

ILGA Board Meeting
January 19, 2026
Oakwood Library

Board members present: Sue Olson, Karen Simon, Joni Hiller, Ann Gavin, MJ Boscombe, Judy Kirschenbaum, Karen Beltz, Jan McCarthy, Vickie Scott, Sharon Behm, Lynda Jones, Peggy Cooper and Cathy Engen. Jean Karich was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by Sue Olson.

Approval of Minutes:

The December minutes were reviewed. There was a motion to accept the minutes by MJ Boscombe. There was a second by Sharon Behm. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Sharon

Sharon presented the proposed 2026 budget. Bank service fees (\$50) were removed because they were minimal and only occur if more than 10 checks are deposited each month.

Chits: Sharon increased the annual budget for weekly tournament chits by \$500 due to the \$5 increase in membership dues. Lynda discussed the minimum payout percentage of 33% for league playdates. MJ pointed out that payouts are front-loaded at the beginning and end of the year due to the higher volume of players in the winter months. The 33% guideline can be exceeded as long as total annual payouts are within budget constraints. Lynda did not agree with needing to meet or exceed that percentage this early in the season. Recent payouts were 28% of participants. This discussion was tabled for the next meeting to see how weekly payouts affect budget projections.

Sharon stated she had received \$12,720 from the AGA for membership dues paid which is \$1,500 less than last year at this time. There was \$9,000 in the bank account at the end of 2025.

Sharon discussed whether the \$850 allocated for supplies should be reduced since the amount spent in 2025 was less than what was allocated. MJ thought the amount spent last year was considerably less since the pro shop is not charging our league to print out scorecards. However, Peggy advised she is still printing out her documents. Therefore, all agreed to retain the \$850 for supplies at this time.

MJ suggested changing the Hole in One Plaques line item to Trophy Plaques since it encompasses more than Hole in Ones. MJ also recommended dropping \$100 from the budget for the President's Plaque which has been replaced with a universal plate. MJ

made a motion to affirm this change, Karen B. approved the motion as made and Judy seconded.

Sharon stated that the annual financial statement audit has been delayed. The original volunteers wanted to take original documents offsite, which is not allowed, so they resigned from the audit. MJ is looking for two new volunteers.

Karen B. made a motion to approve the December 2025 financial statement with modifications. Judy seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Tournament Chair Report: Lynda

The Best of the Best Tournament took place on January 15th. Peggy Cooper won low gross with a score of 72. Judi Walker won low net with the score of 60. Judi also won most improved golfer for 2025. Winners will be paid by check on the next league play date, January 22nd. Since Sue will not be present for the winners' presentation, Sharon or Lynda will present Judi with a check on the morning of January 22nd for low net in Best of the Best (\$50) plus most improved golfer (\$25), totaling \$75. Lynda will send Ann Gavin the winner's results for the website. This Thursday, January 29th is the beginning of Club Championship. 85 women have signed up; 73 for club champion. A total of 8 players 80 years old and above are needed in order to have a super senior flight. There are 6 silver tee players for 2026,

Lynda made the following proposals:

- (1) As of March 1st, every pairing must compare their official scorecard with Golf Genius and It must match or all players in that pairing will be disqualified. In the prior three months, all players were notified and yet, there were still scorecards that did not correspond with Golf Genius. No groups have yet been penalized. Lynda made a motion to have this new rule take effect on March 1st and Karen B. seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- (2) The second proposal is that every week there will be a \$10 payout for the low gross player over the field. This is specifically for the game of the day only. The person who receives the low gross is not eligible for additional game of the day winnings.
- (3) The third proposal is to eliminate ties. If ties are eliminated, more money could be given out to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. MJ made a motion to implement a \$10 low gross payout and to eliminate ties. Lynda Jones seconded. All were in favor.

Pairings: Peggy

Peggy announced that everything was going well except for the language in sending out messages with tee times/pairings. That is still a work in progress. The Standing Rules need to be updated to reflect that pairings are now available in Golf Genius. Both Peggy and Lynda discussed issues with members calling the add/cancel line the morning of play. Players who miss the cancel deadline of noon on Wednesday should call the add/cancel line up to 30 minutes before her tee time but should also notify Peggy or Lynda via call/text, so needed adjustments can be made in pairings.

Social Events – Lunches: MJ

The Home and Home tournament had a good turnout of 60 players. Board members discussed some complaints about the quality of food at the taco bar. MJ stated the February 19th awards luncheon will be chicken piccata, pasta and Cesar salad at a cost of \$30. Due to the increased cost and questionable quality of food, there may be some push back from members. Lynda suggested we consider subsidizing the members' cost at a rate of \$5 per person. Karen S. asked if samples of meals could be provided prior to ordering catered meals. MJ said this would be difficult as there is no guarantee that the same staff would prepare samples and the actual meals. The Board discussed communicating to members that ILGA will provide a \$5 subsidy per member for the cost of the Awards luncheon. MJ made a motion to accept the bid of \$30 and subsidize \$5 of the cost for each member who is attending the luncheon. Lynda seconded and all were in favor.

The upcoming lunches are as follows (1), Awards, February 19th (2) Swing for Hope, April 2nd (3) Member/Member, May 7th and (4) Low Net, November 19th.

Ringers/Birdies: Cathy

Session 3 ringers, we had 57 players for a \$285 purse. We paid 48% of the field for 5 flights. Session 3 birdies, we had 51 players with 118 birdies. We paid 35 golfers for 70% payout also in 5 flights. Cathy has distributed most of the payouts for Session 3.

Cathy discussed two issues for Ringers. First, collecting cash for ringers has become an issue with members forgetting to include their name on the envelopes or forgetting they have paid and not looking at the payment listing that is posted on the website and bulletin board. Cathy suggested that we go cashless with everyone paying by Zelle or check. That way we (and the member) have an official record of who did and did not pay. All monies would then be collected by the treasurer so that only one person keeps a tally. The treasurer can send Cathy the payment report at the first of each session so flights can be set up. Sharon stated there may be some players who did not pay for the full year for Ringers and want to pay by cash. We should encourage the use of a check or Zelle for payments, but cash may still need to be a payment option.

Cathy also recommended that Golf Genius become the official repository for Birdies and Ringers since the information is updated weekly after league play. This would eliminate the need to create a duplicate spreadsheet each week to post on the ILGA website and bulletin board. Cathy would still compile and post the list of winners at the end of each session to do the payouts.

AGA Update/State Medallion: Joni

AGA website – Lynda informed Joni that Joni should be able to get onto the AGA website and update the current ILGA board members.

ILGA State Medallion representatives, Dari Akin and Julie Clausen placed 4th and won \$50. Lunch was held at poolside with an overall good review. The months for 2026 State Medallion are January, February, March and April. Golf Genius will determine the low net and the low gross winners.

Website: Ann

Ann would prefer links only to be added to the website. She will need a new link to correspond to Golf Genius. Lynda suggested that Amanda McLoone may be able to help with the integration of the links for results and pairings. The league roster also needs to be updated and remain password protected. Jean is responsible for keeping the master member roster list updated. Currently, Ann, MJ, Sue and Leslie have administrative ability to upload information to the ILGA website.

Membership Update: Sue for Jean K.

To date, there are 131 full members, including 11 new members, with 14 handicap-only. This is down from last year's membership of 157 members.

New Member Process: The application procedures for new members are on the ILGA website. Jean obtains the new member information from AGA and should send an email to Coby Welch and Board members, Sue, Karen S., Sharon, Vickie, Lynda and Karen B. Lynda has not been receiving the new member emails so Sue will remind Jean to send them to her. If a new member wants to join, she should be directed to Jean to answer any questions. After she joins, Karen B will provide the new member an introductory letter and ask the new member to contact her to get additional information on league guidelines, to set up an orientation session and to assign a mentor. Karen B said not all new members have been responding to her requests so are missing out on orientation and mentors. Karen S suggested revising the introductory letter and will work with Karen B.

ILGA Team News: Judy

Judy informed the Board that to date, ILGA is in first place in team play. The points are as follows, ILGA 156.5; Sun Lakes 146; Palo Verde 142, and Sunbird 131.5. The next match will be held on January 27th at Palo Verde. The final match will be held on February 11th at Sunbird.

New Business:

The new CAGD representative is Tammy Bailey. She has updated the information for CAGD membership and the upcoming tournaments. Sue recently uploaded the new information to the ILGA website.

Standing Rules update - MJ is compiling the input received from Board members and should have the updated document ready for discussion at the February Board meeting.

Golf Advisory Meeting and Group Update: Peggy

Peggy is ILGA's representative but there is no longer a golf advisory group. There is only a dialogue with Mark Thesing and Jim Pulver, along with representatives from each league.

Peggy stated the following topics were discussed during the most recent dialogue.

- the quality of food and food service. Although women had complaints with the service and quality of food at their functions, the men had no issues

- placement of tee markers for women during league play. The groundskeepers should move the tee markers back to their original position. The new Golf Superintendent will be informed that this is mandatory on Thursday league play.

- refurbishing Ironwood sand traps. This is in the budget, but the project has been put on hold due to a change in golf superintendents.

- \$3,200 unused chits in 2025. These chits are to be divided among all golf leagues, including ILGA.

- golf course rangers should be enforcing the pace of play and dress code. They should also be asked to enforce not driving carts on par 3s.

- price for outside play. It is \$85 for outside members. Peggy said outside golf members do not receive any information on golf league memberships when they visit the pro shop. The pro shop should be providing this information.

On February 11th there will be an open session. Any IronOaks member is invited to submit comment cards prior to that date regarding issues. Comment cards are available on the IronOaks website. Mark and Jim will compile the comment cards, review and

discuss them at the open session meeting. Please let Peggy know if you have any comments or concerns or submit a comment card directly. Peggy will send out information to our league members and keep us informed of future discussions.

Open Board/Chairman Positions:

Sunshine/Remembrance – we are looking for a volunteer for the position. In the interim, Sue will oversee this responsibility and asked Board members to keep her informed of any occasions where cards or remembrances are appropriate.

Name Tags – Members are encouraged to wear name tags at all league functions. It is acceptable for ILGA members to wear name tags issued through other leagues, rather than purchase a new ILGA-specific name tag. Karen B will serve as the interim coordinator for ordering name tags for ILGA members.

Swing For Hope – Karen S. is working on this tournament and will update the Board at the next meeting.

Sue moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:08 p.m. Karen S. seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Submitted by Vickie Scott, Secretary.