



118TH PACIFIC NORTHWEST GOLF ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING – MINUTES

April 29, 2017 | Fircrest Golf Club | Fircrest, Washington

8:30 A.M.

I. Call the Meeting to Order – President, Mary O'Donnell

A) Welcome, opening remarks, and special introductions

President Mary O'Donnell called the 118th Annual Meeting of the PNGA meeting to order at 8:31. She then introduced special guests: John Bodenhamer – USGA Sr. Managing Director of Championships and Governance, Larry Gilhuly - USGA, Cliff Shahbaz – USGA Executive Committee, Mike Sweeney – USGA Director of West Coast Regional Affairs, Kris Jonasson – Executive Director of British Columbia Golf, Patrick Kelly – President of British Columbia Golf, Barb Tracy – President of the WSGA, Sharon Johnston – President of The Home Course, Michael Riste – PNGA Historian and BC Golf House Society, Paul Ramsdell – Executive Director of Western Washington Golf Course Superintendents Association, Karen Armstead – Executive Director of the First Green.

Various draw prizes were made throughout the meeting.

II. Minutes of the April 30, 2016 PNGA Annual Meeting – Secretary, Leslie Crawford

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as distributed. Carried.

Minutes of the April 28, 2017 PNGA Board of Directors' Meeting – Secretary, Leslie Crawford

Leslie read a summary of the meeting that was held yesterday.

III. Finance Committee Report – Treasurer, Robin Anderson

A) December 31, 2016 financials and projections for 2017

Robin Anderson referred to summary of the financial report contained in the packet and asked for questions. Current assets are \$321,143, and Total Assets are \$878,230. Current Liabilities and Members' Equity total \$878,230. Total Income is \$712,090, and with Total Expenses at \$754,978 this leaves a \$42,888 shortfall (new publication sales team addition). Net Income is thus a loss of \$27,273.

No questions were presented.

IV. Executive Director Report – PNGA Executive Director, Troy Andrew

Troy called Robin Anderson back up on stage. Robin has been Treasurer for 21 years, and is

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stepping down this year. She will continue to be a club representative, which she has been since 1987. He gave a brief background of her history and role with the PNGA, and gave accolades to the elevation of status for the PNGA due to Robin's work. She also received the Distinguished Service Award, and served the Women's Division/Committee for many years, including as president. Troy called Robin back up on stage, and presented her with a beautiful bouquet of flowers and a plaque for her service.

A presentation was given on screen regarding the PNGA and some updates:

- Mission statement, revised 2012: Dedicated to preserving the true spirit of golf by supporting our allied associations, conducting quality championships, and promoting activities beneficial to the golfers in the Pacific Northwest. Troy talked about the strength of the PNGA and the allied associations.
- Volunteering in championships – a postcard schedule and poster calendar is included in the packet to put up at member clubs. Championship department staff are not present today, because they are out for the WSGA Women's Best Ball and Nate Schroeder was invited to be on the PAC 12 rules committee so is at the PAC 12 Championship
- The All Access Calendar is online. Clubs may post any/all tournaments that are open to golfers from everywhere. A screen shot showed how you can sort by location, tournament type, etc. It is very user friendly for those posting items.
- The *Pacific Northwest Golfer* magazine, serving each allied association, comes with the PNGA shell, and in the middle is the section that is specific to the area in which you live (BC, Idaho, etc.)
- Logoed PNGA attire – the PNGA has a partnership with Cutter and Buck. Coming soon will be information regarding new PNGA Club Representative attire. The cost will be more reasonable, and Cutter & Buck are local. The board and staff have talked for a long time, and we are proud of the formal wear, which will be continued with board members. Club reps can go less formal, it will be unique to club reps, and offered at a very reasonable price.
- Last night the Hall of Fame dinner and ceremony was held. Bill Yeend was MC, and recipients were: Jackie Little (BC), Mike Davis (now from Las Vegas), Ruth Jessen (posthumously, but was local) for the PNGA. Les Blakely and Roger Wallace were inducted from the PGA side. This was the 4th time hosting this celebration in collaboration with the PGA side.
- Thanks to Larry Giustina (Oregon), Jack Croucher (British Columbia), and Robin Anderson (Washington) for their service. These Board members are stepping down this year. Thank you for their service to the PNGA.
- Troy indicated he is very thankful to have such an amazing staff. Kudos to them for the things they do so well. It is a big load and performed with a small staff. Troy called them to stand up for recognition.

V. The Home Course Report – PNGA/WSGA Properties, Inc. President, Sharon Johnston

- The kitchen addition has been completed, and the Golf House Grill is now open. The addition is attached to existing bathroom facility with an open fence area that connects it to the Bodenhamer pavilion. She showed a picture of the new bar – we can now offer full liquor selection (full service).
- It is the 10th anniversary of The Home Course this year. June 29 or thereabouts there will be some sort of event to celebrate the 10th anniversary.
- Great staff all around, with great camaraderie across all divisions.
- Financially this was a tough year, due to a record amount of rain this year. This has affected golf rounds because of the number of days where the course was not inviting.
- There is no debt with kitchen addition, and we were doing really well, but February/March depleted resources due to the low number of golf rounds.
- The Home Course is hosting some prestigious events this year, including the Junior Americas Cup, and the Wash. State Women’s amateur, Senior, and Super Senior Championships.
- The Home Course is partnered with Kemper Sports to manage the new kitchen facility, with Kyra Hetzler as the F&B Manager.

VI. Nominating Committee Report – Chairman, Ed Burke

- A) Proposed slate of Directors for election is on the salmon colored sheet in the packet. With no additions, there was a motion/second to accept the slate as offered. Carried.

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Club:</u>	<u>Zone:</u>
Ginny Burkey	Emerald Valley GC	1
Robert Black	Meadow Springs CC	2
Mary O’Donnell	Overlake G&CC	3
Jeanne Link	Rainier G&CC	3
Craig Doell	Victoria GC	4
Scott Masingill	Scotch Pines GC	5

The committee contacted all members whose terms were expiring and asked them if they wished to return. Robin Anderson, Jack Lamey, and Larry Giustina opted not to continue on. There is a goal to find someone from central WA/Yakima area to fill Robin Anderson’s void.

The Nominating Committee consisted of:

Ed Burke, Chairman Zone 5 (Idaho/Montana)
Larry Giustina Zone 1 (Oregon)

Kent Brown	Zone 2 (Eastern Washington)
Ben Stodghill	Zone 3 (Western Washington/Alaska)
Leslie Crawford	Zone 4 (British Columbia/Alberta)
Scott Masingill	Zone 5 (Idaho/Montana)

10-15 Minute Break

VII. Announcement of PNGA officers for 2016-2017 – Chairman, Ed Burke

Elected slate of officers:

Mary O’Donnell	President
Denny Taylor	VP of Zone 1
Kent Brown	VP of Zone 2
Ben Stodghill	VP of Zone 3
Peter Fibiger	VP of Zone 4
Scott Masingill	VP of Zone 5
Jeanne Link	Secretary
George Jonson	Treasurer
Ed Burke	Immediate Past President

VIII. Old Business or New Business

none

IX. Adjourn Business Meeting 9:35 a.m. Moved by Lynne Crandall, seconded by Peter Fibiger to adjourn the business part of the meeting at 9:35 a.m. Carried.

X. 2016 PNGA Player of the Year Presentations

Ben Stodghill explained the process of how the Player of the Year process works. There are 11 categories, and had many good qualified candidates this year. All had success at the State/Provincial, Regional, National, and some all the way up to International level competition.

- Men’s: Jared DuToit – Kimberly, BC
- Women’s: Naomi Ko, Victoria, BC
- Senior Men’s: Pat O’Donnell – Happy Valley, Oregon
- Senior Women’s: Anita Wicks – Roseburg, Oregon
- Men’s Mid-Amateur: Reid Hatley – Hayden Lake, Idaho
- Women’s Mid-Amateur: Amanda Jacobs – Portland, Oregon
- Junior Boys’: Spencer Tibbits – Vancouver, Washington
- Junior Girls’: Ellie Slama – Salem, Oregon

XI. Tee it Forward Presentation – Larry Gilhuly, USGA Agronomist, West Region

Larry gave an interesting slideshow presentation about the Tee It Forward initiative. He wrote an article 15 years ago, and today it’s starting to be implemented.

- Not a gender issue, it’s a swing speed issue.

- Not applicable at the championship level, but at the local club/regular golfer level.
- Determine if your club needs to have more forward tees.
- All you need is the “option” to play forward tees, nobody is obligated to play from them.
- Can’t do it by adding tees to the back. Must add them “forward” of the existing tees.
- Need to do it with a qualified golf course architect.
- Create a long range program, rather than adding tees piecemeal.
- Be careful when selecting color for the tee markers. Get rid of “red”. For example, Gamble Sands back tees are pink.

TIPS for Success:

- build in fairways where possible
- make the tees at least 750-1000 sq. ft.
- keep the height low – no more than 1 foot.
- Construct the tees with soil similar to the surrounding soil to match the irrigation system.
- Consult a golf course architect and the USGA Green Section to assist in starting the process.

Other positives – can reduce overall maintenance, water, equipment, etc. in areas that the golfers are not going. USGA Resource Management Tool – tiny gps tracker with golfer’s groups, and it shows where the tracking areas are and are not. USGA also has a heat map that shows areas where golfers are not going and thus don’t need to be maintained. If you can shorten your actual fairway you save maintenance money. (if forward tee is 60 yds. further forward, but players from further back tees can hit past there, you can shorten the fairway and have “rough” carry to the fairway.) Can also identify bunkers that never get any play – remove them, and save maintenance costs.

XII. A PNGA Celebration of Women’s Golf– Guest Speaker, John Bodenhamer, USGA Senior Managing Director Championships & Governance, and former PNGA Executive Director

Troy spoke regarding his thanks for all the guidance, support, and work of the women in the PNGA through the years, gave a background of his history with John Bodenhamer, and especially since 1999 when he was hired at the PNGA, and introduced John as guest speaker.

John Bodenhamer talked about his background and role in golf, the PNGA, and the USGA and the World Handicap System. He then shared memories from the Women’s Division and the celebration of Women in Golf in the PNGA in a moving, reflective presentation. Troy made a special presentation of a commemorative bottle of wine to all the past chairs of the Women’s Division/Committee.

Adjourned 11:18 a.m.

XIII. PNGA Hosted Lunch at Fircrest Golf Club and golf at The Home Course in DuPont!

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