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## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2018 5:30pm

*Location:* Home of Christine Kelly Powers

*Present:* Natalia Bausback (President), Stephanie Brown (Communications), Michelle Burton (Golf Programs), Michele Endries (Membership Recruitment), Julie Naglieri (Marketing), Christine Kelly Powers (Member Services), Katie Vitello (Finance)

*Absent:* Emma Maceko (Events)

Key: → = follow-up item

\* = vote

### Agenda

#### 1) Social Events

Maceko reported (via phone) that the Annual Dinner will be held October 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> at Shaker Ridge Country Club.

#### 2) Affiliation with LPGA Women Who Play

On March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 EWGA National and the LPGA announced that EWGA is dissolving and will become LPGA Women Who Play, a program of the LPGA Foundation. Chapter boards are required to vote to either affiliate with LPGA Women Who Play, or to terminate the Chapter's affiliation with EWGA. A vote to terminate would require an additional vote of 75% of the Chapter's membership.

After having several weeks to review the affiliation agreement with LPGA Women Who Play, board members determined it was in the Chapter's best interest to vote to affiliate. Voting to affiliate allows the Chapter to continue, for the most part, with "business as usual". The Chapter will be able to continue to use the EWGA name and logo for a transition period of six months.

\* Motion to vote for affiliation: Bausback. Second: Brown. All in favor (including Maceko via phone).

#### 3) Name Change

It was discussed that, with the new affiliation agreement, the Chapter's name would now be "LPGA Women Who Play – Albany/Capital Region, NY Chapter". Board members felt that the "Albany/Capital Region" nomenclature was somewhat redundant, and with the new name being so long it may be desirable to drop either "Albany" or "Capital Region". It was discussed that "Capital Region" is less exclusionary and better represents the population that our Chapter draws from.

\* Motion to vote to change Chapter name from “Albany/Capital Region, NY” to “Capital Region NY”: Brown. Second: Naglieri. All in favor (including Maceko via phone).

#### **4) Golf Events**

Endries reported that the clinic and Play aRound scheduled for after the League Meet & Greet may be cancelled due to wet conditions at Western Turnpike.

Vitello will introduce the new Sub Central system to any interested members following the Meet & Greet. It was discussed that members will need to change their privacy settings in the Member Directory so that other members can find email addresses for sub-related matters.

Burton reported that two leagues have been cancelled due to low enrollment: Van Patten Tuesday and Schenectady Muni Monday PM. We may be able to apply our Van Patten deposit to the Wednesday league. Three members who had registered for the two cancelled leagues moved to other leagues.

The Chapter Championship will be held July 14<sup>th</sup> at McGregor Links. Cost to the chapter will be \$60 for greens fees and \$21 for food, per person. Cathie Becker is on the committee and Burton will be the day-of coordinator. We will be using a new software program, Golf Genius, for registration, handicapping, and scorecards. Burton recommends skipping the dual National – Constant Contact registration and only using Golf Genius. The handicap cutoff date will be June 15<sup>th</sup> and registration cutoff will be June 30<sup>th</sup>. Registration will likely open sometime in May.

Possible courses for the Thruway Challenge (to be chaired by Gail Czelusniak) are Drumlands, Timber Banks, and Pompei.

#### **5) Clinics**

Burton reported that a series of Saturday morning clinics is planned with Steve Vatter at Capital Hills.

#### **6) Sponsorship**

Prior to the meeting, Bausback provided board members with a copy of the sponsorship proposal from Guardian. Guardian is offering a \$1,500 sponsorship in exchange for various appearances at Chapter events and mentions in Chapter materials. It was discussed that we may be able to satisfy most of Guardian’s requirements by making them the main sponsor of the Chapter Championship.

\* Motion to vote for Guardian Grant agreement: Bausback. Second: Burton. All in favor.

#### **7) Board Meetings**

Next meeting is Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at Brown’s house.

\* Motion to adjourn: Endries. Second: Burton. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.