

Shoreline Women's Club General Meeting: April 6, 2010

Meeting called to order by Captain Robbie Gray at 7:25 am.

Treasurer's Report: Namie Takatsuka passed out the proposed 2010 budget. Eliminated this year is the Captain's Fund, Trophy Day cash and Special Tournaments, and the Invitational budget has been lowered.

Discussion: Bobbie Piety offered to get another bid for next year's booklet printing. Mary Mason questioned the note on the budget regarding past captain's membership fee paid by club. Mary Lu Bishop said it was a standing rule, however, she thinks most all of past captains pay their \$35.00 membership dues.

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the 2010 budget.

Membership Report: Lynne Whelan presented that new members do not need to play a qualifying round if they are already a member of another club and have an established handicap index of about 38 to play to a 40 handicap at Shoreline. The first play day must be with a board member, but she can participate in the tournament of the day, except for Trophy Day or a major tournament. To participate in Trophy Day or major tournaments, one must be a member for 3 months and have played at least 5 times. New members Joyce Sinclair, Judy Kim and Yumi Kobayashi were introduced. We now have 88 members, 79 regular and 9 social.

Discussion: It was felt that it would bring in more new members. Cathy Priest said that at Santa Teresa new members need to have an index of 36 to join their club. Danuta Eustice said that at Half Moon Bay there is no qualifying index.

Proposal for new membership qualification was moved, seconded and passed.

Handicap Report: Jan Hew announced that according to NCGA rules, we are now having handicap reports twice a month. She stated that she checks all the scorecards for correct addition, adjustments and making sure everyone has posted. There have been some corrections made and she has not informed the players. Unless a pattern is seen she will not contact the players. Also, if one has played just 9 holes, a 9 hole score must be posted. And, if one plays 13 holes, an 18 hole score must be posted. The remaining holes must be entered as par, plus handicap strokes. She incorrectly stated it was an ESC score.

Discussion: Joyce Bartlett correctly defined an ESC score as the highest possible score one can take according to your handicap. The score used for posting unplayed holes is "par plus pops". For example, on a par 5, if one gets two pops, then a 7 is scored.

Rules: Mary Lu Bishop talked about hole #4 and the previous and current rules on playing the drop areas. Previously, if one hit it in the water, she had an option to play it from the other side and hitting her 4th shot. Since it did not comply with USGA rules of play for yellow water hazards, it was removed. However, many members have trouble getting over the water on #4, so she is proposing that we reinstate the old club rule. In talking with PW, she said that other clubs have similar situations and have made their

own rules. If we were to reinstate the rule for #4, it would not apply for Captain's Trophy days or any major tournaments. It would be a club rule, not a course rule.

Coot Fence Rules: Robbie Gray distributed a drawing with the fence rule and explained it. The coot fences will be removed in the next couple of weeks. This fence is considered a temporary immovable obstruction and we are not required to hit over it. If your ball is on the bank, not in the water, or if the fence impedes your swing, you may get a free drop to an area on the other side of the fence, but staying within the hazard lines. You must take it in the closest possible area, but not closer to the hole. We were reminded that after dropping the ball on the other side of the fence, it must be within the hazard lines and you may not ground your club or lift, clean and place once it was dropped.

Discussion: Joyce Barlett asked about the drop zone to the right and front of the present tees. Mary Lu said it was in terrible condition and in an area not possible to improve. Robbie reported that she had discussed this with Joe DeBode on the course. Joe said that they had looked at putting a drop area near the bridge on the tee side of the hole. However, it would require removing trees and creating a barrier so that the drop area would be protected from player's shots approaching the third hole. Therefore, the new drop area wouldn't happen any time too soon.

Proposal to reinstate old club rule for drop zone across the water was motioned, seconded and passed.

PW Chairperson: Danuta Eustice announced the PW on site Rules Clinic at Palo Alto Muni on May 19th. One can sign up on the website. She encouraged us to look through the PW booklet for tournaments. The next one is at Poplar Creek on April 26th. Deadline to sign up is April 12th. She said that some clubs have excellent participation in the PW events, and so far our club hasn't done much. PW awards points for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places for gross and net, and at the end of the year, the person who has the most points in each category wins a nice pendant. So the more tournaments one plays gives a better chance to win.

Zone Team Play, Sept. 14th & 15th is sponsored by PW. Each club can enter one team to play in this tournament. It involves several play dates, depending on how well they do. Once a team is chosen, there can be no substitutions. So you need to look ahead at the schedule before deciding to sign up for it. April 16th is the deadline for the entry. Rally For A Cure is scheduled for October 19th this year. Danuta is asking for donations for this event and encouraging all of us to play.

Scorers and Starters: Monique Ernst sent out outlines for us so that we know the procedures.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Hew (substitute secretary)