

Niner's Board Meeting November 5, 2021

Those attending: Mary Fieweger, Karen Siegel, Deb Nemes, Sue Schneider, Cathy Loffink, Brenda Gardner, Joanna Sawyer, Kim Warram, Kathy Fuller, Karla Colby, Sandy Esterson, Marsha Wadsworth

Mary F. called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Mary mentioned that according to the Handbook, our last Board Meeting should have been our October meeting.

Minutes approved: Sue Schneider noted that there was an error on the October 1, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes. The motion to accept those minutes should have read the "**September** Niner's Board Meeting Minutes". A corrected copy of the October 1, 2021 Minutes has been attached. Brenda Gardner made a motion to accept the corrected minutes which was seconded by Kathy Fuller. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Siegel gave the October 2021 Treasurer's Report. The beginning balance from September was \$4,238.54; October's Income was \$1,004.00. October's Expenses were \$2,849.69 for a checkbook balance at the end of the month of \$2,392.85.

Golf Club Board Report: Cathy Loffink: Cathy reported the renovation of The Turn was moving forward and the required permits were being obtained. Completion was targeted for early spring before the start of the season. The Turn **may be** utilizing the Charbonneau County Club's kitchen during the remodel.

Niner's Garden: Cathy Loffink: Cathy reported that the Niners may want to consider relinquishing the maintenance for the area designated as "Niner Garden". Currently Bill Shevlin is researching the possibility of reconfiguring that tee box making it both longer and wider for all the tee boxes. There is a special interest in moving back the blue tee box. Much discussion followed about the garden, its history and current relevancy. Sandy Esterson questioned if the garden had been initially established as a memorial. Mary F. said she would contact Connie Taylor who started the garden to honor a neighbor. It was also suggested that perhaps Rose Mason would also be a good contact for the history of the garden. Mary F. made a motion that the Niners give back the Niner's Garden space to the Charbonneau County Club. There was an oral vote by the attending members. The motion was unanimously approved.

Application for 2022 Niners Membership: Marsha Wadsworth reported that she had received 40 regular membership applications and 7 social membership applications to date.

Scoring Committee: Karla Kolby: Karla reported that regular play for the month of October was pretty much rained out. The current Scoring Committee members will continue to serve on that committee for the 2022 season: Karla Kolby, Kim Warram, Beth Martin, and Karen Siegel. The committee **will be meeting** to insure that Niner play days, specifically scrambles, for next season are in sync with Charbonneau Golf Club's requirements. Karla said that she responded to a member questioning the "random" assignment of tee times. Karla reviewed the tee time assignment history and validated that indeed Golf Genius was randomly assigning tee times.

Marsha W. and Sandy E. wondered if there was any way of assigning people with similar handicaps together on play days. There was much discussion around this topic: building a more robust Big Sister/Little Sister program; the possibility of "golf clinics" sponsored by CGC using Cory Larro; staying true to our mission as a registered golf club, governed by the rules of

golf and serving also as a social club. Since it was suggested that “pace of play” may be impacted by this pairing strategy, Mary F. asked Karla K. to meet with Chris Bensele and get his opinion about pairing members with similar handicaps during regular play days.

Green Committee – Kathy Fuller: The Red Course has been closed for the season. New pumps will be installed in January. The main pond will be enlarged. Golfers will need to stay off the trenches on the Yellow Course to insure better germination. Majority of birch trees on Green 6 have been removed and work continues on other course trees. Matt Collier suggested that member consider using cart path only to prevent tracks on the fairways.

Niner’s Performance 2022 – Joanna Sawyer: Joanna reported that the theme for the 2022 performance has been selected and songs assigned. She has set aside 5 songs for new people who may be interested in participating. She is limiting the dance team to 20. Next year there will not be a program dedicated to “friends and family” only. The video of the 2021 Performance is available on Joanna’s computer and she recommended it be shared at next year’s Welcome Back Coffee.

Pink Ball Golf Tournament Update – Mary Fieweger: This year’s Pink Ball generated a record donation of \$70,444.00. It was a great success.

Miscellaneous Business:

- Mary F. will put the information about the upcoming Niner’s Gift Wrapping Project both in The Villager and on the Niner’s website.
- Mary F. thanked the 2021 Executive Board for their service and welcomed the 2022 Executive Board.
- Cathy L. is helping Mary F. create the President’s Book for both 2020 and 2021. She is looking for any documents related to the Niner’s activities during those years to include in the President’s Book.

Mary F. adjourned the meeting at 11:10 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Schneider for Alice Swartz