

# GENESEE VALLEY WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION (GVWGA)

Spring Banquet – April 23, 2024

Eagle Vale Golf Course

President Georgia Rush welcomed the 96 attendees and thanked Amy Hay and Cheryl Kauffman for organizing the event. Georgia Rush offered an opening prayer before the meal.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Georgia Rush.

During this meeting:

- Secretary report was presented by Liz Prescod on behalf of Donna Lashbrook. Liz called for approval of the Fall Awards Banquet Minutes that were distributed to each table. Lissa Schaeffer made the motion, and Cindy Keller moved to approve as presented.
- Treasurer's report was presented by Jill Reichhart: there was a balance of \$14,896.19 in the account after income of \$20,226.58 and expenses of \$5,330.39.
- Membership report by Luisa Sam: a warm welcome to all members present and special recognition of those who are new to our organization. The organization has 177 members with 148 returning, 27 new to our group and 11 associates. Please extend a hearty welcome to the new members and invite them to play with you.
- Nominating Committee report by Michele Miller: this is an election year. The Executive officer positions are up for election: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Election will be held in the Fall.
- Tournament Chair Report: Judy Hazelden on behalf of Barb Huckle: Reviewed the tournament process behind the scenes: registration, pairings, course collaboration, score card, tee sheets, cart signs, closest to the pin, and longest drive sheets are all generated after the registration cutoff in time to get them to the tournament chairs and the courses 3 – 5 days before the tournament. Please honor the tournament deadlines. Judy introduced and thanked the Tournament Chair team for all their hard work as well as the support from the Golf Genius Squad. A reminder was made to communicate with your foursome, be at the event 30 minutes prior and if it's raining, show up anyways. There will only be a cancellation if the course closes.
- District Report: Cathy Smith reported on behalf of Cheryl Ferguson. GVWGA Members interested in the WRDGA require a handicap of  $\leq 23$  and the endorsement of our GVWGA representative, Cheryl Ferguson. Cheryl can be contacted at [cfergsn@yahoo.com](mailto:cfergsn@yahoo.com) for further information pertaining to the WRDGA. All members of GVWGA are eligible to participate in many RDGA events. For additional information regarding these events, go to [www.rdga.org](http://www.rdga.org).
- Website Report: Liz Prescod thanked Cathy Smith and Sue Stojanovich for helping keep the website and Facebook up to date, respectively. Liz also provided an overview of the website sections and where to find information in the 5 key sections of the site.
- Rules Committee Report was presented by Sharon Owen on behalf of Kathy Myers: an overview of the two new USGA rules for 2024 were reviewed: 1. A new treatment of 9-hole scores; 2. An updated approach for holes not played.

## Old Business

- USGA Rules – Georgia reviewed the need to follow the rules in our tournaments. This is a fun league however we do follow USGA rules. No foot wedges, no mulligans, and a whiff is a stroke. Please have fun and play with integrity.
- Club Championship – this is a regular tournament, and all members are welcomed to play. Some people believe it is just for the A and B flight. Over the last few years this event has only had 2 flights based on participation. Please sign up this year and it will help us have more flights.
- Tournament Cancellation Policy review: Georgia reviewed the new cancellation policy that has been put into place to prevent last minute changes to the tournament pairings. So, remember 7 days before, no refunds. Thank you.

## New Business

- New Election Procedure was presented by Georgia: This year ballots will be emailed out to members and must be returned 7 days in advance of the Fall Awards Banquet to allow for all members to vote once only. A question was asked about the electronic voting option. Liz Prescod explained that there is no way to ensure that everyone only votes once. There is also no option to bring your ballot to the Fall Banquet, as the Election committee needs time

to validate the votes are from Members of GVWGA. Hand delivered ballot must be delivered by the mail deadline.

- Birdie pool – Sue Sogard introduced a new fun optional thing called a “birdie pool” by flight for the 2024 season. It is voluntary and if people are interested, they can sign see Sue Sogard and her team.
- Banquet minutes are usually not reviewed, distributed, and voted on until the next banquet, approximately 6 months later. A suggestion was made to email the Banquet minutes out to the membership within a month after the Banquet was held.
- A suggestion was made that we should get a projector for the banquets going forward, so we don’t have to print documents and put them on the tables going forward. (ie: Minutes, Budget, and Rules Committee)

Door prizes and 50/50 – Amy and Cheryl

- 50/50 Raffle raised \$400 for the organization.
- Some door prizes were pulled in advance and on the table with names on them from Eagle vale and rounds of golf.
- One of the door prizes was from Pennfair Golf, a women’s driver. Amy reminded existing members and shared with the new members to consider them when shopping for your golfing needs. Be sure to tell them when checking out that you are a member of the GVWGA.

Georgia motioned to adjourn at 7:43pm, seconded by Norma Fleck.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Prescod on behalf of Donna Lashbrook

April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024