

Mississippi Gulf Coast Women's Golf Association Delegates Meeting – January 12, 2007

The meeting was held at Windance Country Club for the purpose of scheduling play days and courses for 2007. President Janice Preble called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and officers and delegates were introduced. It was noted that Julie Landry was representing Sunkist CC and is also the Mississippi State Women's Golf Association area representative.

In attendance were the officers, Janice Preble, Julie Hudson, Carol Conover, and Elaine Willins. Delegates in attendance are listed on the attached sign-in sheet.

Minutes of the January 24, 2006, meeting with delegates were accepted as read.

Treasurer, Elaine Willins, distributed copies of the 2006 financial report showing a year-end balance of \$684.79 and the projected budget for 2007. There was a brief discussion concerning bank service charges. Elaine explained that it is bank policy and they do not make exceptions therefore we must pay a monthly service charge when our deposits do not meet the minimum amount needed for the service charge to be waived.

Vice President and Tournament Chairman, Julie Hudson, distributed copies of USGA Equitable Stroke Control (ESC), Reps Procedures and Duties for 2007, and a Play Day Sign Up sheet.

Julie emphasized the importance of posting correct scores for handicap purposes. It was suggested and agreed that the ESC procedure for adjusting scores should go into the MGCWGA 2007 Yearbook.

Duties of delegates were discussed. If a member cannot play after signing up for a play day, she must cancel by 9:00 am the day prior to play day. If she cancels later than that for a non-emergency reason, or fails to cancel, and does not show up on play day, she will owe \$10 to the GCWGA. It is the delegate's responsibility to collect the \$10 and send it to the GCWGA treasurer. If, after several attempts, the \$10 cannot be collected, that member will not be eligible to play in future GCWGA events until the no show fee has been paid.

Julie also believes everyone would like to read the play day results in the newspaper and expects the Host Club delegate to either fax or email the results immediately following the determination of winners. The email address and fax number were included in her handout.

There have been questions concerning the GCWGA point system. An explanation is included in Julie's handout and in the CGWGA Yearbook.

After much discussion, the following schedule was adopted for 2007:

March 28	Millbrook
April 18	Pine Burr
May 14	Gulf Hills
June 14	Mississippi National
(June 25-28 is the State Amateur at Greenwood)	
July 10	Oaks
(July 17-18 is the State Four Ball at the Oaks)	
August 14	PCI

The GCWGA Championship Tournament will be a three-day event.

September 10	Sunkist CC
September 11	Oaks
September 13	Diamondhead CC
(September 17-18 is the State Seniors Amateur at Canton)	
October 16	St. Andrews
November TBA	(Considering Great Southern)
December 4	Windance CC (Christmas Luncheon)

It was noted that the State reps are expected to help with the State tournaments.

OLD BUSINESS:

Because no minutes were taken at the year-end membership meeting at Sunkist, Janice Preble would like these minutes to reflect the following:

- GPS distance measuring devices will be allowed on play days.
- Nine-Hole Women’s Golf Association members, affiliated with an 18-hole golf course located within the Mississippi Gulf Coast, are eligible to join the MGCWGA provided they have an established 9-hole handicap index that when doubled equals no more than 34 for 18 holes.
- 2007 officers were elected

There has been some discontent regarding allowing 9-hole golf association members to join the GCWGA. Julie Hudson explained that a letter regarding this matter was sent out to the delegates who, in turn, were responsible for discussing it with their people so the delegate could vote according to the wishes of the majority of her club members. Karen Arseneau stated that the vote taken at the year-end meeting should have involved only the delegates rather than all of the GCWGA members present. Julie further explained that, according to the USGA Handicap System, the 9-hole members might be at a slight disadvantage, in that; a 9-hole handicap index doubled generally results in a lower handicap than an 18-hole handicap index.

NEW BUSINESS:

Janice Preble inquired about the status of trophies. Barbara Allen assured her, “all trophies are taken care of.”

Janice would like to see coffee and breakfast reinstated on play days. All delegates agreed. Diamondhead CC is the only club that does not allow food to be brought into the club. Karen Arseneau stated that, in the past, money was budgeted to defray expenses.

Yvonne Luck made a motion to allow new members to join MGCWGA mid-year. Betty Cox seconded the motion. After discussion, it was agreed that new members will be accepted as long as they meet the criteria set forth in the MGCWGA Constitution & By-Laws:

- Established resident of one of the gulf coast counties in Mississippi prior to May 30, and occupying such residence at least 6 months of the year.
- Is a member in good standing of a Ladies Golf Association of a GCWGA member club.
- Has an established handicap of no more than 34.

- An individual who establishes residence after May 30 is eligible for membership, but not eligible to win the association's Championship title although they may play in the Championship tournament.

The motion passed unanimously.

Deneice King, representing the Oaks, announced that the Oaks is available on Fridays for GCWGA members who might like to play at 9:00 am. The fee would be \$25 including cart. They will not, however, block tee times, and there may be times when the course is not available because of tournament play.

It was noted that other clubs are also available for play on certain days at reduced rates. It was suggested that this information be included in the 2007 Yearbook. It was decided that ladies should call the clubs and inquire if they are interested.

It was noted that in order to play in Mississippi State tournaments, an individual must belong to a MS Women's Golf Association member club. An individual may pay the \$50 entry fee if her club or ladies' golf association does not.

It was noted that application forms and sample bios are available for Junior Girls scholarships.

Julie Hudson asked the delegates to post the organization websites GCWGA.com and MWGA.org.

Great Southern no longer has a ladies' golf association. Phyllis Sanders will write a letter indicating their temporary withdrawal from MGCWGA. Deneice King will write a letter requesting acceptance of the Oaks as a MGCWGA member.

A motion made by Kathy Bannister and seconded by Karen Arseneau to accept the Oaks GC as a member of MGCWGA passed unanimously.

Delegates were reminded to turn in their member lists and dues to Elaine Willins, and the meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Conover
Secretary