ILGA Board Meeting
September 21, 2026
Oakwood Library

Board members present: Sue Olson, Karen Simon, Ann Gavin, MJ Boscombe, Karen Beltz, Jean Karich, Peggy Cooper, Lynda Jones and Vickie Scott. Coby Welch was also in attendance.

Joni Hiller, Judy Kirschenbaum, Jan McCarthy, Sharon Behm and Kelley Wojack were absent.

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m. by Sue Olson.

Minutes for May Board Meeting: Vickie

The May minutes were reviewed. MJ made a motion to approve the minutes. Lynda seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report/Budget Review: Sharon (Sue)

Sharon previously submitted the summer financials to Board members and indicated there were no questions. Sharon sent a brief update and noted that we were under budget with some budgeted items below allocations, including hole in ones and supply reimbursements. Our income from the AGA was $555 less than what we received in 2025. The Board will review budget items when we discuss the 2027 budget, based on projected fee income from our membership. MJ moved to accept the May – August Financial Reports. Karen B. seconded it and all were in favor.

Karen S. informed the Board that the pizza party for the golf maintenance staff was rescheduled to Thursday, September 24th instead of December at the request of the maintenance staff. Karen S. contacted Sharon who confirmed that there are funds the voluntary contributions from OLGA and ILGA members to cover the costs for this activity.

Tournament Chair Report: Lynda

From May to last week, the average league play payout was 56% of the field. We have 10 events left this year and have $2,130 remaining for the rest of the year, so that is basically $210 per event. Lynda said this does not include any payouts for the ILGA/IMGA scramble tournament, which is held the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. MJ stated it is a casual scramble tournament with usually only one woman on a team so payouts would not be a large amount. Lynda will follow up with Leslie to determine how much was paid out for this tournament last year.

Lynda is recommending, when the season resumes after overseeding, that proxies be reduced to 4 (2 closest to the pin and 2 long putts). Lynda said ILGA raised the number of weekly proxies to 7 later in 2025 when the prior Tournament Chair determined she had more than enough funds for weekly payouts through year-end. Lynda said 4 proxies would be consistent with the number of weekly proxies that we had prior to the change to 7 late last year. MJ moved that the Tournament Chair, at her discretion, be allowed to set the number of weekly proxies for both closest to the pin and longest putt, provided the budget supports the payouts. Peggy seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Sue raised the question of why tape measures are not used to determine closest to the pins and longest putts. MJ indicated the league had tried this, but the tape measures were expensive, stolen or lost. In addition, the Board was concerned with slowing down the pace of play.

Lynda expressed concern with charging members $5 for late cancels due to illness. Sue stated ILGA's Standing Rules give the Tournament Chair the discretion to waive the fee for extenuating circumstances, which illness would qualify. Lynda does track late cancels/no shows to identify any chronic abusers.

Lynda discussed the tracking and recognition of those who shoot a Score for the Ages, a score less than or equal to their ages. Lynda said the same 2-4 members report a Score for the Ages each week and she asked if it is necessary to recognize them weekly. Currently, Lynda tracks Scores for the Ages in Golf Genius, but it must be noted on the Score for the Ages line on the scorecards. Lynda added that some members are using the Score for the Ages reporting line to sign the official scorecards instead of elsewhere, which causes confusion. MJ stated the Board approved recognizing the Score for the Ages, before we had transitioned to Golf Genius, and an honor roll document was updated on the website on a regular basis. Coby agreed with Lynda that it is redundant. After further discussion, MJ made a motion to amend the Score for the Ages process, starting in 2027, from a weekly honor roll on the website to an annual recognition of the past year's accomplishments at the February Champions'/Awards luncheon. Jean seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Lynda also discussed adding a golf bingo game to one of the league play games in the near future. Each player would get a golf bingo card of squares with golf-related events or actions that the players have to complete to mark off the square (such as get out of the trap, one putt, etc.) Lynda would make up the cards and the pro shop would distribute them. Those who "win" would be awarded a token prize (to be determined).

Lynda informed the Board that she had the first group disqualifications for the scorecard not matching Golf Genius scores. The Board and Coby discussed what other leagues are using for the official scores. OLGA is going to use Golf Genius as its official scorecard and the men's league also uses Golf Genius as its official scorecard per Coby. Coby thinks ILGA is very official with our rules for scorekeeping. After further discussion, the Board decided to keep our current scoring system in place using the paper scorecard and Golf Genius during league play with players having the responsibility to confirm that scores match before attesting.

Coby said the Golf Genius input error is fixed. The error involved a glitch where entering the third person's score on a hole deleted the first two entries. This required the scores to be entered again.

Lynda talked to Kelley about the need to print weekly updates for birdies and ringers to post on the bulletin board. Lynda questioned the need for printing and posting this information when this information is readily available on the Member Portal in Golf Genius. After discussing, the Board agreed to eliminate the paper and redundancy since the information is in Golf Genius. Sue will state in her newsletter that we will no longer be posting birdies/ringers updates on the bulletin board.

<u>Pairings:</u> Peggy

Peggy stated that after talking to Coby, two-somes were allowed to speed up play during the summer. There were no complaints. Peggy said it also forced one of the players to use Golf Genius and help the other player if needed.

Peggy said we need to remind members who are returning from the summer, that there is a preliminary pairings email that comes out on Monday and a final pairings email that comes out on Wednesday night. If your name is not on either of those lists, that person will not be allowed to play. MJ stated it would be helpful if we restated this process and the contact points on the website and also in a welcome back email as a reminder to all league members. Sue will include this in the October newsletter when many members return. Peggy also mentioned that the new 2027 login for Golf Genius (ILGA27) should be included.

Peggy also discussed an issue that occurred this summer with the Grill on the Green not being open until 10 a.m. when the 7:30 a.m. morning shotgun players finished early. It took a lot of time to get food and drink orders ready once they opened due to limited staffing.

Membership Updates: Jean

Jean stated online registration for ILGA for 2027 will be live October 1st. The instructions are posted on the ILGA website. Jean conveyed that AGA raised their 2027 dues $5, from $45 to $50. The cost of a full annual membership totals $140.00 ($90 for ILGA and $50 for AGA). In May, the Board approved the full membership dues of $135, prior to notification that the AGA increased its fee by $5. Jean moved to increase the cost of full ILGA memberships by $5, to cover the AGA's $5 increase in rates. Full memberships will cost $140 and partial memberships will increase from $90 to $120. Karen B. seconded the motion and all were in favor. Sue will include a correction of the full membership cost from $135 to $140 in the newsletter.

We currently have 149 members for 2026. Jean will update the 2027 roster monthly as members join. Ann commented that everyone should make sure their information is up to date when they register. This information feeds our roster and communications. Jean asked why we keep everyone's birth date on the ILGA roster. Ann said we could do away with it. Karen B. said we may need the birth year to identify eligible ladies when celebrating the 80s ladies. MJ stated this celebration is on the honor system, and we celebrate the 80s ladies every other year (next in 2027).

Jean asked whether we need to continue assigning a local number. According to MJ, the local numbers were a way to separate the handicap only members from the full memberships. Lynda does not put the handicap only members on the Golf Genius roster as there are very few. Sue asked Jean to research the topic of local numbers to see if there was any need for them. If not, we can eliminate them.

Jean asked when the information is needed for the most improved player for ILGA. MJ stated it is not needed until December. MJ stated the money and certificate for the most improved player will be given out in January but the recipient will be honored in February at the Champions'/Awards luncheon. Jean will be compiling the information for those who qualify.

Lynda stated a member who was registered asked for a refund due to her inability to participate in the league. She was informed that we do not issue refunds, as stated in our by-laws,

Social Events/Lunches: MJ

MJ said we will be having a fast five items menu for the low net tournament on November 19th and the February 18, 2027 Champions' luncheon. This menu selection was very popular when we used it for our Member/Member tournament in May. Grill on the Grill will have new menu items coming in October so MJ will not have the actual menu until then. Everything should be finalized by November. Golf Genius will not be used for luncheon signups. MJ said the restaurant does not need a count because we will be using their limited menu.

For Member/Guest, MJ said we have 30 applications so far. Most of the applications should be coming in October and November. MJ has developed a new simplified registration form to expedite printing and replace the colorful flyer version on the website. Sue will include the new application with her newsletter. MJ said the committee is working very hard to get the prizes and decorations in order and everything is coming together. The game format is one best net on the front nine and a two-person scramble on the back nine. A maximum 10 stroke handicap difference will be allowed between the member and guest.

Ringers/Birdies: Kelley (Sue)

Kelley completed the payouts for session 2 winners. Coby has posted the payouts to everyone's accounts. Lynda stated there are 58 members who signed up for session 3 ringers, one less than session 2.

AGA/State Medallion: Joni (Sue)

Peggy Cooper and Karen Bustillo were the State Medallion winners. Peggy said she and Karen have both accepted and will be playing in the January tournament. Peggy said she had not received the medallion. Sue said that the medallions are usually not distributed early in case a person is unable to play. The person who does actually play will receive the medallion.

Website: Ann

There was nothing new to report. Ann is updating the website as needed. Ann said our website has a direct link to AGA's registration site and will be active on October 1st. Peggy stated the link is sent to you directly if you are on automatic renewal.

ILGA Travel Team News: Judy (Sue)

Judy was out of town and had nothing to report. Judy shared the travel team schedule at the April Board meeting, with the first match scheduled for Tuesday, November 10th at Palo Verde.

New Business

Summer League Update: MJ

The final Summer League event was held September 16th at Palo Verde. The average participation for the three events was 10-12 ILGA members, which was similar to the other clubs. MJ recommended that we discuss with the summer league participants possibly moving the Ironwood event from July to May due to the summer heat in July. Ironwood is the only facility that has to sacrifice a play date (Thursday) to host the league. Lynda expressed concern with taking one of the May shotgun starts away to accommodate summer league. Peggy stated that in later May, there would not be as many golfers playing league. Lynda also asked whether it is important to participate in summer league. MJ said we have been participating for 14 years and it gives players an opportunity to play with players from other leagues. As another alternative, Coby said he could try to move the Ironwood summer league in July to Wednesday. He believes a shotgun could be done given the number of participants. After further discussion, no decision was made and the matter was tabled for a future meeting.

Hole in One Plaque: MJ

MJ informed the Board that the last space on the ILGA hole in one plaque has been used. Do we want to continue with a hole in one plaque? The Board agreed that the plaque provides recognition of a player's significant accomplishment and we should purchase another plaque to

continue the tradition for hole in ones. MJ estimated a new plaque would cost approximately $150. Lynda moved to purchase a new plaque to continue to recognize our hole in one recipients. Jean seconded and all were in favor.

Peggy told the Board that she did not get any recognition when she tied the course record of 65 on May 29, 2025. She said there were plaques displayed in the Club House for other ILGA members from years past who had achieved a course record. The Board agreed this was a significant accomplishment and worthy of recognition. Lynda moved to purchase a plaque to recognize Peggy Cooper for tying the course record. Jean seconded and all were in favor.

The topic of where to display recognition plaques was raised. MJ said when Blue Star started managing the pro shop, they had all recognition plaques removed from behind the register. Karen S. proposed that we evaluate what items we would like to display in the club room, determine if there would be any additional costs, then submit a proposal to the Board of Directors who own the decision-making for the course. Karen S. volunteered to lead this project and asked for help from others. Peggy said she will also talk to Jim Pulver about this project.

Memorial League Play Date – October 22nd: Jan (Sue)

Our inaugural memorial play date is scheduled for October 22nd, the first day after overseed. Jan has advised Sue that she printed signs to recognize and remember past ILGA members whom we have lost in the past two years. Jan took pictures from our website then put a little note beneath their picture to state something about that person. Jan has also purchased black ribbons that members can choose to wear in remembrance that day. Sue asked if we should ask our membership if they know of other past ILGA members who have passed in the last two years that we could recognize. MJ recommended that if we decide to make this an annual event then we can ask members for additional input. If we do not lose any members in the next year, those previously honored will not be honored again.

Standing Rules Update/Bylaws: Sue

Sue sent the draft of updated Standing Rules/Bylaws to MJ just before this meeting. Sue has reformatted the documents and has a few questions to resolve. Sue will have the final draft distributed prior to the October meeting so the Board can review.

Slate of Officers – November Election: Sue

Sue will create a slate of officers for the November election. All executive officers, President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are willing to serve another term so that will be the slate of officers. Sue will post the slate of officers by mid-October on the website and on the bulletin board. The posting will also include a contact for anyone who would like to nominate another candidate. We do not need a nominating committee since all four elected officers agreed they would be willing to serve an additional term.

Miscellaneous

Golf Advisory Meeting: Peggy updated us on the golf advisory meeting. Peggy learned the Ironwood greens have more bent grass on the front than the back. According to Coby, the goal of the overseed is to wipe out everything and then lay the rye and choke out the bent grass. However, Coby added that there will be a little bit of bent grass inside of the rye to make the grass stronger, which could allow for a shorter time period for cart path only.

Ironwood will be getting 20 new golf carts in January.

Peggy said there will be an open forum meeting sometime in October in front of the clubhouse for the public to attend. The date and time should be coming out in the Standing Loop. Mark will be discussing general topics regarding the golf course.

Chits: Chits need to be used before the end of the year. Coby confirmed that there will be a cutoff for posting chits similar to last year.

Rules Clarification – Provisional Ball: Lynda updated the Board on a rules question regarding how a provisional ball is played. According to Rule 18-3, you can play your provisional ball up to but not past where your original ball went out of bounds. Once you hit your provisional ball past your original ball, the provisional ball has to be played out and your original ball is no longer in play.

Dress Code: Coby discussed Ironwood's dress code. This past season Coby received many comments regarding inappropriate golf attire on the course during league play. Coby asked the ILGA Board to remind members of the dress code and proper golf attire. Sue stated we do have the dress code posted on our website, but she will restate the policy in an upcoming newsletter. MJ recommended that we also mention this topic again in January when the new year begins.

MJ's Retirement: MJ informed the Board of her eminent retirement from the Board after 14 years of service. In January 2027, she plans to step away from a lot of the duties she currently performs. Sue expressed her sincere thanks to MJ for all she has done for ILGA over the years. Sue will provide a list of those duties to Board members and will be asking for input on who may be able to fulfill those duties. She would like to get other members involved as much as possible to create a future pipeline for the Board. Jean agreed and suggested we identify newer members to take on some of MJ's responsibilities. We will follow up on this issue at future meetings until we have all positions filled.

MJ made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:02 p.m. Lynda seconded and all were in favor.

Submitted by Vickie Scott, Secretary