

## Minutes of Charbonneau Niners Meeting of 4/5/24

**Present at the Meeting were:** Cathy Loffink, Bonnie Bohm, Marsha Wadsworth, Chris Sutton, Kathy Fuller, Rosemary Smurthwaite, Marsha Herron, Beth Martin, Joanna Sawyer, Carol Goodwin, Mary Hammon, Bee Benesh, Karen Siegel, Julie Beaton, Debbie Schwindt, Mindy Bergquist,

**Cathy Loffink called the meeting to order at 10:00 am**

**Treasurer's Report: Marsha Wadsworth**

March 1, 2025 opening balance was \$11,131.50

March deposits totaled \$467.66. This consisted primarily from dues collected and monies for the bowling event.

Expenses totaled \$638.50. This consisted of office supplies, website fees, badges, and the bowling event.

OGA fees of \$3362.00 will be paid out this month.

To date, we have 89 golfers plus 2 additional golfers to be included.

The club has 13 social members.

**March 1, 2024 Minutes Approved**

Motion to approve made by Julie Beaton and seconded by Rosemary Smurthwaite. Motion was carried.

**New Business**

**Task Force for bylaw amendment and Marketing Strategy- Carol Goodwin**

Cathy shared that the task force was a diverse group and consisted of Niners of various ages, background and longevity in the club. The following members were selected to be part of the task group; Carol Goodwin, Mary Hammond, Karen Giardina, Tammy Blaskowsky, Bobbi Christiansen, and Virginia Horler

Carol Goodwin shared that the group was formed in January and two surveys were conducted. The group was formed to look at ways to retain and expand the Niners membership. The objectives of the group are to establish a branding for the Niners, address the exclusivity issue, and create awareness of the group and its contributions.

A good discussion with sharing, questions and answers, history of CWGA, and suggestions then followed regarding all these issues. In the interest of time, Carol then asked the group if we would be open to an additional session to explore more deeply the issues and develop some reform ideas. The group agreed to the idea so Carol will organize and let the group know of the date and time of this meeting. She also mentioned that if we knew of other people with marketing background that she could use an additional 2 members for this area.

Cathy then asked for a vote on the following new bylaw changes to read as follows:

1. Article 1 Section 1- (Description of the Organization) The 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.
2. Article 1 Section 2 (Our Purpose)  
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 to promote good sportsmanship and friendship.
3. Article 2 Section 3 (Membership Rule) Remove the following rule from the bylaws:  
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.

A majority vote was received to approve these recommended changes. Motion was made by Bonnie Bohm and seconded by Debbie Schwindt to approve the recommended changes.

Cathy then explained that these recommended bylaw changes will be posted at the pro shop and online. On 5/7/24 at the general meeting after the scramble a vote from the membership will then be taken.

#### **Vice President Report- Bonnie Bohm**

Bonnie reported the handbooks have been printed. The only change that needs to be made is on page 11 of the handbook where the # of holes stated should be changed from 7 to 9.

#### **Golf Board- Cathy Loffink**

9 hole rate increase has gone into effect effective this month and is already posted at the pro shop. The rate has increased from \$22 to \$24.

A yellow bag with clubs is on loan at the pro shop from Cleveland for club fittings.

Ownership of the building with Windermere and the building that has Lux Sucre Bakery & Café are both under new ownership and renovations to update the

façade of both buildings to match the façade of the pro shop, dining room and activity center are being looked at.

**New Member Orientation** – Cathy reported for Sharon Garrick that the event went well. There is still a need for big sisters. Two new members do not have a big sister.

**Welcome Back Coffee-** Cathy reported for Lindy Anderson that this event also went well. There was a larger turnout than the # of people that signed up. There were approximately 15 additional women that attended the event.

**Scramble-** Cathy reported for Leesa Gango that signups can be done at the pro shop and online. In addition to photos already submitted, additional photos in the age range of baby to teen years are being requested for an entirely different game at the luncheon. These photos can be submitted directly to Cathy.

**Handicap Committee-** Marsha Herron reported that there are still a few members who do not have a handicap. The names of these people were shared. The list included new members as well as established members. We should all encourage or invite them to play where possible.

Scoring Committee- Mindy Bergquist reported that the committee is having one more meeting before the season starts to ensure everything is in order.

**Old Business:**

Cathy mentioned that checks should be made to Charbonneau Golf Club for the April 26<sup>th</sup> joint meeting with CWGA with featured speaker Coach Mary Jo McCloskey

Saturday golf clinics are being done by Kaitlyn. Signups can be done at the Pro shop.

**Other New Business:**

The Market Café is looking to do more catering events. Two additional employees have been hired to help with this. Also new linens purchased along with having a washer and dryer.

**Meeting Adjourned at 11:15 am by Cathy Loffink**

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Chris Sutton  
Secretary**