

LWGA Minutes for General Meeting 09/01/09 at the VFW in Westport

Present: L. Clair, J. Murdoch, A. Krieger, B. Karis-Downey, S. Sarsfield, C. Lorusso, J. Dean, P. Kondub, A. Tane, D. Myers, M. Keene, E. Horelik, W. Montenaro, S. Goldstein, A. Revey, M. Wilson, M. Mahone.

The meeting was called to order at 1:27PM by Chris Lorusso at the VFW in Westport.

Chris commented that we enjoyed great weather today. The pace of play was terrific. George the ranger paid compliments, too. The only mark against the day was that someone showed at 9AM and got shuttled to their tee!

The slate was presented by Sally Sarsfield on behalf of the nominating committee for the 2010 season. By the way, the nominating committee was Sally Sarsfield & Janice Dean from the Board, and from the general membership were Jean Murdoch, Anne Krygier, and Elaine Horelik.

President: Chris Lorusso
Vice President: Linda Clair
Secretary: Patty Kondub
Treasurer/Membership: Sally Sarsfield
Tournament Chair: Jo Rasmussen
Handicap Chair: Elaine Horelik
Publicity: Pam Gannon
Rules Chair: Janice Dean
Member Guest CoChairs: Cathy Ryan and Jeanne Klinge

Chris Larusso asked if there were any other nominations. There were none and a vote was taken. Show of hands were 17 in favor, none opposed or abstained. Three ballots were also submitted favoring this slate.

Tournament Chair's Report:

Barbara Karis-Downey reported Fall Cup Changes:
The greens are being aerated! The Town of Westport found some money to aerate starting on September 16th. All agreed that we should keep the 15th as the Qualifying Round. Then complete the first round by 9/28; 2nd round by 10/5 and 3rd round by 10/12. This will give the greens time to regenerate!

At this point it was noted (I do not remember who started this discussion) that on Hole 13, local rules apply when hitting out of the cemetery: yes, one gets free relief from the cemetery!!

Treasurer's Report:

Sally Sarsfield reported that we are in the black in the bank! She also had some prizes for August 11 Trophy Tuesday winners. This list is posted on the LWGA website.
1st Flight Low Gross Patti Thomas (90) Low Net Chris Lorusso(69)

2nd Flight Low Gross Alison Tane (91) Low Net Barbara Fucigna(66)
3rd Flight Low Gross Yvonne Marks (110) Low Net Corky London (71)

Vice President's Report:

Linda Clair announced the closing dinner is October 27th and most likely will be at the Red Barn. She is the LWGA rep on the Greens Committee and she spoke of improving drop area on Hole 13 at the Greens Committee meeting. The LMGA also said the men want it fixed, too! Jean Murdoch suggested Longshore have two drops areas and alternate them!

At this point there were some questions and many discussions regarding rules. Janice Dean found some answers. These were four attachments that Chris Lorusso sent on 09/04 at 4:28PM via email to the membership titled:

8-1. Advice...

12-2. Identifying Ball....The responsibility for playing the proper ball rests with the player. Each player should put an identification mark on his ball...

HOLE # 10 – LOCAL RULE OBSTRUCTIONS: USGA RULE 24...The protective screen and post next to the 12th tee...

Rule 12. Searching for and Identifying Ball...12-1. Searching for Ball; Seeing Ball...

At the meeting these were some of the comments/conversations, too:

Speaking of drop areas, Janice Dean our Rules Chair addressed the issue of Hole 17 and where to drop, IF your ball goes in the water! You can hit another ball off the tee. Or you can move forward in the tee box if you keep it in the same line of the flight of the ball where it went into the water which is a forward hazard--- but you are not allowed to tee it up at that spot (that spot being forward in the tee box)!

Anne Krygier noted that on the 12th hole the drop area is not being maintained on the right!

Barbara Karis-Downey clarified that there is a specific way to pick up a ball, IF you truly cannot identify if it is your ball (or not your ball). Anne Krygier said we should all mark our ball with some sort of identifier. Sally Sarsfield said you cannot touch your ball in a bunker so IF you hit the wrong ball out of a bunker (or hazard) there is no penalty! Alision Tane noted you should not rake the sand before hitting a ball out of the bunker, but you can pick up a rock out of the bunker if it is in the way, as long as it does not cause the ball to move.

More discussion was about the screen on Hole 10. Here is the exact rule:

HOLE # 10 – LOCAL RULE OBSTRUCTIONS: USGA RULE 24

The protective screen and post next to the 12th tee and the boulders adjacent to the exit road behind the 11th tee and extending behind the 10th green are to be treated as immovable obstructions. Player may lift and drop ball without penalty within one club-length of and not nearer the hole than the nearest point of relief without crossing over, through or under the obstruction. Rule 24-2. Exceptions-Note 3. (See also Rule 20-2a How to Drop; and Rule 20-2b Where to Drop). Note, there is NO line of sight relief from the protective screen.

It was summed up that rules exist to keep us on a level playing field.

Before closing, Patty Kondub congratulated Sally Sarsfield on her personal best round of an 83!! Sally had 11 pars!!

At 2:00 Patty K motioned to adjourn the meeting and Alison Tane 2nd.