

Minutes of the Lincsters' General Meeting
June 21, 2017
Place: Ballroom at Orchard Creek

The meeting was called to order by Captain Sharon McMillan at 12:00 p.m. There were 51 members present.

A Motion was made to approve the Minutes of the General Meeting of 3/22/17 by Lois Gilbert and 2nd by Suzanne Lundberg. Minutes were so approved.

Captain: Sharon McMillan

- Welcome to all members attending.
- Introduced our newest Board member, Nancy Dodgion, as Sunshine Chair.
- Handed out "Team" pins to Nancy, Patty Alderete and Margie Jewett (who were absent at the last meeting).

Treasurer's Report:

- It was reported that our bank balance as of 6/20/17 is \$8,216.44. There was a profit from the Bring A Friend Tournament of \$210.82. (Mary D'Agostini was unable to attend the meeting today.)

Membership: Pat Shafer

- There are currently 140 members, with two new members introduced today: Judy Otis joined in April and Kathy McCuistan in June. Their Big Sisters were also introduced.

2018 Lincster Board Nominations:

- There are 18 Board nominations. A candidate must have been a member for at least one year, and the positions are for a one-year term. We are currently looking for candidates for Captain, Historian, Social (holiday luncheon), Go Away Ladies, and Tournament Chairs for the Bring A Friend Tournament and the Club Championship. The other Board members are going to remain for the 2018 year.
- We are also looking for co-chairs for several positions: Treasurer, Tournaments, Awards, Handicap, Website (someone with tech knowledge), Monday Mamas/GAL. In many of our positions, it is a benefit to have some backup people who can step up and help when needed.
- Any member who is interested in any of these Board positions, or co-chair positions, please contact the current chair of the position or Sharon McMillan, our Captain.

Tournament Chair: Judy Josse

- Bring A Friend Tournament was a success with a total of 98 participants.

- Judy handed our “Star” volunteer pins to the following members for their help on the tournament: Clareen Bolton, Marie Bossert, Kathy Lindner, Bev Johnson, Sue Pharis, Charlotte Raifaisen, Georgia Shipley, and Jane Steffes.
- Club Championship
 - Pat Dangerfield is the Chair and Sharon McMillan is co-Chair.
 - We are revamping the tournament this year. There will be several trophies: one gross and one net champion, and then each flight winners. We will also be giving cash prizes with the club donating \$10 per player for the prizes.
 - Each player must have played at least 7 playdays from January to July of this year to qualify. If you need information as to whether you have played enough games to qualify, contact Madelyn Merola.
 - Tournament will be held on two consecutive Wednesdays, August 16 and August 23. There will be flyers available before the end of the month.
- Breast Cancer Tournament
 - 10/25/17 is the date -- \$10,000 is the goal!
 - Everyone is encouraged to get donations – provide gift baskets, hole sponsors, donations. Contact people are Ingela Butters for cash donations, and Marnie Badgley for gift baskets.
 - Several fun things will be included: mulligans, sandies (using hand-wedge in the sand traps), “putting” strings (random lengths), and “Charity Fore Golf” where you can buy a chance on a Par 5 to have a ball shot from a “safe” air gun.
 - Jan Varin is the Chair for this event and she encouraged everyone to get out and look for donations from all sources – neighbors, businesses. Be creative.

GAL/MM: Barbara Gorden/Margie Jewett:

- Margie handed our “Star” volunteer pins to the following members for their help in planning a Monday playday: Marge Crisp, May Lyau, Georgia Shipley, Alyce Stanwood, Sue Pharis, Mary Sue Flannigan.

PWGA Representative: Nancy McDonald

- There are lots of tournaments and playdays available with PWGA, with one coming up soon at Haggin Oaks on August 14. There is a binder in the pro shop that has all of the information and/or flyers, as well as our website that has a PWGA link at the top where you can get directly into the PWGA site.

Handicap Chair: Linda Salmon

- Reminder to post scores and try to do it as soon as possible. Also a reminder when you post your score to post it as a 9-hole score. If you find that you have posted it as an 18-hole score or you made any other mistake, contact Linda and she can make the correction, hopefully before it will impact the handicap index.
- Some general information about handicaps and flights:

- If it's not a good "golf day" and you really don't want to post because it may adversely affect your handicap. A simplified explanation of the way handicaps are determined is they take the last 20 scores and then the best 10 of those, so one bad score doesn't always make that much of a difference.
 - Flight changes: The way flights are determined is the total number of flighted members (right now 140), then those are divided by 4 (the four flights) and then those are evened out as much as possible. If you are at the very top or the very bottom of a particular flight, you may be bumped up or down occasionally.
- A question from the floor regarding what the "NS" is on the sweeps. It means "no score" – possibly someone has withdrawn on their scorecard for some reason.

“Inactive” Members Policy: Sharon McMillan

- Sharon explained the new policy recently approved by the Board. “Your Board of Directors has established an ‘inactive’ status for players who have not played with the club for six consecutive months. They will be placed as a ‘NF’ – non-flighted member. This will be effective with the July 1, 2017 handicap and should result in some flight changes for active members.” Please see the attached letter to the Lincsters for a full explanation. Because all members are flighted, when a member consistently doesn't play in a Lincster playday, it can distort the flight for active members.
- If the “non-flighted” member wants to play, contact Linda Salmon (Handicap Chair) and the member will then be returned to a flighted status on the 1st of the following month. When the member does return to flighted status, she will be most likely returned to the same flight as before based on the index at the time she left.
- There was a great deal of discussion from the floor on this issue with sincere concern expressed. As a result, it was decided that a change in the wording of the policy will be made. Rather than “inactive,” it will be considered “Non-Flighted” status. Sharon will return to the Board to make the change, which will be distributed when approved.

Website: Sharon Grimes

- As noted earlier in the meeting, it is a good idea to have someone to assist in learning the system so there will be backup. I've Laskey will continue to work with Sharon, but it would be great to have someone else available. Sharon encouraged anyone with tech background who might be interested to contact her.

Awards: Jane Steffes and Madelyn Merola

- Madelyn also encouraged members to volunteer to learn and help cover the position should the need arise. She acknowledged Ruth Pennington, Kay Howard, and Bev Johnson for their recent help and support.

Historian: Joyce Kozuki

- Joyce was unable to attend today, but she wanted everyone to know that there is a new bulletin board up by the Pro Shop bathroom area and to check it out!

Sunshine: Nancy Dodgion

- Judy Naragon has a team shirt, size L, which she would like to give to a member. If you are interested, contact Bev Johnson. (Madelyn indicated she would like the shirt, so maybe we have a fit here already!)
- Update on Marilyn Smith that she is doing well.

Team Shirts: Linda Salmon

- Linda and Phyllis Patrick gave an update on the new team shirts. Jason in the pro shop says that the ship date is still set for July 1.
 - An e-mail will be sent to members showing where and when to pick up the order.
 - If you are away or otherwise unavailable, try to get a friend to come and pick up for you.
 - If you have kept your order sheet, bring that along also.
 - Looking at probably around July 15 or so.
- Handed out “Star” volunteer pins to the following for their help: Cheryl Brindley, Sara Cannon, Mary D’Agostini, Nancy McDonald, Darlynn Giorgi, Sharon McMillan, Alyce Stanwood, and Shirley Varner.

Raffle

- Some great prizes were handed out to lucky attendees!

Open Discussion

- Nothing raised at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Secretary

Attachment

FINAL

Lincsters,

As most of you know we describe the Lincsters as a "social" golf club and your Board of Directors is constantly trying to improve the golf experience for our members.

We have recently noticed several members have not played with the club for several months. Although members are not required to maintain any minimum playing requirements, this inactivity has created a disproportional distribution of sweeps monies and missed opportunities for active players to improve their flight status

Because all of our members are "FLIGHTED", when a member consistently doesn't play with the club, it can distort the flight experience of the active members. Two examples:

1. If there are 15 "B" Flight players and 5 of them are not active, it makes it difficult for a "C" Player to move up to the "B" flight because there are only 10 active spaces.
2. If there are only 10 active "B" Flight players their sweeps awards are only \$30 per play day vs sweeps of \$45 if all 15 players played. (This is just an example – don't beat yourself up if you are an active player but don't play every week.)

Your Board of Directors has established an "Inactive" status for players who have not played with the club for six consecutive months. This will be effective with the July 1st 2017 Handicaps and should result in some flight changes for active members. We believe this will enhance our active membership sweeps experience.

This is not a membership issue. We want to keep all members who wish to be a part of our club. Being "Inactive" does not negate any member from participating in regular play dates, Monday Mama's, Go Away Lincsters, social activities and most tournaments. It will not affect any PWGA membership, handicap index or posting of scores. Inactive members are simply not eligible for Sweeps Awards or participation in any Lincster flighted tournament.

We have player statistics in our records to determine membership inactivity. However, if an inactive member wants to start playing with the club again they need to contact our Handicap Chair, Linda Salmon to be "flighted" with our active membership. That change will become effective on the 1st day of the following month when our handicaps and flights are updated. As soon as the member is flighted they are eligible for Sweeps Awards and Lincster's flighted tournaments.

If you have any questions, please contact our Captain, Sharon McMillan @ rvmates@yahoo.com or our Handicap Chair, Linda Salmon @ ljsalmon49@gmail.com.