

Ladies of the Evening (LOTE)

Secretary's Report – Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: August 29, 2023

Officers: Bev Patton, President
Johanna Large, Vice President
Donna Schad, Treasurer
Diana Vissering, Secretary (*This report submitted by Joanna Dill.*)

Meeting was called to order by President, Bev Patton. Matt Schuerman, PGA Pro, and General Manager, Rick Robbins were present. Bev thanked both for their promotion of LOTE throughout the year and their assistance with events and dinners.

Resignation: Bev read a resignation letter from Secretary, Diana Vissering. Due to redefined work responsibilities and extended family illness, Diana will not be moving up in position during 2024 as an officer. Bev thanked Diana for her service to the group.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Dyni Weber not to read the minutes from May 2023 and to accept them as written. The motion was seconded by Beth Flynn. Minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Donna Schad presented this report.

Balance as of April 30, 2023	= \$1,270.03
Income for 2023	= \$5,077.03 (<i>includes dues for 70 members for 2023</i>)
Balance as of August 29, 2023	= \$1,013.41 (<i>some bills still outstanding for Aug. 29 event and we have the Christmas Party to pay for yet in 2023</i>)

Teresa Steach made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Beth Sennett seconded the motion. Report was accepted.

New Business Discussions:

- **Bylaws:**
 - A group was formed to review any suggestions to by-laws, including Bev Patton, Johanna Large, and Jane Bagnell.
- **Alternate Tee Locations:**
 - A motion was made by Kathy Koth that members in the league, age 75 or older, may tee off on the other side of the creek on holes 7, 12, and 16 for next year. The motion was seconded by Donna Schad and passed by the membership. Also, there will be no designated tee blocks.
- **Dues:**
 - Bev led a discussion about the cost of events this year and how tight the budget was prior to the Christmas Party. Pat Ring made a motion to increase dues from \$15 to \$20 for 2024. The motion was seconded by Joanna Dill and passed by the membership.

- Budget for Events:
 - A discussion was held on whether to reduce the budget for events from \$350 to \$300 for 2024. The membership did not want to reduce the budget. The Treasurer will show a budget for 2024 of \$350 for each event.
- Christmas Party 2023:
 - Volunteers to plan this year's Christmas party, Dec. 5, are Terry Vance, Katie Gubitza, Jane Breakville, and Julie Homan. A motion was made by Pat Ring, and seconded by Cindy Gillis, to reduce the 2023 budget for the Christmas Party to \$300 since funds are tight this year. Motion was passed.
- Golf Ball Give-Aways:
 - A discussion was held whether we would again give out golf balls each week as prizes in 2024. Matt Schuerman and Rick Robbins also participated in this conversation due to the increasing cost of golf balls. Part of the discussion centered around removing the LOTE logo from the balls to save money. The discussion ended with a decision to use up the balls we currently have on hand and to revisit with Matt and Rick prior to our first meeting in May 2024. The topic would then be a discussion topic for a membership vote in May.
- Election of Officers:
 - Traditionally, officers move up in position each year. Following that precedent, Johanna Large will move from Vice President to President for 2024. Donna Schad does not want to move up to Vice President, and was nominated by Cindy Gillis to remain as Treasurer. Diana Vissering resigned as Secretary, so there is no one to matriculate to the Vice President role. Donna Schad nominated Joanna Dill for the role of Secretary in 2024.
 - Discussion was held to follow the set-up of the 18-hole women's league and eliminate the Vice President role.
 - The motion placed to the membership was to accept the officer slate for 2024 as Johanna Large, President, Donna Schad, Treasurer, and Joanna Dill, Secretary. Motion made by Pat Ring, seconded by Cindy Gillis. Motion passed and officers were elected.

Matt led a discussion on how to recruit more women to play in club events and tournaments. This discussion moved into the calculation of handicaps and matching players for events. Matt updated the group that the club was investigating "live scoring" and possibly the purchase of Golf Genius. This could be used for leagues, as well as club outings. It would include online sign-up (like Google Forms). There will be additional discussion on these topics in May when the league kicks-off for 2024.

Old Business Discussion:

- Jane Bagnell hosted the Interclub 9-hole event at El Paso on July 25. The El Paso team tied for first place with Crestwicke Country Club. Jane presented a plaque to El Paso for display.

Nancy Wilsey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dyni Weber seconded the motion. Bev Patton, President, adjourned the meeting.