

MDD MEETING MINUTES - 10/26/15

Present:

Nancy Franus
Sue Kemnitzer
Liz Giese
Becky Chapman
Debbie Bosdosh
Kathy Murphy
Arlene Runkle
Judy Zuckerman
Anita Buchanan
Linda Shaffer for Deb McClintock

Absent:

Kathy Borowski
Brenda Turner/Joan Krupa
Vickie Clark
Deb McClintock
Tracy Fuller/Pat Craven

The meeting started at 9:30 AM with a hearty thank you to Sue for opening her house for the meeting. Wonderful fires in the numerous fireplaces throughout lent to the already wonderful atmosphere for the meeting venue! Introductions were made as well as changes for 2016 with Arlene moving into Lynn's role and Debbie Bosdosh being added as Secretary.

The first order of business was to set the schedule for 2016 to support having all events before the end of September. All agreed that Fun Day at Waynesboro was a great idea which would include inviting the gals from Waynesboro to play with us (the format should be a 4 lady). To attract new players from Clubs we agreed that we should open the field to "NON-MEMBERS" (*one time only*) that would pay the same fee to play. **(nf – ACTION ITEM FOR COMMITTEE - I assume they can win daily prizes?; send me your thoughts on this as we didn't discuss)**

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| CRESS CREEK | WEDNESDAY – MAY 4 RAINDATE – MAY 11 | ABCD, FORMAT TBD | NON MEMBERS PERMITTED |
| THE WOODS | WEDNESDAY – MAY 25 | FLIGHTED INDIVIDUAL | YES |
| CHAMBERSBURG | FRIDAY – JUNE 10 | FLIGHTED INDIVIDUAL - STABLEFORD | YES |
| SHENANDOAH | WEDNESDAY – JUNE 22 | FLIGHTED INDIVIDUAL | YES |
| HOLLY HILLS | THURSDAY – JULY 7 | 3 LADY BEST BALL – FORMAT TBD | YES |
| FOUNTAIN HEAD | THURSDAY – JULY 21 | 2 LADY BEST BALL – GROSS AND NET | PICK YOUR OWN PARTNER - YES |
| LOUDOUN | TUESDAY – AUGUST 9 | 2 LADY BEST BALL – GROSS AND NET | PICK YOUR OWN PARTNER - YES |
| WINCHESTER | TUESDAY – AUGUST 23 | FLIGHTED INDIVIDUAL | YES |
| WAYNESBORO | THURSDAY – SEPTEMBER 15 | FUN DAY – 4 LADY FORMAT TBD | YES |

The format for fun day was discussed. Nancy liked the format at The Woods in 2015; all agreed it would work but needed to have the format better defined and assigned to holes. Everyone also liked the Color format we did at Loudoun in 2014. Becky said she still had all the stuff needed for the holes, etc. and would provide if we agreed to do at Waynesboro. ***(nf – ACTION ITEM FOR COMMITTEE - whatever is easiest is the way to go as we as the MDD Committee (that's us!) will have to set up at Waynesboro...any other suggestions welcome).***

nf - Brenda and Tracy are good with the dates we set aside for their event; and it has been confirmed with Holly Hills. I sent an e-mail to Rob Bostic alerting him that we selected 9/15 for the Fun Day event to be held at Waynesboro, and he confirmed date is set on his calendar.

Nancy asked that everyone review State and other outside golfing events to ensure that the MDD schedule does not have any major conflicts that would affect participation and get back to her at the earliest after the meeting. Some were immediately discussed that led to changes to the dates above. She asked that the District Reps work with their respective Club Pro/Ladies 18 Hole Chair to ensure there are no conflicts with major Club events to avoid the low participation that occurred at several MDD events in 2015.

Discussion as to other Clubs to invite to join the MDD followed. Nancy is having no luck contacting the gals from Hollow Creek but said she'd try others who played under that umbrella (*nf – sent an e-mail to Kitty Hyssong who responded that she will take action as the gals would love to return to MDD*) as well as contacting Musket Ridge. Becky is contacting Creighton Farms. Debbie said her husband can follow up if needed and Becky should let her know.

Becky gave the Treasury report, and indicated that the Discretionary Fund was low. Nancy instructed her to move 300.00 from the HIO escrow, which was approved by all earlier. Becky indicated that Wells Fargo converted our account to business and is charging us a monthly fee of \$ 14.00. Becky is going to the bank to discuss in person as e-mails have failed to get this rectified back to a Non-Profit and the fees returned to our account. We may need to close the account and move to another bank; awaiting a report from Becky. Becky also indicated that there are many outstanding certificates. She will send list to the District Reps not in attendance. It was recommended to change the "use by" date to 30 November and all agreed. ***nf - ACTION ITEM FOR COMMITTEE need input to the following – "If certificates are not received by 15 February of the following year (to allow for Clubs being closed in January) they will not be honored."***

The floor was then open for discussion as to complaints, suggestions, changes, etc.; Nancy indicated that she received input from those who were unable to attend and voiced on their behalf during this discussion period:

1. Brenda recommended playing in threesomes to speed up play. Nancy said that HH's would have a three lady event; and others agreed that if the field warrants they would recommend to the Pro but not to make standard procedure for each individual event.
2. Kathy/Liz/Nancy – It is obvious that some players are not posting their scores as they are staying in the same flight all year while playing below their handicap. After a long discussion it was agreed that District Reps will be advised to check the posting of certain players by the tabulation committee and are to take appropriate action at their club to ensure that they are POSTing all their scores and if not to rectify going forward (which includes MDD events). (*nf – I will draft words for the By-Laws/Handbook for approval*) Nancy suggested that the District Reps collect cards from their players and do the posting; in any event there should be a process that each player knows at their member-club to ensure that posting is accomplished.
3. Debbie indicated that we should take strides to shorten the day to attract new players. In discussion the following was agreed:

- a. We need to be on the tee box at 9....change entry form to stipulate that everyone needs to be in their cart by 8:45!
- b. District Reps are to work with those players who are habitually late. By Laws/Handbook will address lateness and possible disqualification for individual events; and joining team events on the appropriate tee upon arrival! In other words, we will no longer wait for players to arrive!
- c. Work with Proshop to ensure that they have adequate staff to check out winners! If possible have a table with balls, gloves, ball markers, etc. for easy check out!
- d. Have lunch “go boxes” available for those who must leave and announce before play!
- e. Don’t double up on tees when the field is not full.....This slows down play!

4. Lunch – Nancy indicated that she received lots of complaints about lunch fare; no one should take it personally as we all work hard to present the best we can; nevertheless changes are needed to eliminate the continual call for allowing for “no lunch” option (reduced entry fee). Discussion followed with many suggestions discussed. Ultimately the following was adopted to support improvement:

- a. Look at Breakfast and reduce down accordingly if history shows some stuff is not eaten and transfer funds to Lunch (if you can bring breakfast that helps)
- b. Don’t have one selection – not everyone likes hot fare, not everyone likes cold fare, not everyone likes ethnic fare; Buffets are best that offer a selection (hot and cold)
- c. If it must be plated, make sure it is a variety (hot and cold); or offer more than one selection (pick before tee off)
- d. We need to ensure that we cover food allergies on our flyer going forward so that a selection (or separate plate) is available for these players (gluten, lactose, etc.)

5. Nancy/Debbie – Suggested giving everyone a point or a portion of a point for participating (would not count for team trophy). After discussion, it was agreed not to implement.

6. Sue recommended that we have the changes to the 2016 USGA Rulebook be summarized by Keith at the Cress Creek opening event. *nf – I will also put these in the 2016 handbook.*

7. Arlene asked that we consider upping the handicap limit to 30. **ACTION ITEM FOR COMMITTEE - Nancy indicated that the District Reps should canvas their players to see how many this would add to the roster and then we could vote on it.** Nancy indicated that we NEED to get the lower handicappers to join and asked District Reps to work on that as well.

8. Nancy asked that the District Reps talk to the Proshop to make sure that Women’s clothing, etc. is available on the day of their event (they can schedule shipments accordingly). Several Proshops were deficient this past year; not everyone wants to buy balls.

Nancy pointed out that 2017 will be the 30th anniversary of the MDD – ***nf – ACTION ITEM FOR COMMITTEEwell Nancy having used government fiscal calendar years for 30 odd years goofed!...THIS YEAR IS OUR 30TH SEASON!!! WHAT DO WE WANT TO DO TO CELEBRATE??***

Date was set for 2016 Fall Meeting – September 26th at Sue’s house at 9:30AM – Please get on your calendar so ensure participation for the duration of the meeting.

Judy brought the trophy that was accidentally broken at HH’s for inspection and the repair was approved by Nancy as adequate.

Meeting adjourned at Noon...Submitted by Debbie Bosdosh/add-on’s and *additional comments/action items in italic by Nancy Franus*