



**Southern District Women's Golf Association  
Spring Board Meeting – May 11, 2021  
Oro Valley Country Club**

President- Jo Helms called the meeting to order at 12:40.

**Parliamentarian Report** – Jan Rintala

Jan called the Roll Call of Club Representatives and reported that a quorum was established for this meeting.

**Secretary's Report** – Terri Burchett

Terri stated that a copy of the minutes of the last Board meeting, November 19, 2019, is on each table and was also on the SDWGA website. She called for a motion to approve. J.C. Thobe moved we accept the minutes as written and Louise Lakatos seconded that motion. The motion was passed by all representatives in attendance.

**President's Report** – Jo Helms

Jo Helms highlighted what the Executive Committee has been doing during the pandemic while golf tournaments could not be played. She stated that we have been making needed changes on the By-Laws, Standing Rules, Duties of the Southern District Club Representative and Guidelines for the Telegraph and La Conquistadora del Sud (The "Del Sud") club tournaments. Improvements were made in the readability and redundancy of these documents, combining the Del Sud and Telegraph Tournament guidelines into one document, and also making necessary changes due to implementation of the World Handicap System. These documents are now located on the SDWGA website.

Related to this, Jo thanked the outgoing Vice President, Sheila Baize, for all her work planning and revising the tournament schedules as the situation demanded during the COVID crisis and coordinating with the golf courses. She also thanked outgoing Secretary, Terri Burchett, for her assistance in communicating and requesting a vote on all the above document changes to club representatives as well as in keeping her data base of club officer changes. It was a year and a half of virtual meetings, which also had its challenges in recording minutes.

Jo gave a big thanks to our Website Administrator, Francine Walker, who had to rebuild our website platform in the past 6 months.

Finally, Jo thanked the Sandra Huffman and the Rules crew who kept things moving and a big thanks to Alberta Teale who joined us mid-term and immediately took over tournaments like a pro, using her past-experience and Golf Genius to help.

Later in the meeting, Jo reported that, as President of SDWGA, she has been elected to be on the AWGA Board and noted many of the activities AWGA is supporting such as Build-A-Team. There are two vacancies on the Board so if you're interested in fundraising, have strong organizational skills, and interested in promoting women and golf, contact Jo. She also explained the difference between the AWGA's initiatives versus the AGA and encouraged all WGA's to revise their By-Laws and Standing Rules so they reflect "AGA", not "AWGA", due to the merging of the two organizations.

**Treasurers Report** – Lexie Kupers

Lexie introduced herself to the group since she was elected during our COVID shutdown. She stated that we really have not had any expenses in the past years and a half until this tournament. She

reviewed the proposed 2021 Budget and noted some of the highlights, like \$1000 tournament fee (\$5 per person) subsidy for the 2 tournaments this year as well as taking money from our reserves for our expenses this year.

### **Vice-President's Report – Sheila Baize**

Sheila provided laminated copies of the next year's schedule of tournaments for them to take back and discuss and post with their clubs. She noted that our next tournament is the Fall Partners at San Ignacio on November 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Committee Reports**

Nominating Committee – Jo Helms for Carol Clifford, Chair

Carol Clifford could not be here today so Jo reported for her and thanked her and her committee for their work on presenting candidates for Vice-President and Secretary. Club representatives previously were sent brief biographies for both candidates. She asked if there were any submissions from the floor for each position. There being none, Jo asked for a vote for Vice-President, Denise Waddell. Di Varnell, moved and Deanna Kennedy seconded the nomination of Denise to the Vice-President position. All approved this nomination. Jo then asked for a vote for Secretary, Toni Graves. Colleen Reeve motioned that we accept Toni's nomination as Secretary and Judy Ellyson seconded this motion. All approved this nomination. Both candidates could not make it to the meeting today. Denise is off to Oregon and Toni was on the waiting list for the tournament but did not get in.

### **New Business**

- Jo congratulated Lisa O'Donnell for her hole-in-one on hole #13 and, also Velma Whittier for her hole-in-one on the same hole! The group also thanked Lisa for supplying drinks to the entire group.
- Related to above, Julie Walters proposed that we have a fund for a hole-in-one as we have not done this in the past. **The Executive Committee will be meeting this summer and will make proposals on how we might fund this.**
- Mary Ellen Case also recommended that we look at how we might have a Member-at-Large membership for those that want to play in District tournaments when their clubs are not members. **The Executive Committee will also be working on this issue this summer and will bring some information back to the club representatives. It was noted that WWGL does have a payment route to join Southern District through their league without having to also join their WGA.**

### **Open Discussion from Representatives**

- Pueblo del Sol announced that the Hummingbird Tournament will be taking place again on June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> and flyers were provided for those interested.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 for the presentation of awards and tournament winners.

Respectfully,

Terri Burchett, Secretary