the WGAMI entry forms has been different from the WGAMI by-laws since late-1990's. On last year's entry form it said, "An entrant must be an amateur female, possess a USGA handicap, be affiliated with a WGAMI member club/league, and reside, own or rent a home in Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Marion, Morgan or Shelby County." The by-laws do not say that a player has to reside within Metropolitan Indianapolis.

Excerpt from the WGAMI By-Laws (revised Dec 2010)

Article IX, Section 3. Entrants in the Championship shall meet the following criteria:

- (a) Be a female
- (b) Be an amateur
- (c) Be entitled to privileges of or affiliated with a country club, golf club or recognized ladies golf organization or league, located in Metropolitan Indianapolis and that is a member of WGAMI
- (d) Have established a USGA handicap index

Beth is going to change the 2019 entry form to match the by-laws so that players who reside outside of metropolitan Indianapolis can enter the City Championship if they meet the entrant criteria. If we wish to change the by-laws to add the residency requirement, we would need to let all the member representatives know at least 2 weeks prior to next year's meeting and vote on it at the meeting. There was some discussion about the eligibility, but no one at the meeting suggested changing the by-laws.

ISWGA Tournament: Beth announced the Indiana Senior Women's Golf Association is having their tournament at Coyote Crossing in West Lafayette from September 8-10. Beth said they expect the field to be full this year. Entry forms will be available on their website at iswga.com.

Junior Golfers: Nina Whalen talked about getting junior golfers to play in the City Championship. This past year Anne Maloberti "sponsored" a 15-year old by convinced her to enter the tournament. Nina suggested that each club sponsor a junior golfer to enter the tournament, especially if our entries continue to be low next year. She said we need junior golfers to keep the tournament going. Alanna O'Connor said that last year the City Championship was scheduled for the same week as the Women's State Amateur so most of the juniors were playing in that instead of the City Championship. In 2019, the State Amateur will be June 26-28 so it will not conflict with our tournament. During the discussion, we asked ladies to encourage the younger golfers at their clubs to enter the tournament next year.

Golf Rules Changes: Mini brought up the fact that the USGA has made major changes to the Rules of Golf for 2019 and that ladies should make sure they are aware of the new rules. Linda Hawk said there is a great video online that explains the new golf rules and said she would email it to Beth to put on the web site.

Practice Rounds: Someone asked when the practice rounds begin for next year's tournament. Beth said that practice rounds can be scheduled at Highland after May 1, 2019 and will cost \$50 including the cart fee.

Save the Date Flyers: Rebecca Branson asked that everyone put up the "WGAMI Save the Date" flyers that are on the tables on their ladies' bulletin board at their clubs.

Mini made a motion that we adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Maloberti & Beth Orsay