



## WOMEN'S MAINE STATE GOLF ASSOCIATION

# WMSGA Annual Meeting

Augusta Country Club, Augusta, ME  
September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 - 9:00 am

### Minutes of Meeting

#### **Call to order:**

President Micki Meggison called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

#### **Roll call of WMSGA Past President:**

Club secretary, Linda Morin-Pasco, asked club presidents to stand and be recognized. Present were past presidents Linda Pearse and Bobbi Berry.

#### **Roll Call - WMSGA member clubs:**

Roll call of clubs present was done by club secretary. Fifteen clubs were represented at the meeting. Attendance list is attached and made part of these minutes.

#### **Minutes of the Annual Meeting – September 23, 2014:**

Club secretary noted annual meeting minutes are posted on WMSGA website. Motion was made and seconded to approve minutes as submitted. **Motion Passed.**

#### **Minutes of the Spring Executive Board Meeting:**

Club secretary noted spring executive board minutes are posted on WMSGA website. Motion was made and seconded to approve minutes as submitted. **Motion Passed.**

#### **Report of Treasurer:**

Club treasurer Maddie Kilmister reported WMSGA current fund balance is \$53,536.10. Maddie noted income was slightly under budgeted income. Financial report currently projects a net loss. Micki noted that income and expenses for the Maine Women's Amateur are not reflected in the current financial report. It is anticipated the Association will be in the black by the end of the year when all fiscal transactions have been allocated and recorded.

Maddie reported Janet Drouin Fund has a balance of \$10, 598.59.

Motion was made and seconded to approve financial report as submitted. **Motion Passed.**

### **Reports of Committees and Administrative Assistant:**

a. Administrative Assistant

Sherrie Thomas, WMSGGA Administrative Assistant first thanked members for all their help and advice during her first year. She provided members with the following update:

- Membership is 256
- 50 Clubs have paid membership dues
- 31 tournaments held/scheduled in 2015
- 1 tournament rained out
- 371 vouchers issued; payout at approximately \$11,000. Point value \$7.61
- Liz Wiltshire and Sunita Raynes each got hole-in-one
- Boothbay Harbor had largest field to date with 104 players
- Turner Highlands second with 70
- New course added to 2015 schedule - Diadema
- Hidden Meadows provided free lunch

b. Budget

- Committee report noted need to recruit new members
- Possibly consider scheduling one tournament on Tuesdays to have more players on one course
- Committee members thanked for efforts

c. Historian

- Shirley Fifield and MaryAnn Todd putting WMSGGA photo album together

d. Hospitality

- Members were encouraged to contact Hospitality Chair so she can send cards of support. Robin noted seventeen cards were sent out to members this year. She recommended that hospitality chair also acknowledge hosting courses to acknowledge our appreciation.

- Robin Ash announced she will be resigning as Hospitality Chair.
- President and members thanked Robin for all her work as hospitality chair.

e. Junior Golf

Sue Wotton outlined and shared highlights of 2015 junior season. The three juniors who participated in Junior Day at Turner Highlands were Ruby Haylock; Mia Hornberger and Stephanie Rodrigue.

She also provided information about the five juniors who played in the Maine Women's Amateur at the Biddeford-Saco Country Club in July 2015.

Three juniors played in the Janet Drouin Memorial at Natanis in August 2015.

She noted more details can be found online.

f. Maine Women's Amateur

Micki Meggison provided the following information about the Maine Women's Amateur.

- 2015 WMA held at Biddeford-Saco County Club.
- 83 played in the tournament.
- Staci Creech of Bangor Muni and Penobscot Valley won overall championship. Complete results are available online.
- Bailey Plourde of Samoset won 2015 Junior Championship.
- Helen Plourd was awarded the Abby Spector Award which was presented by Abby Spector from Dunegrass Golf Club and Matt Greenleaf from Golf & Ski Warehouse.
- Micki thanked all the MWA sponsors.
- Trophies and gift cards were funded through donations by sponsors. \$1,000 was donated Golf & Ski Warehouse, MWA Diamond sponsor.
- Net income will be split between WMSGGA and SMWGA.

g. NEWGA

Gail Gleason provided the following update on NEWGA.

- Bailey Plourde came in 13<sup>th</sup> in the tournament and 4<sup>th</sup> in her age bracket.
- Staci Creech got 3<sup>rd</sup> gross and 1<sup>st</sup> place in net.

- Still waiting for final results to be posted.
- Vermont will host tournament in 2016, Connecticut in 2017 and the Maine in 2018.
- Approached Boothbay Country Club to host 2018 tournament.

h. Public Relations

Meriby Sweet was thanked for great job and work done with press in promoting women's golf in Maine as well at the Maine Women's Amateur.

Laurie Hyndman was recognized for working with sports writers and press contacts.

Golf & Ski Warehouse added to media coverage for WMA and donated gift cards to WMSGGA and SWMGA.

Criteria established last year for the Abby Spector Award were used successfully again to select this year's recipient.

i. Rating

Report submitted in writing and available on line.

j. Rules

The importance of posting all scores was emphasized. Members encouraged to review rules of golf over winter months.

There is a book available online through Amazon titled *The Rules of Golf in Plain English*.

k. Tournament

Vicki Lindquist updated members on tournaments held this year.

- There were more than 1,400 applications submitted for playing in WMSGGA golf events.
- Two rain cancellations, one in Sanford and second at Spring Meadows. Players at Spring Meadows were invited back to play on another date so the second day for the Metropolitan was finished.
- A new course, Diadema, was added to the schedule and all who played were excited about the course.
- Concerns about scheduling a separate tournament on the same day as the Senior Championship will continue to be reviewed.
- MWA will be held at Penobscot Valley in 2016. Micki Meggison will chair the tournament for WMSGGA, with Sue Coffin on the committee as Club Representative for PVCC.

- Twelve tournaments were set up with a shotgun start and will try to schedule as many shotgun starts as possible for the 2016 golf year.
- The possibility of scheduling Saturday tournaments is under review.
- The Metropolitan will be at Sugarloaf in 2016.
- Janet Drouin Memorial Tournament will be held on Tomahawk at Natanis in 2016.
- Ryder Cup will be back at Samoset.
- Tri-State will be hosted by Samoset.
- Poland Springs has been added to the 2016 schedule.
- 2016 Annual meeting will be at Rockland.

I. Tri-State

New Hampshire hosted Tri-State at The Oaks in Somersworth, NH. Several players did very well and are listed in the Tri-State report online.

With the tournament being hosted by Maine at the Samoset in 2016, it is anticipated there will be many applications to play on team. Members are reminded to post all scores between now and June and winter scores if you play down south in the winter time.

m. Other committees

**Grievance Committee** – not aware of any grievances

**Prize Committee**

- Senior Championship
  - Liz Wiltshire
- Janet Drouin Memorial Open Championship
  - JDMOC Champion – Bailey Plourde
  - JDMOC Junior Champion – Bailey Plourde
  - JDMOC Low Net – Lila Geis

**2016 WMSGGA Awards**

– Top three low gross averages

Kristin Kannegieser – 76.7

Liz Coffin – 77.86

Micki Meggison – 78.57

- Top three low net averages
  - Norma Michaud – 66.14
  - Prudence Hornberger – 68.00
  - Becky Laliberte – 68.14
- Most improved
  - Diane Herring – Handicap 20.7 to 10.6

2. Unfinished business

None

3. **New business**

a. Proposal #1

Proposal: Change selection criteria for draw-outs to WMSGGA tournaments to blind draw.

Rationale: As an organization, one of our goals is to encourage growth in membership and attract younger players. It is unfair for members who have schedules that do not allow for regular play in WMSGGA tournaments. Commitments such as working full-time jobs, family obligations as a full-time care-giver, or limited income make it extremely difficult to participate in the required number of tournaments needed to avoid being put in the pool to be drawn-out of playing in a tournament.

To increase participation and make it more attractive, the draw-out process should be made fair and equitable across the ENTIRE playing field, not just those who haven't played the required number of events. In other words, don't penalize those that cannot play the needed number of tournaments—we pay our dues just like everyone else!

Respectfully submitted, Sunita Raynes

Discussion included: should draw out be based on time registration received; should draw out be based on length of time in organization; not everyone is available to play same number of tournaments; if you are drawn out of tournament you will not be drawn out again for two years; you will be put on list in case a spot opens; players accumulate points per tournaments played

Proposal was moved/seconded/voted. **Proposal defeated.**

b. Proposal #2

Proposal: I propose a change in the eligibility requirement for the JDMOC from three WMSGAs weekly tournaments to two.

Rationale: To increase participation.

Respectfully submitted, Denise Hennessey

Discussion included: why have requirements when field has not been filled; could consider reviewing again when that happens.

Proposal was moved/seconded/voted. **Proposal passed – 2 opposed.**

c. Other proposals

None

4. Presidents' Remarks

Micki Meggison, outgoing president, thanked club reps for all their efforts, congratulated Sherrie Thomas on successful first year as WMSGAs new administrative assistant, recognized and thanked Committee chairs and for everyone's efforts in making WMSGAs successful. Thanked Vicki Lindquist for accepting position as President of WMSGAs. She also thanked Helen Plourd for her encouragement and feedback. She asked members to consider how they can help the organization and give back to the organization.

Vicki Lindquist thanked Micki for her service as President of the WMSGAs and all members for their participation and support. Vicki noted that the position of President-Elect is now open and asked members to consider or to contact her with suggestions for a candidate.

Vicki announced:

- WMSGAs member Jane Diplock has been inducted into the Maine Golf Hall of Fame.
- WMSGAs member Liz Coffin has been inducted into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame.

5. Nominations

President-elect – no nominations or suggestions. Vicki noted that appointing a president elect now would give the person 2 years to learn and work with Executive Committee before taking over as WMSGAs President.

2 Executive Committee positions open: Members-at-Large, 2 year terms expiring 2017.

Annette Charest, nominated and agreed to serve

Diane Herring, nominated and agreed to serve

6. Election of officers

M/S/V to elect Annette Charest and Diane Herring to both serve 2-year terms on WMSGGA Executive Committee. **Motion Passed**

**Committee Chair Appointments**

Hospitality – Carole Cooke

Handicap – Viola Kemp (Chair), Darlene Soboleski, Denise Hennessey and Gail Gleason

Grievance – Deb Wiley

7. Raffle and Adjournment

Following 50-50 raffle, meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda Morin-Pasco*

Linda M. Morin-Pasco  
WMSGGA Club Secretary

January 18, 2016