



# WOMEN'S MAINE STATE GOLF ASSOCIATION

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WMSGA ANNUAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2014  
Martindale Country Club  
527 Beech Hill Rd, Auburn, ME  
MINUTES

**Call to Order:**

President Micki Meggison called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

**Roll Call of Past Presidents:**

Roll call of Past Presidents was done by Linda Morin-Pasco, WMSGA Secretary. Past presidents in attendance were: Trudy Dorval, Linda Pearse, Bobbi Berry and Helen Plourd.

**Roll Call of Clubs:**

Roll call of Clubs in attendance was done by club secretary Linda Morin-Pasco. Twenty-two clubs were represented at the annual meeting. Attendance list is attached and made part of these meeting minutes.

**Minutes:**

Motion was made and seconded to approve minutes as submitted for the April 29, 2014 Annual Meeting held at the Rockland Country Club, Rockland. **Motion Passed.**

Motion was made and seconded to approve minutes as submitted for the April 29, 2014 WMSGA Executive Committee Meeting held at the Rockland Country Club, Rockland. **Motion Passed.**

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Maddie Kilmister, WMSGGA Treasurer, reported on WMSGGA balance sheet noting that the Association has total assets of \$94,005.52, current liabilities of \$42,054.55 with a fund balance of \$52,000.97. She also reported the 2014 budget projected income of \$94,571.00 and expenses of \$97,408.88 with a projected net loss of \$(2,837.00). Current projections for the year-end show a projected loss of \$(877.02). It was also noted membership is down and tournament play is down so that has impacted revenue. Follow discussion, motion was made and seconded to approve treasurer's report as presented. **Motion Passed.**

### **Administrative Assistant's report:**

Jean Young, WMSGGA Administrative Assistant provided membership update as follows:

- WMSGGA membership: 268
- New members: 38
- Members who did not renew in 2014: 59
- Junior members: 3

Jean noted prize money vouchers for 2014 totaled \$6,590. Points were assessed at \$7.63 and 864 points were awarded in 2014. Jean stated that tournament play is down and advised that only one tournament was cancelled because of weather conditions.

Jean had announced her retirement at the end of the season this year. She thanked everyone for their help and support and how much she enjoyed working with everyone during her 12 years as administrative assistant. She is looking forward to having time to play more golf.

### **Committee Reports:**

President Micki noted committee reports are or will be available on the WMSGGA website at [www.wmsgga.org](http://www.wmsgga.org). Club reports presented or discussed are noted below:

- o **Budget:** Helen Plourd thanked members for their continued support; encourage players and recruit new members to keep WMSGGA an active and growing organization. She stated that WMSGGA had 500 members at one time. She also noted the 50/50 raffle and skins help to generate revenue. Helen thanked members of the budget committee for all their hard work, efforts and dedication to the WMSGGA. Motion made and seconded to accept the Committee's report. **Motion Passed.**
- o **Historian:** No report submitted.
- o **Hospitality:** Robin Ashe reported she has sent cards to members as needed and that Jean and Micki have advised her when to reach out to members. She asked that other members please

contact her to make sure she knows when to send cards to members. Motion made and seconded to accept the Committee's report. **Motion Passed.**

Following her report, Robin invited Jean Young to stand and be recognized for her 12 years of service as the WMSGA Administrative Assistant and acknowledged all she had done for the organization. Jean was presented with a \$75 gift certificate and an engraved bracelet from the WMSGA, and a basket from the ladies at Rockland Country Club. Following a fun trivia game highlighting some of Jean's background and history, members recognized and thanked Jean with a standing round of applause.

- **Junior Golf:** Sue reported on events for the season including the Bring a Junior Day at ValHalla noting the girls who played in the tournament. She also noted 4 juniors played in the Maine Women's Amateur; Bailey Plourde won the Junior Championship for 2014 with a two-day total score of 160. Two juniors played in the Janet Drouin Open Championship at Natanis. Kelsie Dessent won the JDOC as well as the Junior Championship Trophy with a two-day total of 165. Kelsie was also crowned Maine Junior Girls' Amateur Champion and was named Maine Golf Hall of Fame's Junior Champion.

Sue asked that members contact her if they know of any juniors that want to play. Sue also noted there is no charge for Juniors to belong to the WMSGA or play in WMSGA. Motion made and seconded to accept the Committee's report. **Motion Passed.**

Members asked that the Information that Juniors could join the WMSGA or play in WMSGA tournaments at no charge be posted to the WMSGA website.

- **Maine Women's Amateur:** Micki provided the update on the MWA held at the Waterville Country Club on July 28, 29 and 30, 2014. Highlights included:
  - 81 competed in the Amateur including several Juniors
  - 1st day was rained out
  - Waterville Country Club course was in great shape
  - WMA survey comments will be taken into consideration for the 2015 tournament
  - Commended Tournament Committee and Dale Hannon on handling the weather issue and for doing a great job this year.
  - Winners were: Leslie Guenther, Champion; Mary Brandes, Runner Up; and Bailey Plourde Junior Champion

Micki advised the 2015 MWA would be at the Biddeford/Saco Course and Michele Davis is Tournament Chair for 2015. Motion made and seconded to accept the report as presented.

**Motion Passed.**

- **NEWGA:** Gail Gleason reported that the 2014 tournament was held in Keene, New Hampshire and Dana Harrity was the winner. Maine players were congratulated for great job and standing for the Maine players was noted as well as names of gross and net winners. The 2015 NEWGA Tournament will be hosted by Rhode Island and held at the Ledgemont CC in Seekonk Mass. Motion made and seconded to accept the report as presented. **Motion Passed.**
- **Public Relations:** Micki read report submitted by Meriby Sweet highlighting all efforts done this year to enhance and increase the public knowledge around the state about the WMSGGA. Jean Young was thanked for all her efforts in sending notices and information to the sports press all year long. Golf & Ski Warehouse was recognized for their efforts and generosity in helping to promote women's golf and the development and finalization of the Abby Spector Award. Goals have been set for next year's golf season including a Golf & Ski Warehouse "Ladies Night" and efforts to increase publicity and promotion of women's golf.

Executive Committee and members recognized and thanked both Jean and Meriby for the excellent work they have done this year. Motion made and seconded to accept the report as presented. **Motion Passed.**

- **Rating:** Jean Young read reported submitted by Phyllis Gaul. Report detailed merger of rating committee with MSGA and SMWGA this summer to form one ratings team for the state. The USGA accepted this plan and merged all ratings databases. We will now have access to a large field of experienced raters to work with and to all ratings performed by the other teams. We will now work under one USGA license and all train together, which will save money for WMSGGA and ensure continuity. All ratings are current or in the process of being complete for 2014.

There was a question raised concerning placement of markers but it was noted that all measurements are from the middle of the tee box.

There is a \$75 fee billed to the MSGA when a course is rated and that is paid to WMSGGA and is part of the WMSGGA budget.

Following discussions, motion made and seconded to accept the report as presented.  
**Motion Passed.**

- **Rules:** Jean Young read report submitted by Ilse Pfander. Motion made and seconded to accept the report as presented. **Motion Passed.**
  
- **Tournament:** Micki noted that this year's tournament schedule was well-balanced regionally and provided good course locations. There are a number of changes under consideration that could change the schedule next year based on comments/suggestions compiled from recent survey responses. The Executive Board will be reviewing possible changes noting that after Labor Day, attendance drops in most of the tournaments. Executive Board will also review further suggestions to hold more shotgun starts. Additional updates included:
  - Metro for 2015 is tentatively scheduled for Spring Meadows
  - Janet Drouin Open Championship will be on Arrowhead

Discussion included would courses agree to have shot-gun starts later in the day and if this would generate more registrations to play in these tournaments. Motion made and seconded to accept the report as presented. **Motion Passed.**

- **Tri-State:** Helen advised that despite weather conditions, Maine finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in 2014 tournament which was held in St. Johnsbury, VT. Last time Maine won was in 2009. Encouraged members to apply next year and thanked all those who attended. It was a great event and expects Maine to do better in the 2015 tournament to be held in the Oaks Links Club in New Hampshire. Motion was made and seconded to accept the report as presented. **Motion Passed.**

#### **Other Committees:**

- **Grievance:** Jean Young read report submitted by Peg Buchanan. Motion made and seconded to accept the report as presented. **Motion Passed.**
  
- **Prize:** Carole Cook noted Senior Championship Winner Sheila Brocki; Janet Drouin Memorial Open Championship winners: Kelsie Dessent; Junior Champion Kelsie Dessent; Low Net Winner Jean Cassidy. Denise Hennessey expressed thanks for all the help provided during the tournament and was pleased with the high turnout. Following discussion, motion made and seconded to accept the report as presented. **Motion Passed.**

## Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business.

## Ratification of Changes by Executive Board:

**Bylaws:** Micki read committee report detailing process of collecting and recording past-approved bylaw changes to make sure the Club's Bylaws were up to date. Several Executive Board members reviewed specific assigned bylaw sections and reported on any correction/changes or additions that needed to be made to the bylaws to update them appropriately. Goal was to have all corrections made and Bylaws be posted to the WMSGGA website by 2014. All changes were forwarded to Micki Meggison who then incorporated all necessary changes/revisions/updates. Following discussion, motion made and seconded to accept the report as presented. **Motion Passed.**

**WMSGGA Bylaws:** Following review of updated bylaws, motion made and seconded to accept WMSGGA Bylaws revised July 2014 as presented. **Motion Passed.**

**WMSGGA Restated Constitution:** Micki advised Item 7 was previously approved by members and has been added to the WMSGGA's Constitution. Motion made and seconded to accept WMSGGA Bylaws as updated. **Motion Passed.**

## New Business:

### Proposals:

#### Proposal #1:

WMSGGA add this local rule "Stones in bunkers are moveable obstructions (Rule 24-1 applies)" to all tournament play.

#### Rational:

I recently witnessed play, by a fellow competitor, where I felt a stone in a bunker had caused her to have an errant shot. We called pro shop to see if local rule, Appendix 1-Local Rules; Part B. Specimen Rules was in effect. Basically this allows stones in bunkers to be removed if they could be injurious to player. The response was "do what you want". Of course this was unacceptable. Many of the venues that we play are not in the pristine condition that we all would like and the safety of our players should be considered by our association.

*Submitted by Debbie Gardner*

**Discussion:** Would be written in local rule and included in all rule sheets distributed by clubhouse prior to tournament play; Administrative Assistant advises Clubs about WMSGGA local rules and all members should be aware of these rules.

Motion to accept proposal moved, seconded and voted. **Motion Passed.**

**Other Proposals:**

None

**Nominations and Election of Officers:**

**Nominating Committee:** Sue Wootton reported three members of Executive Board have terms that expire in 2014: Sue Wootton, Helen Plourd and Viola Kemp. All three have agreed to serve another term. Diane Pooler, member at large, has resigned due to scheduling conflicts. Her term would expire in 2015. Annette Charest was nominated to fill the remainder of Diane Pooler's term as member at large. Sue also advised the position of president elect is still vacant and a candidate is needed for this position as soon as possible. The President is limited to one two-year term. She encouraged members to volunteer or contact her with suggested candidates and she will follow up with the individual.

It was moved, seconded and voted to approve the following slate of officers. **Motion Passed.**

Executive Committee Positions

Helen Plourd – 2 year – member at large – term expires end of 2016

Viola Kemp – 2 year – member at large – term expires end of 2016

Sue Wootton – 2 year – member at large – term expires end of 2016

Annette Charest – 1 year – member at large – term expires end of 2015

**President's Report:**

Micki acknowledge and thanked all committee chairs, club representatives, Charlotte Cole WMSGGA Webmaster and tournament scheduler and all of the membership for their participation and support. She thanked the Executive Board for their guidance, advice and assistance in the work done this year on behalf of the WMSGGA.

Micki thanked Jean Young for all her work and efforts on behalf of the WMSGGA during Jean's 12 years of service as Administrative Assistance.

Micki announced Sherrie Thomas will be taking over as Administrative Assistant and will be working with Jean to learn the roles, responsibilities and requirements for the position.

Micki briefly reviewed results from recent membership survey and noted the Executive Board will be reviewing the survey to determine how to best meet suggestions and concerns as noted by the membership.

**Year End Prizes and Statistics:**

**Most Improved – Nancy Hart-Herman Meadow – 21.2 to 14.4**

**1st Gross Average – Liz Wiltshire-Natanis – 78.14**

**2nd Gross - Liz Coffin-Bangor Muni – 78.43**

**3rd Gross – Kathi O’Grady-Woodlands – 80.29**

**1st Net – Norma Michaud-Springbrook – 67.71**

**2nd Net – Carole Cook-Bangor Muni – 67.86**

**3rd Net – Prudence Hornberger-Turner Highlands – 68.14**

**Motion to Adjourn**

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. **Motion Passed**  
Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda M. Morin-Pasco

October 1, 2014