

BPWGC Board Meeting
January 15, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 1:30pm.

The first order of business was to approve the minutes from the August 17, 2020 Board meeting. The minutes were approved by the 2020 Board members.

Installation of new Board members. The 2020 Board members present, voted to unanimously certify the election of the new Board and install its members. The 2021 Board members are listed below. New members are in bold.

President - Kay McElrath

Vice President/Tournament - Patty Crigler & Beckey Smiser

Secretary - Vacant

Treasurer/Sweeps Accounts - Crystal Burr

Sweeps Tee Time - Beckey Smiser & Patty Crigler

Sweeps Results - Ann Higgins

Handicap - Patti McCormick

Membership - Linda Bienhoff

Rules - Linda Holmgren

Hospitality - Christie Smiley, **Mary Bradstreet, Marianne Ericsson**

Ringer - **Dorsey Gale**

Birdie Tree - **Cindi Velazquez**

Parliamentarian - Jennie Russ

Weekend Leader - Lark Herrick

Honoring our Outgoing Board Members & President - The Board Members recognized the outgoing 2020 Board Members: Colleen Bolger, Rosann Crawford, Rose Hall, Joan Holliday, Jan Serno, and Joanne Simmons. Outgoing President, Jennie Russ, who will continue on the Board as Parliamentarian, was honored and received a gift from the organization in appreciation for her six years of service as the Club's President.

Reports -

Membership: There are currently 84 Thursday members and 51 Saturday members, for a total of 135 members.

Treasurer: The current bank balance is \$11,701.03. \$1804.00 was received from SCGA in January. That money together with most payments received in December 2020, accounts for the January 1 renewals. Patty Crigler reported a discrepancy in the amount shown on the 2020 report for Tournaments. Kay McElrath explained that this was likely due to two factors: 1) that payments received in December have historically been allocated that month even though they are payments for memberships that begin in January; and 2) that the report lumps together all prizes to individual members and does not distinguish between the type of prize. Kay is working with Crystal Burr to change this going forward, so that the way December revenue is booked will better support budget-to-expense comparisons.

Sweeps: All is well. Waiting for the 2021 budget.

Ringer: The cards have been coming in mostly right-side up.

Board Vacancy: Kathy Odell was on the slate to be the Secretary for the BPWGC Board. Unfortunately, she will be moving out of the area. This leaves the Board with a vacancy. Rosann Crawford agreed to extend her services until the vacancy is filled. A notice will be sent out shortly to solicit volunteers for the position.

SDCWGA: Match play. Patti McCormick, who has volunteered to serve as the Team Captain for BPWGC in 2021, reported that on January 13, 2021, she and Kay McElrath had participated remotely in a meeting with Team Captains from throughout San Diego County.

- We have begun to solicit interest. We have 13-15 members already expressing interest. The SDCWGA had recommended re-starting in March, however at the meeting the Captains unanimously rejected that idea and agreed that a May start was the earliest feasible.
- They expect to have 12-16 teams divided into two regions (North and South) with two divisions each with low and high handicap teams distributed equally between the two divisions.
- Highest handicap allowed is 36.

Linda Holmgren and Patty Crigler, who have been active in the County team play for many years and have served as the BPWGC captains, helped the Board understand some of the SDCWGA decisions that have caused prior team members to distance themselves from this program or to join other teams. Kay asked Linda if she would be willing to meet off-line with Patti and herself so that they were better prepared to weigh in on these matters with the SDCWGA Team Play committee.

BPGC Greens Condition: Two years ago, the golf course began a project to increase the size of the greens. The first year of the project went ok. The second year did not go as well. Some holes will go back to the original size of the green, others are undergoing remediation. The course management agrees that those bare and spotty areas on the greens should be observed as Abnormal Course Conditions. Relief: If a player's ball is located in a bare area on the green or their ball is on the green but must put across the bare area to reach the hole, the ball may be moved without penalty to the nearest point of relief that is not closer to the hole.

Rules: The Board discussed the need to communicate Local Rules to members so as to have consistent interpretations. Linda Holmgren suggested illustrating the issues of particular holes using the website and showing actual hole layouts/photos so that members could better visualize the Local Rule applications. Beckey Smiser recommended soliciting input from members over a few weeks of play so specific questions could be left citing the hole in question. After gathering questions, Kay McElrath will appoint a Local Rules committee to review the questions and put together a response that can be shared on the website.

Signage on the course, including drop zones and hazard boundaries, continues to be an issue with missing markings leading to confusion and inconsistent application. This issue will be discussed with course management.

A question was raised about the areas on #2, #3, and #13 where areas previously recognized as canyon (penalty areas) have been graded leaving bare dirt. Those areas are to continue to be recognized as penalty areas. If a penalty is taken, the ball may be moved to the nearest grassed area that is not closer to the pin, or in the case of #13 to the drop zone if preferred.

New Business: Kay McElrath shared the following news from the golf course management:

- Balboa Players Card - On Thursday, at least one member was told that the course would no longer be selling the Balboa Players Club card to non-resident members. As most of the Club's members just renewed for a new year, the timing of this policy change could not have been worse. On the same day, Kay met with Matty and Nate about the issue. Together, they are working on a resolution that will allow non-resident members to continue purchasing the card through the remainder of their BPWGC year, including members about to renew in January-March. After the full terms of the extension are agreed upon, Kay will communicate the decision to members.
- New Carts - The latest timeline for delivery of the new carts is April. Due to recent demand, the lithium batteries required have been backordered and as a result the carts were delayed.
- Bathroom renovations - the downstairs bathroom renovation is schedule for May 2021.
- Sewer Line - Recently, Kay and Jennie were advised that the City would be replacing a sewer line that runs across portions of the Balboa Park Golf Course. That project was originally planned to start in June and was expected to make several holes on the course unplayable for some periods of time during an approximate four-month construction period. The new information is that the work will not begin until September. As a result of the project delay, Patty Crigler recommended, and the Board agreed, that the President's Cup and Club Championship would be re-scheduled back to more traditional dates:
 - President's Cup - May 13, 20, 27
 - Club Championship - July 8 and 15
- The original dates of Feb 11th, 18th, and 25th will be revised to Sweeps games.
- Pershing Drive Bike Lanes - There will be some impact to holes 8,13 and 14 when Pershing Drive is changed from 4 lane to 2 auto+ 2 bike lanes. The timeline is not firm, but work is expected to commence in 2021. The exact impacts and whether they are temporary or permanent is not yet clear to us.
- Patti McCormick wanted everyone to know that if a member has trouble updating their GHIN profile, the member may get assistance through the GHIN staff.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosann Crawford

Upcoming Meetings:

March 19, 2021	1:30 pm	ZOOM
June 11, 2021	1:30 pm	ZOOM
September 10, 2021	1:30 pm	ZOOM
November 11, 2021	TBD	
December 16, 2021	TBD	