

Mason Dixon District Women's Golf Association

Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2017

Opening

The regular meeting of the Mason Dixon District Women's Golf Association was called to order at 10:00am on September 20, 2017 at Holly Hills Country club by President, Nancy Franus.

Present

Nancy Franus: President

Becky Chapman: Treasurer

Bev Corrigan: Secretary

Liz Giese: Tabulator

Representatives:

Kathy Murphy: Loudoun

Judy Zuckerman: Winchester

Arlene Ruckle: The Woods

Anita Buchanan: Chambersburg

JoAnn Krupa: Shenandoah

Deb McClintock: Cress Creek

Absent

Kathy Borowski: Tabulator

Sue Kemnitzer: Play Day/Rules/Membership Chair

Visiting Member:

Donna Lopes

2018 Tentative Schedule

- Wednesday - May 9, 2018: Cress Creek: ABC Team event set by Pro shop. 2 best balls of the threesome.
- Wednesday - May 23, 2018: The Woods: Individual flighted stroke play tournament.
- Friday - June 8, 2018: Chambersburg: ABC - Red, White and Blue event. Each player will be assigned a color coordinated to the flag on each hole that determines whose score is the team score for that hole. The team will be determined by the Pro shop.

- Tuesday - June 26, 2018: Shenandoah: ABC players put together so members can meet and play with participants they don't usually get to meet. Tournament will be individual flighted stroke play.
- Thursday - July 12, 2018: Holly Hills: Pick your own threesome. 2 best ball event.
- Tuesday - August 7, 2018: Loudoun: Individual flighted stroke play tournament.
- Tuesday - August 21, 2018: Winchester: Individual flighted stroke play tournament. Trophy will be presented.

NOTE: events are to be posted as non-tournament scores; tournaments are posted as tournament scores – (this year we have 4 tournaments).

Open Issues

- 1) Once again, this year we had low participation at certain events due to other event conflicts. Reps were asked by Nancy to look at schedules for those State, Local, Club, etc. events that your gals play in and provide any issues to Nancy so that dates can be changed NLT Feb 2018 (i.e. action item).
- 2) Long lines continue to be a problem in the Pro shops for participants spending their winnings. It was requested by Nancy that Reps talk to their individual Pros about having a table set up with available (and popular) items ready for purchase, so winners can simply exchange certificate for an item (items) of said value once the payouts are agreed upon. Also, Pros should be prepared and have items on hand that would be of interest for women. If participants don't like what's on the table they may still shop in the Pro shop. Let Nancy know what your Pro says NLT Feb 2018 (i.e. action item) so we can work on a final approach.
- 3) As we continue to address the issue of slow play, it was requested by Nancy that the Reps for each club, again talk to their Pro and have him monitor the progress of play and assess penalties that the Committee determines. Penalties for slow play are TBD based on review of USGA rule 6-7 and the MSGA format and inputs received by Nancy from the board NLT Feb 2018 (i.e. action item). It was requested by Nancy that slow players be identified by the Reps to Nancy so that she can distribute to all Reps to avoid these players being in the same threesome (i.e. action item). This would make play move a bit faster. Below is the redacted USGA RULE ON STROKE PLAY FOR INFO PURPOSES:

“6-7. Undue Delay; Slow Play - The player must play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines that the Committee (in this case it is the MDD) may establish. Between completion of a hole and

playing from the next teeing ground, the player must not unduly delay play. Penalty for Breach of Rule 6-7 - Stroke play - Two strokes. For subsequent offense - Disqualification. Note 1: If the player unduly delays play between holes, he is delaying the play of the next hole the penalty applies to that hole. Note 2: For the purpose of preventing slow play, the Committee may, in the conditions of a competition, establish pace of play guidelines including maximum periods of time allowed to complete a stipulated round, a hole or a stroke. In stroke play, the Committee may, in such a condition, modify the penalty for a breach of this Rule as follows: First offense - One stroke; Second offense - Two strokes; For subsequent offense - Disqualification."

All Reps should talk to their Pro and give Nancy some input so we can work on our own guidelines (i.e. action item) NLT than Feb 2018. NF – below is what the MSGA uses. I think it is a little over the top having been timed before and hearing all the complaints from players who felt rushed but it is something to help us come up with our own that speeds up play but does not destroy the fun part of the day:

“2017 PACE OF PLAY POLICY

Rule 6-7 states, in part: “The player must play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines that the Committee may establish. Between completion of a hole and playing from the next teeing ground, the player must not unduly delay play.” The Committee has established the following guidelines as a condition under which all MSGA-WD competitions are to be played.

Definition of “Out of Position” – The first group to start will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, the group is behind the prescribed schedule as detailed on the score card for that round in stroke play, or behind the time prescribed here for match play: the time limit for each four-ball match will be 17 minutes to play par 5’s, 15 minutes for par 4’s, and 13 minutes for par 3’s, and for each singles match will be 14 minutes to play par 5’s, 12 minutes for par 4’s, and 10 minutes for par 3’s. In both match and stroke play, any following group will be considered out of position if it completes play of a hole (replaces the flagstick) later than the maximum allowable time **and:** a) reaches a par-3 hole and the preceding group have played their strokes from the teeing ground of the next hole; b) reaches a par-4 or par-5 hole which is not clear of all play but which becomes

clear of all play before all players in the group have played all of their strokes from the teeing ground; or c) reaches a par-4 or par-5 hole which is clear of all play.

Notification – If a group is out of position, the players in that group may be monitored and timed for failing to comply with this pace of play guideline. **A member of the Committee will notify a group if it is to be monitored and timed.** This notification will be made after all players have left the putting green and before any player plays from the next teeing ground.

Timing and Penalties – **When a group is being monitored and timed, each player in the group is expected to play any stroke within 40 seconds after timing of the player’s stroke begins.** Other than on the putting green, the timing of the player’s stroke will begin when she has had a reasonable opportunity to reach her ball, it is her turn to play and she can play without interference or distraction. Time spent determining yardage will count as time taken for the next stroke. On the putting green, timing will begin after a player has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to mark, lift, clean and replace her ball, repair ball marks on her line of putt and remove loose impediments on her line of putt. Time spent looking at the line of putt from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as time taken for the next stroke.

Note: The Committee reserves the right, at any time, to time a group when the Committee deems it necessary. Players should also be aware that the Committee may assess a “bad time” to a player in a group which is out of position if the player makes no effort to help her group get back in position. An example of this would be a player who unduly delays play between shots.

The following are the penalties for any player in a group being timed who takes more than the allotted time to play a stroke after timing of the player’s stroke begins:

Stroke Play: 1st offense – one stroke; 2nd offense – two strokes; subsequent offense – disqualification (applicable to the side in four-ball stroke play).

If a group that has been timed regains its proper position, any previous offenses will be carried over for the remainder of the round in the event that the group requires additional timing.

If a ruling or some other legitimate delay occurs and causes a group to lose its position, that group is expected to regain its position within a reasonable time."

New Business

- 1) We lost Fountain Head as a participating venue.
- 2) We will do away with the 'before play' rule presented by the Pro. We will continue with the u-tube rules provided by Nancy (who will confer with Sue K. for relevant ones to provide) that will be sent to the representatives for distribution. (It could also be posted on the Facebook page – We would also like to find someone (volunteer?) to work with Kelli on logistics and how gals access Facebook page, etc. (meeting – who needs to be there)? It was also suggested that we show u-tubes at events – Reps please let Nancy know if you have the ability to show during lunch NLT Feb 2018.
- 3) It was debated as to whether to post the by-laws/handbook/results on the Facebook page (this falls under #2 that talks to a meeting with Kelli to see what can be posted easily to have another avenue for members to see, and perhaps encourage reading, these documents. It was decided, however, not to post any kind of roster that would include names, addresses or phone numbers and to limit access to the page to members only. For now, only pictures of interest will be posted.
- 4) If we don't have a season finale, post season individual certificates will be either sent to Reps to hand out or passed out at season ending meeting following agreement of those present. **We forgot to set a date and location for the 2018 meeting.** Deb noted that we no longer have snowbirds so the meeting could be pushed out into October. Check your calendar and send Nancy some dates (and anyone who wants to host) that work for you so we can get on our calendars by October 15, 2017.
- 5) JoAnn has agreed to pursue the possibility of Rock Harbor becoming a member of our league. It was suggested they may want to take a date in July. JoAnn will follow up with Nancy as to her findings. Following our By-Laws, we should send

- some board members to play the course if needed (many have played it already and there were no negative comments at the meeting).
- 6) Reps should talk to their clubs about offering a lower than usual rate for MDD participants wishing to play within 2 weeks prior to the designated club's event for a practice round. This round would be played during the week (not on the weekend). Reps please let everyone know what you find out.
 - 7) Nancy Franus will be the Rep for Holly Hills as no one else is interested in the position (By-Laws permit with an approval from those present that was received).
 - 8) JoAnn will check with Blue Ridge Shadows to see if they are interested in hosting a Season Finale in September 2018 and get back to the board. The agenda held the requirements for such an event. <http://www.blueridgeshadows.com/>. If anyone wants to go play there this season, let JoAnn know.
 - 9) Bev will work up a draft one pager for the Reps of all the changes and send to Nancy for final review.
 - 10) Nancy will contact Beaver Creek and Waynesboro to see if she can interest them in the MDD or a Season Finale; Fountain Head most likely will volunteer to do the Season Finale in 2019.
 - 11) Becky will check with Stoneleigh to see if they want to join the MDD - - if gals want to go play this year contact Becky.
 - 12) Becky provided a written Treasury Report to those present that shows after payout we will have \$678.00 in the HIO escrow, \$626.17 in the Discretionary fund and \$68.00 in the carry over account (attached).

Proposals:

- 1) A motion was made by JoAnn to have a separate score card that would only reflect the end score for players. This score card would be signed by each participant and turned into the Pro. The official score card (with all scoring for the round) would be turned into the tabulators for record keeping purposes. If there are ties, the tabulator will provide the needed cards to the Pro for that purpose only. The motion was seconded by Liz and carried by a majority vote. (The board will brainstorm

via emails to determine an appropriate and easy way to accomplish this NLT Feb 2018. Once determined will be added to checklist).

- 2) A motion was made by Nancy to have a table set up with available prizes for winners to choose from to make spending winnings easier and eliminate long lines. With a second by Arlene, the motion carried with a majority show of hands (see open issues #2 above – if we can get agreement from Pros will be added to checklist).

- 3) A motion was made by JoAnn to eliminate breakfast and start tee times at 8:30am (instead of 9:00am). With a second by Deb, the motion carried with a majority vote. **(nf – I assume that Reps will still provide snacks and drinks at the turn – I believe this is a must???) (please advise by return to Nancy).**

- 4) A motion was made by JoAnn to have a different person drawn for each team needing a blind draw, rather than one person being the blind draw for all teams to eliminate one-person stockpiling points. With a second by Becky, the motion carried with a majority vote.

- 5) JoAnn made a motion to raise the entry fee from \$55.00 to \$60.00 per event to cover the rising cost of food and cart fees. With a second by Judy, the motion carried with a majority vote (will be added to checklist).

- 6) Items from the Agenda that were not carried were as follows: Continue the Stableford format, have Skins, and inviting players from non-member golf clubs to join to increase our numbers.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm by President, Nancy Franus.

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Corrigan
Secretary

List of Changes and narrative to be determined once above is finalized in the Spring

- 1) Nancy Franus will be the Rep for Holly Hills
- 2) Each team needing a blind draw will get a separate draw rather than all teams using the same player

- 3) Entry fee will change to \$60 per event
- 4) Tee off at 8:30 am and NO breakfast will be served.
- 5) No Pro rule before play.
- 6) Give the Pro a scorecard reflecting only the total score. No 'per hole' scores.
- 7) Have the Pro set up a table with appropriate prizes for winners to purchase with winnings.