

Minutes of the Pole Creek Ladies Golf League
Zoom Meeting May 27, 2020

Meeting was called to order by Lori Myers, President. We had (approximately) 36 members online and via phone using Zoom technology. Lori welcomed the group and gave a short overview of the early activities of the group (Board meeting, WHS certification). We are now 50 members strong!

Helen Brown, New Member Chair, introduced a 7 new members, Kathy Stromberg, Laurie McPhee, Candice Kiesow, Teresa Hood, Terry Hoffman, Wendy Kohrt and Tammy Millington.

Diane Bishop, VP, explained that she's responsible for sending out cards to our members when experiencing anything life-changing. Please let her know should you hear of anything that our group should be recognizing. The End of Year luncheon, coordinated by Diane and led by Beth Daniel was mentioned.

Susan Odneal, Secretary, asked for assistance should anyone not receive messages (to help make sure all are receiving the emails).

Madelyne Stevens, Treasurer, reported our savings account still holds \$5000. Last year we broke even on expenses v income. She asked that anyone who wants to join in the Putts/Chip In pot can bring a check on Thursday May 28 and be included in the pot.

Mary Brooks and Cindy Moynahan, Tournament Chairs (Linda Moore is "In Training") have created a weekly schedule throughout the season. Signup on GolfGenius, found via our website under the Member section. Click on the link, create an account and then follow the directions to sign up for golf. Golfers must sign up by Mondays at 6pm to play on that Thursday. You'll receive your tee time notification from Mary (or Cindy) if you have signed up. That email arrives on Tuesdays. For the time being, due to Covid-19, we have reserved tee times (not shotgun) and players are asked to arrive 15 minutes before play. The FIRST person on the list, per tee time group, is responsible for getting the scorecard. Should she not be able to do that, she's responsible for finding another person in her group. Scorecards will be on the round table in the foyer at Pole Creek on the morning of play. On that same table is the box for the scorecards to be placed into after the round is played. Scorecards must be attested to by another player in the group.

We then had a rousing (?) rendition of Happy Birthday for it was Mary Moynihan's (Pole Creek Golf Manager) birthday! Mary reported about the current course conditions. 9 holes on Ridge are presently open and it is expected that another 9 will open on June 3rd. The final 9 is expected on June 20th. These are subject to change but are the anticipated dates. Due to Covid-19, please wear masks in the clubhouse. Pay in the pro shop, one at a time. If you have a membership, your being on the tee sheet will indicate you are playing and will be accounted for in the pro shop. No need to check in. If you need to pay, you can come in or arrange a credit card on file which will allow the pro shop to charge it when you are playing on the course. Right now the restaurant is open with limited seating inside and out. Staff will be wearing masks. Scorecards and pencils are not presently available but it is planned to reinstitute them when it is deemed safe. Restrooms are open, please limit the numbers to 2 at a time. The club asks that we limit our groupings to less than 10 and respect social distancing with in the clubhouse and out on the course. The driving range is open, please just stay 6 ft. apart when practicing/warming up.

Pat Riddell, Rules Chairman, reviewed how we will determine putts during this time. Hole in one will be when the ball is in the cup (all cups have donuts to not allow them to go to the bottom, and flagstick always remain in). Chip In is when it's in the hole. If your ball is within 3 feet of the flagstick, measure it with a measuring device such as 3 ft string or tape measure, then pick it up and count 1 stroke (as a gimme) for that 3 ft. distance. All other distances greater than 3 ft. must be putted. Please don't congregate and keep your distance from each other. Bunkers have no rakes. Ball is played as it presents itself. No special rules apply. When you're in the bunker, sweep the sand with your foot or club to smooth it for the next player. Additionally, during this Covid-19 time there is a local rule whereby when the player's ball is behind the black/white striped 150 yd marker, the player has the option of removing the marker (placing on the ground while the shot is taken) or moving her ball one club length no nearer to the hole to avoid hitting the marker. All of these, and other local rules, can be found online here: <http://polecreekladiesgolf.com/resources/local-rules/>

Group voted "should the putt/chip-in pot occur during this unique time with the 3 ft. being an automatic one-putt". Votes tallied via roll call and it was 20 Yes/16 No. So we voted to continue the putt/chip in pot beginning with the May 28 play.

Janet Conneely, Handicap Chairman, presented the new Handicap rules as determined by the USGA. GHIN is refreshed every 24 hours so be sure to post your scores in a prompt manner. It is recommended that you use the GHIN app (or go to GHIN.com on your computer or use the computer in the pro shop) and enter your scoring, hole by hole. GHIN will then make all adjustments based on the course played and will adjust your scoring automatically. DO NOT ENTER THURSDAY LEAGUE SCORING...this is done via our tournament team using GolfGenius. Janet created a terrific explanation of all the handicap changes on our website: <http://polecreekladiesgolf.com/handicap-committee-updates/>. If you haven't reviewed this, please do. Any questions? Janet is always available to help.

Dar Klancke, Putt/Chip In Pot Chairman (with Nancy Cormack and Marie Johannes) reported on the changes to how this is handled this year. Anyone who wants to join will send \$14 check (or bring to Madelyne Stevens) prior to play on Thursday. One person in each group will keep putts/chip ins for the group. At the end of the round, gain agreement from each player and then one designee from the foursome will email those results to Dar Klancke (darklancke@gmail.com) preferably on Thursday and no later than Friday Noon. She will compile the results and report them to Susan Odneal (who sends out the winners announcement each week, post league play). Money won will be tallied and distributed at the Club Championship Luncheon in August. Your 'winning' will be announced in the weekly email and via our Publicity (handled by Maggy) to the newspapers.

Madelyne Stevens then brought forward to the group confusion last year on "Hole In One" pot. There was inconsistent agreement on how the proceeds should be distributed. The person who made the Hole in One must be part of the \$5 'pot' to be awarded the honor. A vote was held with the following options; Option A= It is 'insurance' whereby the League will buy drinks the day the Hole In One occurs to all who are present that day. Option B= It is up to the person who get the Hole in One to buy drinks (or do whatever they please with the proceeds). Vote for Option A reached 20 (with 5 for Option B) so Option A is the decision. If the person who makes the Hole In One is part of the \$5 pot, then the League will buy all who are in attendance (and part of the pot) a drink in the clubhouse, that day. ADDENDUM TO THE DISCUSSION: Should others who are part of the pot but cannot stay, they are asked to request to

the bartender to put their 'drink on the Ladies League', and assuming the bartender is in agreement, they get their free drink and the League will pay.

Lori reported that those who currently participate in the "\$2 club" whereby if you get a 2 on a par3, and are part of that group, it is up to each individual to determine if they want to participate right now or not (with the coronavirus issues regarding exchange of currency).

Gigi Dominguez, Invitational Chair, reported that the event is postponed until next season due to corona virus and this is a social event. That week, there will be a different game. Check out the 2020 tournament schedule online as it will be updated with new information. Also, King for the day will be replaced by another game. Tournament schedule is here: <http://polecreekladiesgolf.com/play-golf/2020-season/>

Pat Wischman & Mary Byrreum discussed the Solheim Cup . It is continuing as normal on July 9. We are presently tied 1 all USA – Europe! They are trying to keep teams the same as far as possible. If you sign up **please show up**, note it's close to 4th July. Sign up through golf genius as usual. Everyone who signs up will be able to play with a team affiliation even if they're not playing in the match play pairs. Players can be considered as an alternate in case there are late cancellations. We are not collecting \$2 from people this year, club providing prizes of \$5 to each member of the winning team instead. There's a 3 year limit for team captains, so Pat W & Mary B looking for a co-captain for this year to learn the ropes.

Stacy Hoffer & Deb Kohlwey, CGA liaison. Stacy reported that you can go to CGA website to watch playing tips & covid advice etc with videos. Deb announced that an app, mewe.com is a safe way to reach out to others (already in the group) to find out if they want to play elsewhere. She's formed a group called: grandladiesgolfaround on mewe.com. You can post messages there to find others who want to play different courses & or connect with reciprocal players / courses.

Sue Seemann, Match Play Chairman, reported on Match play. Brackets are now posted in locker room. Rules will be posted there, next to list and on our website: <http://polecreekladiesgolf.com/match-play-tournament-rules/> . The first round needs to be completed by June 26th. Thereafter, 4 weeks between each round. We have 22 people signed up for play this year!

Maggie Helm, Publicity Chairman, is continuing to work with newspaper to post our winners each week.

Norma Colosimo, Ringers Chairman reported that the Tournament chairs are working to figure out how we continue to do ringers through GolfGenius. It will be handled 'automatically' and will only be Thursday scores this year.

Jeanne Anne MacDonald, Birdies Chairman, reported that birdies will only "count" on Thursdays. If you get a birdie, circle that hole on scorecard & Jeanne Ann will double check to make sure none are missed. End of year luncheon is when birdie prizes will be given out. Additionally, we are hoping to continue the maintenance & crew luncheon this year. Stay tuned for more on this.

Helen Brown, Website Team (with Susan Odneal, Jennifer Croft) requested that if you see any changes / updates that are needed to any part of the website just send an email to Susan, Helen or Jennifer. We LOVE having more helpers with the site, so please let us know when you see something incorrect or don't understand the information! Do use the website to look up any information you need as a first place to turn to. Member photos as well as ROSTER with details of names, phone & email are listed

under member section. To get into the password protected area, use the password polecreek! (all lower case with an exclamation point). Note: GolfGenius is ONLY used for signing up for weekly play.

Thanks to all who participated and to those of you who couldn't, we hope this recap is helpful. If you see anything incorrect...or don't understand...just email Susan (susan.odneal@yahoo.com).