

Charbonneau Niner Board Meeting Minutes of 9/4/26

Present at the meeting were: Joann Carvalho, Kat Budiao, Rosemary Smurthwaite, JoAnna Sawyer, Karla Van Dyke-Colby, Beth Martin, Darlene Crosby, and Sylvia Morrison.

Meeting called to order by Joann Carvalho at 10:05am

Secretary's Report: Sylvia Morrison

Motion to approve the 8/7/26 minutes was made by Jo Carvalho and seconded by all present at the meeting. Motion was carried.

Treasure's Report: Rosemary Smurthwaite

- 1.) There are **108** golfers and **15** social members.
- 2.) The beginning bank balance as of 8/1/26 was **\$13,529.32** and the ending balance as of 8/31/26 was **\$12,460.63**. Deposits in the amount of \$1509.00 consisted primarily of golf fees and lunches. Expenses in the amount of \$2,577.69 primarily consisted of CGC green fees and payouts, scramble lunches and monthly maintenance fees.

Pace of Play – Joann Carvalho, Karla Van Dyke-Colby & Cathy Loffink (Cathy was not present at the meeting).

- 1.) Per the Scoring committee, the Niners have over all adhered to the time limit recommended for each round of play. Some members, however, have suggested there is room for improvement: (a.) A friendly reminder from the Scoring Committee is that each group write in the start and end time of the round. This data will be used to track pace of play. (b.) Per Cathy, the CMC addressed this issue by having one person in the group select someone to track pace of play. (c.) Virginia Horler has offered to do a presentation via a DVD next year at our Welcome Back Breakfast on the subject. (d.) JoAnna Sawyer has offered to drive

her electric cart for anyone needing help keeping up with the pace of play. Joann Carvalho will check the feasibility of this offer.

Golf Board Report – Cathy Loffink (not present at the meeting).

1.) Changes at Market Café: Melissa has left. Kenzi and Shay will be managing the cafe until next spring. Cathy will keep us updated with any further changes.

2.) The Pro Shop will no longer be accepting \$**100** dollar bills because of fraudulence. Fake \$100 dollar bills have been circulated and only \$100 bills with the **blue stripe** on them will be accepted. The Pro Shop has lost approximately \$1,000.00 due to fake bills and apologizes for the inconvenience to its customers.

3.) Course – Some tee boxes are built on layers of sand, i.e., Red #2. These will be addressed to be more stable and produce less divots during the winter.

4.) Niner report – A Niner approached Cathy with the question of why Niners could not have shotgun starts as some southern states do in some courses. For us, one reason not to have them is that it would create more issues with pace of play and fewer tee times would be available; shotguns typically take up more time. One of the reasons the southern states have them is due to lack of daylight hours and the demand for tee times.

5.) CWGA - The CWGA asked about the possibilities of making some minor adjustments to different holes. On Red #3: To remove the barrier. On Green #7 cut off overhanging branches on the right of the water. On Red #5 move the tee box. Chris will discuss these situations with Andrew. **** Note **** Chris has noted that cart signs continue to disappear.

6.) CMC – The men's club suggested: (a.) Different cart signs that sit higher/only with one stake in the ground, hence, golf balls can go under the signs rather the cart signs stopping them. (b.) The men have noted that some bunkers seem to have excess sand outside the actual bunker. This happens when the sand machine goes in and out the same point.

Chris will discuss the situation with Andrew. (c.) The discussion of electric blowers in lieu of gas blowers to alleviate the noise for some residents was explored but until mandated by state or county, electric blowers may be impractical for golf courses and landscapers, as well as not being cost effective.

Scramble Updates – Darlene Crosby

1.) Our last scramble for the year is on **9/22/26**. It is our Award Scramble on Tuesday September 22, 2026. The lunch is complimentary and will have a Mediterranean theme. Golf is \$28.00 unless you have a Charbonneau Golf Club Membership. A **\$300.00** increase was approved by the Executive Board for this event. No handicap is required and more information is available on the Niner website.

Annual Tournament – Joann Caravalho

1.) Sept. 1, 2026 was our 1st tournament. We had **35** players and **1** follow-the-field. Joann put together goody bags with two granola bars, a martini golf tee and a Nitro pink golf ball. All for this fun and good times event! Our next tournament play date is Sept. 8, 2026.

Presidents Club – Joann Caravalho

1.) The Men's Club was unable to coordinate a meeting with the CWGA and Niners for the Labor Day Tournament. They will make this a goal for the year 2027.

Niners Performance – Joann Caravalho

1.) Times and dates for the "Last Hurrah" show: (a.) Matinee **9/17/26** Thursday at **2pm**. (b.) Evening performance Friday **9/18/26** at **7pm**. (c.) Evening performance Saturday **9/19/26** at **6pm**. These are free performance. There are still some available tickets for the Matinee, please contact JoAnna for more info.

Executive Board Nominations/Election 9/22/26 – Joann Caravalho

1.) Linda Shields, Gay Salo and Cathy Loffink are on the Nominations Committee and have a total of **5** potential candidates for the positions of Secretary, Vice President and Treasurer. We will be voting on **9/22/26** for our 2027 Executive Board.

Charbonneau Community Day 9/23/26 – Joann Caravalho

1.) There will be a table set up with flyers, handbook samples, etc., for this event. Joann will follow up with respect to the time and location and keep us updated.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35am by Joann Caravalho

Respectfully Submitted,

Sylvia Morrison