



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2018 6:00pm

Location: Home of Natalia Bausback

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

Absent: Michele Endries (Membership Recruitment), Emma Maceko (Events)

Key: → = follow-up item

* = vote

Agenda

1) Minutes

* Vote to accept May minutes: motion, Powers; second, Brown. In favor: Unanimous.

2) Sponsorship

The \$1,500 Guardian Grant was received and will be used to subsidize the Chapter Championship. A portion of the speaking requirement can be fulfilled by our Chapter's participation in a seminar (possibly this fall) relating to how gender interacts with the workplace.

3) Golf Events

Burton noted that the full trophy package for the Chapter Championship (1st and 2nd place gross and net for each division) costs about \$300. Powers is looking for volunteers for the Chapter Championship and has a few possible volunteers identified.

A change beginning in 2019 is that there will be a national scramble event separate from the national individual championship. The first national scramble event will be in May 2019. Scramble teams that qualify for nationals in 2018 will also get to participate in 2019. At this time it is unknown whether there will be separate Chapter Championships for scramble teams.

The signup deadline was extended for the Colonie Country Club PlayARound. No PlayARounds are scheduled for July yet. Natalia will see if she can find someone hold one the weekend of July 21-22. The mystery golf trip with Shirley Hunter may be late August or September.

The Thruway Challenge will be Saturday July 28th at Pine Hills Golf Course in Frankfort, NY. Event captain Gail Czelusniak has met with the course. The Central New York Chapter already sent information to its members. For the League Challenge, September 15th might be available at Saratoga Spa.

4) Name Change and Other National Items

Per the recent Leader call, the name of our organization is changing again. (*Subsequent to the meeting, on June 21st, it was announced to Chapter boards that the organization's name is changing from LPGA Women Who Play to LPGA Amateur Golf Association*). Chapters were instructed to stop production of any items with the LPGA Women Who Play logo. National will reimburse Chapters for anything ordered with the LPGA Women Who Play logo.

National is interested in scheduling regional meetings for any interested members. There used to be a national conference several years ago.

In July and August, National will be rolling out IT system changes, including a new event registration program, Golf Genius. This likely won't replace Constant Contact for our Chapter. National will also be rolling out a "Bill Highway" program that will be optional for Chapter finance directors to use. National is also looking into creating a worldwide golf course network where members could receive discounts.

5) Financial Report

Vitello reported that the annual tax return was filed.

It was discussed that, since we haven't changed the name on our bank accounts yet, members should continue to make checks payable to EWGA Capital Region. The practice of accepting checks as a form of payment was discussed. Currently the vast majority of members pay for events and services via PayPal rather than check. Checks require more time and effort to deposit and record for the Finance & Records Director compared to PayPal payments. It was decided that for the Thruway Challenge, payment would be PayPal only.

Board members discussed possible changes to the Mill Road and Stadium leagues for next year in order to avoid the situation we had this year where the Chapter was required to pay for unused league slots. This discussion will be re-opened next year when league planning begins.

6) Membership

It was noted that, due to the transitions going on at National, the regular reminders to members to renew their memberships have not been sent. As a result, current membership has decreased by about 25 members. It is expected that membership numbers will return to normal once the reminders start going out again.

Powers would like to restart the mentoring program next year and have it ready to go at the beginning of the golf season. Perhaps this would be part of a larger beginner golf program that our Chapter could offer.

7) Walk-Ons

Bausback raised the question of what Board members would like to do with the \$350 that had been set aside for the 2017 Founders Award and was not spent due to the passing of Founders Award recipient Jana Behe. One possibility is a donation to the YMCA, which was one of the charities listed in her obituary. Natalia will reach out to Annette Peter to determine whether the Founders Committee should formally approve.

✳ Motion to adjourn: Brown. Second: Endries. In favor: Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.