

WWPLGA/WWSGA

Joint meeting
11/16/11
10:00am
West Bend CC

Attendance:

Judy Liethen
Patti Ohme
Chris Schellinger
Syd Wells

Barb Hussin
Joy Kegler
Elaine Koepke
Sandy Nass

OPENING DISCUSSION

Joy discussed the club participation of both groups and noted that there are 20 of 28 WWPLGA club memberships that pay to both groups and 10 of 15 individuals that do the same.

Discussion followed regarding collecting dues. WWSGA statements are mailed out in March (425). The printing and postage expense increases each year. If we stayed with club memberships many could be sent to a "contact person" electronically. If sent electronically, clubs should pay by check, as there is additional charge for a credit transaction.

Aimee Linneman had suggested that possibly if WWPLGA dissolves, they could get out of Blue Golf. Review of the contract however states that there is a 50% termination fee of the remaining term of the contract.

Moving to more than 10 tournaments for the new group will be an additional cost, but not that much.

It was agreed that the timeline for developing a new organization would be to continue as is for next year and then merge as of February 2013 after Blue Golf contract is terminated.

What are our options for the future: do nothing and stay the same, dissolve and let WWSGA take over, or make some changes and merge. All agreed third option was the best.

DISCUSSION OF VISION DOCUMENT

- Agreed on the need to keep WWSGA name because of the 501.c3 tax-free status. This allows grants such as the USGA intern funding which is greatly needed for tournaments. It can also allow for other projects. Perhaps putting "new" in front of the name would be appropriate for several years?
- Agreed we need to keep the club dues.
- Combining funds--The easiest way is to just incorporate monies from both groups into new organization.
- Websites--Blue Golf could maybe design a new website or we could design a new web site ourselves and incorporate our 2 existing sites into it.
- Governing body--
WWSGA used to have delegates from around the state, but interest diminished and it was eliminated. Now use Board only by including members at large. Meets spring and fall and more often whenever issues arise.
WWPLGA use delegates as part of governance structure with voting rights. It provides for a source of new leadership. The two meetings are also a place for delegates to get information, though the Board conducts most business.
- How would we operate different? Instead of delegates have a "contact person" for each club, incorporate a publicity committee, offer some clinics, have a "kickoff golf/meeting" event in spring instead of a banquet, offer a scramble type event to bring in more members.

Syd--One of our shortcomings is that we don't have enough contact with our members. She suggested that we could give an avenue to players to voice opinions at one or more of the multi day events held during the season so that communication could be voiced from those who had concerns.

Patti--After the spring Executive Board Meeting, WWSGA used to have a meeting for everyone to voice concerns, but again interest diminished and it was eliminated.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Officers—both groups have multiple years for President/Vice President, etc. with option to do multiple terms.

Tournaments— WWPLGA has a chair for a specific tournament and WWSGA Board people take on one or multiple tournaments. Example: Jan Bruss runs Senior/Super Senior. In a new group she would be a part of Board. If people want to do more than one tournament, it would be welcomed! Too large a Board can be unwieldy though. WWSGA has two people for each tournament. It was suggested WWPLGA tournament chairs could transition in as members at large on the Board since they would still be in charge of a tournament.

Publicity-- It is important to have a publicity committee and recruit the HS girls, etc. and publicize the women's association. A DVD could be developed and put on web site and distributed. Scrambles and other events were also considered. Joy would like to be part of this committee. Ongoing publicity is going to be important to encourage membership. WWSGA is going to have a booth at the Golf Show this March in an effort to reach out to women golfers.

Should there be a USGA rules person on the Board? Some members of WWSGA have had some training in the past from the WSGA, actually going out on the course. The WWPLGA had a person who was USGA rules certified on the Board. Syd is looking at putting together a packet for everyone that would have rules information. All agreed that there should be a rules clinic in the future.

ELECTIONS

WWPLGA-- elects officers by delegates in fall with alternating terms using a nominating committee.

WWSGA--elects from board in the fall. Past President serves as nominating committee.

Both groups have Vice President as part of the board in a learning capacity for automatic role as President.

Other comments: There would need to be more than one person on a nominating committee.

How do you keep from being a top down organization?

Need to have a way for members to provide feedback.

Usually no contested races and volunteers welcomed.

By-laws and constitution need to be reviewed.

TASKS THAT NEED TO BE DONE

- Design new web site with both histories
- Determine governing structure
- Write new constitution and bylaws
- Determine nominating committee
- Combine finances
- End WWPLGA Blue Golf contract
- Determine Executive Board Composition
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Past President
 - WWSGA Members at large
 - Tournaments chairs including the 4 chairs from the WWPLGA
 - Webmaster/Historian
 - Public relations
 - WSGA Representative

CLOSING

It was reiterated that the aim is for a merger following Oct. 2012 meetings and joint beginning February 2013. For first year, officers from both organizations will form the Executive Board and serve until 2014 election, then go back to a single slate of officers. All others would be members at large.

If issues arise, we will simply have to work through them. Next meeting set for January 4th, 2012 at 9:00, at West Bend CC. In the interim review both sets of Constitutions and Bylaws.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Nass