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## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2016

*Location:* Liz Gaudet's home

*Present:* Natalia Bausback (Finance), Stephanie Brown (Communications), Tara Curley (Member Services), Michele Endries (Membership Recruitment) Liz Gaudet (Golf Programs), Annette Kahler (President), Emma Maceko (Events)

*Absent:* Emily Ekland (Marketing)

Key: → = follow-up item

\* = vote

### Agenda

#### 1. Meeting Minutes

The board held a “virtual meeting” in July, with chapter activity updates reported via memos from directors.

#### 2. Northeastern Regional Semi-Final

Renee Devine is organizing the chapter's volunteer involvement with this regional event in the EWGA Championship series, held at Orchard Creek Golf Club on August 13. Registration is 82 players, said to be about average.

Kahler handled negotiations with EWGA National about the chapter subsidy for the welcome reception, set at \$15 per person. We also subsidized a portion of volunteer lunches and made a donation toward goodie bags. Kahler purchased practical items such as tissues and lip balm, and Gaudet contributed homemade nut mix.

Directors discussed the sense of setting aside a reserve in the budget each year, in anticipation of hosting this event every eight years.

#### 3. Final Putt/League Challenge

This newly combined event takes place October 2 at Saratoga Spa Golf's two courses, championship (full-size) and par 3. Co-captains are Nancy Wolff and Terri-Anne Montanye.

Play begins with a shotgun start at 11 am, followed by dinner at Catherine's on the Park. Fees are \$65 for the championship course and \$45 for the par 3, for both divisions—League Challenge and Open Scramble. The chapter is using reserves to subsidize the dinner cost.

→Kahler will clarify with the co-captains that the entire event is scramble format. Gaudet will send an email to league captains about the event, reminding them that it is now self-pay rather than subsidized by league fees.

#### 4. Other Upcoming Events

**Happy Hours:** Maceko reports plans for upcoming autumn events at Nine Pin, the Recovery Room, and Il Faro. (Event order was subsequently changed to put Il Faro first in the order.)

**Annual Dinner:** This dinner will be Tuesday, October 25, at Shaker Ridge Golf Club. Maceko and others noted that vendors see more success at this event than at the spring kickoff. This year they are being recruited by category—food, chocolate, jewelry, clothing, makeup, and so forth.

→ Board members will send in suggestions with contact info, emphasizing vendors who can make sales on the spot.

→It was suggested that event and league photos from the year be collected and printed for use in decorating the room.

#### 5. Volunteers

Curley said that volunteers have been hard to come by this year, with commitments coming at the last minute. Also, the chapter needs to boost 50/50 income to meet the budgeted amount for leadership development. Board members made various suggestions about both issues.

#### 6. Elections

Kahler recommended that the Nominating Committee consist of Anne Marie Roche, chair, Natalia Bausback, and Veronica Mangione. All open director positions must go through the process and appear on the ballot, even those held by directors who are willing to run again: president, membership recruitment, events, and marketing.

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Vote to appoint committee: Motion, Endries; second, Curley. In favor: unanimous.

→Brown will research how online voting was handled in the past.

#### 7. Finance Update

Bausback reports the chapter budget is proceeding according to plan.

#### 8. Membership

Endries reported membership at 227, approaching the board's 230-member goal for 2016. (This figure has since increased to 229.) She also reported success in ensuring that all league members are chapter members in good standing. Directors for Membership Recruitment and Golf Programs now realize the importance of including a cross-check of member status for league registrants, Endries and Gaudet noted.

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Vote to adjourn: Motion, Gaudet; second, Curley. In favor: unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm.

Upcoming meeting locations: September 13, Endries's office; October 11, Brown's home.