

Membership and Bylaw Review Group Formation

Niner President Cathy Loffink invited participation in a “discussion group” to explore membership concerns and the phrasing of Niner Bylaws and Rules.

The purpose of this group was to explore the need to ensure retention and expansion of our membership. The group reviewed the Bylaws against the back-drop of the Niner value to be welcoming and inclusive to all women golfers. Additionally, the group considered the importance of establishing a branding (*who we are and what we provide*) and a marketing plan to increase membership.

To begin this process a survey was sent out to the Membership. The survey feedback showed satisfaction which was communicated to the Board for their review and approval. We are happy to announce that the revisions found favor with the Board.

With the approval of the Board, The process now is posting of the Niner bylaw recommended modifications. After being posted for 2 weeks, these recommended amendments to the bylaws will be voted on at the general meeting on May 7th at which a quorum consisting of 30 percent of the majority and two officers are present. A 2/3rd majority of the voting members will rule.

Bylaw Recommended Changes

Article I – Name and Purpose

Sec.1 . This organization shall be the Charbonneau Ladies' Nine-Hole Golfers ("CLNG"), also known as the Niners (the "Niners"). *The Niners are recognized by the OGA as an independent golf club that will elect its own officers and establish its own events. [highlighted to be added]*

Yes No

Reason: To add more clarity to the basis of our organization

Sec. 2. The purpose of this organization shall be to promote the game of golf by *welcoming and supporting women of all skill levels to thrive* and encourage promote good sportsmanship and friendship ~~among its members.~~ *[highlighted to be added]*

Yes No

Reason: To be show that the Niners are inclusive and welcoming.

Article II – Membership and Dues

~~Sec. 3. Membership in the Niners precludes membership in the Charbonneau Women's Golf Association (the "CWGA"), the women's 18 hole golf club. CWGA members who wish to join the Niners must relinquish their 18 hole membership. A Niner must relinquish her CLNG membership when joining CWGA.~~

Yes No

Reason: This bylaw does not reflect the values nor inclusiveness the Niners represent. It implies negativity and appears exclusionary.