

JUNE 14, 2011 LADIES' ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 1:38 PM by President Karen Finnegan. Those in attendance were Linda Baugh, Earlene Davis, Janie Erickson, Karen Finnegan, Nancy Larsen, Joan Matz, Sylvia McCalla, Carol Skarda, and Robin Tunnicliff.

Karen Finnegan reported on recognizing the most improved ladies' association member. Karen has visited with Chad Allen and determined that the pro shop's computer can calculate this designation. Handicaps from June 1 and September 1 will be compared, and the player who has the greatest percentage of improvement will receive the honor. The player will be recognized at the Last Gasp Fun Day and in YCC's monthly newsletter.

Carol Skarda gave a report from the ladies' county golf meeting she recently attended. The treasury has a balance of \$786.64 which is before dues are collected. The money will be spent on promoting women's county tournaments. This year ladies' county amateur tournament will be at Laurel Golf Club September 10 -11. The entry fee will include lunch and prizes for each flight.

Spreading out the pro-am tournaments was discussed at the county meeting. The pro-am scheduled for August 10 at Lake Hills Golf Club will be rescheduled due to a conflict with a MSU-B tournament that was previously scheduled for that day.

Handicaps were a topic of discussion at the county meeting. It was recommended that all tournaments require the players to have a MSGA or USGA handicap. With the exception of Pryor Creek Golf Club, most golf courses do use the MSGA or USGA handicapping systems. Carol stated that it is each club's responsibility to enter the scores of all tournament players into the handicapping system.

In addition, establishing a minimum age for tournament players was discussed. Currently Lake Hills does stipulate that players must be at least 18 years old to play in the women's tournaments. As a sidelight, high school golf players are deemed ineligible for high school competitions if they receive more than \$25 in winnings for the year.

The next county meeting will be September 6 and will be attended by Carol Skarda, Earlene Davis, and Karen Finnegan. Upcoming ladies' county events include the Rally for the Cure on July 17 at Pryor Creek and a ladies' invitational on September 16 at Eagle Rock.

Carol clarified the USGA and MSGA's position on cash winnings from tournaments. There are rules prohibiting paying cash to the winners of tournaments. However, the winners can be given gift certificates, pro shop credit, or a cash/gift card.

Karen Finnegan encouraged all YCC women to participate in the Ladies' Fun Nights scheduled for July 6, July 20, and July 27. Membership in the ladies' association is not required for those wanting to play in the Fun Nights as we want as many women to participate as possible. The July 6 fun night, a four-person 9 hole shamble, will be free for all who want to play. There will be flag prizes, team prizes and

light appetizers following golf. Everyone is encouraged to bring a friend and sign up in the ladies' locker room.

We currently have 54 members in the ladies' association although the budget was based on 75 members. Last year the ladies' association had 61 members. Most of the \$30/year dues are used to fund payouts for Tuesday ladies' day winners.

It was mentioned that the Women's State Amateur golf tournament will be held July 18-21 at Bill Roberts in Helena.

The YCC Ladies' Club Championship will be August 2 – 3 and is open to all YCC women. The entire cost of the championship tournament including prizes and hors d'oeuvres is paid for by YCC. Jan Jahr is in charge of obtaining prizes for the winners of each flight. Again this year, the scores will be posted in the ladies' locker room. Only the scores of the top two players in each flight will be posted in the Alibi Room or on the window of the pro shop.

Karen Finnegan approved paying \$10 from the ladies' association to the match play format. The money was needed to help with the payouts of the bracket winners.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Tunnicliff, Secretary