

ILGA Board Meeting  
May 19, 2025  
Oakwood Library Room

Board members present: MJ Boscombe; Jan McCarthy; Cathy Engen; Betty Lauer; Barb Amedro; Joni Hiller; Ann Gavin; Karen Beltz and Sue Olson.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by President MJ Boscombe.

Prior Minutes: Secretary Lynda Jones was unable to attend the meeting. Board members received the draft minutes on April 23rd, but had not received an updated copy with corrections. MJ asked Board members if there were any corrections to the draft April minutes. Betty said she had sent the following corrections to Lynda. Under the membership paragraph, "Betty contacted the AGA to see if both Jean Karich and she can have access to the AGA site until year-end while Jean learns the system. Jean will be added in late September so she can start doing 2026 Memberships in October. Betty will remain the primary AGA contact until year-end 2025. Betty invited Jean to attend the Board meetings beginning in September." Judy Kirschenbaum had sent a summary of the PICO tournament to Linda which also needs to be added. MJ will add the PICO summary to the April Board minutes. Karen moved that the Board approve the minutes with those amendments. Ann seconded. The motion carried.

Treasurer's report/Budget review: Sharon was unable to attend the meeting, but she provided the April financials and 2025 Budget to all Board members prior to the meeting. MJ stated there should be a separate line item in the budget for the \$543 spent on trophy refurbishment. Karen moved that the April financials be approved with

the suggested line item for trophy reimbursement. Sue seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Tournament Chair: Leslie was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. MJ reported on Leslie's behalf. There were 68 participants for the Member/Member tournament. Lynda Jones has agreed to be the new Tournament Chairman in 2026. Scorecards will be done by ILGA until the end of the month, when Kevin returns from his honeymoon. Jan said she is looking for an example of how to score the Cross Country game for the May 22nd play date since it is confusing. Betty said she heard comments regarding the lack of KP's during last week's league play and also comments about inconsistencies in how many KP's are put out each week. Players have remarked that the increase of dues by \$10 was supposed to support more payouts, including KP's on all Par 3's. MJ said she thought it was an oversight by the Pro Shop last week, since Kevin was gone, but she will let Leslie know so she can follow-up on the process for getting the KP's out consistently each week.

Membership: Betty reported there were no new memberships since the prior Board meeting. Betty received a note from the AGA that its dues will remain \$45 for 2026. There will be no \$5 discount for paying early but players can still get a rebate for joining more than one club. As discussed last month, the Board agreed to raise ILGA dues by \$5, from \$85 to \$90 for 2026, so total dues, including the \$45 for AGA will be \$135 for 2026.

Lunches: Amanda was unable to attend the meeting. MJ reported that Amanda received positive feedback on the build your own salad bar. Betty and Jan indicated that the chicken was rubbery while others said it was fine. This may have been a timing issue as a result of how long it sat out before people went through the line. MJ will pass these comments on to Amanda to see if catering can address the

consistency. The next planned luncheon will be November 20th for the low net tournament.

AGA/State Medallion: Joni reported that Dari Akin is the gross winner with 146 total and Julie Clausen is the low net winner with 128. Both have indicated they will play in the State Medallion Tournament January 9-11, 2026 at Oakwood. MJ will post the low gross and low net winners on the ILGA website. In the event that Dari cannot play, there is a tie for 2nd gross which will have to be broken. Joni will discuss with Leslie how to break the tie, if that happens. Joni reported that her spreadsheet of results matched AGA's for gross and net scores. She will be ordering State Medallion pins for the first place gross and net winners. Joni is still not receiving correspondence from the AGA.

Ringers/Birdies: Cathy Engen reported on Birdie and Ringer payouts for the first Session which ended April 30th. For Ringers, she paid out \$357 (48% of participants) and for birdies, she paid out \$155, approximately 1/3 of those who scored birdies. Ringers payouts included \$7 in unclaimed funds from the prior session and birdies included \$5 unclaimed funds from the prior session. There were 320 birdies recorded in Session 1. Cathy discussed whether we could reconsider making Ringer and Birdie payouts in chits due to the lengthy payout process at the end of each session, which includes determining payouts, obtaining a check from the Treasurer, obtaining the correct denominations of bills for all payouts, stuffing envelopes and tracking down the winners. MJ said we may want to wait to decide on this alternate payment method since the Golf Advisory Group (GAG) is currently studying unclaimed chits and what to do with them. There is a significant dollar amount of unclaimed chits and we do not want our ILGA funds to be used for other purposes. Jan said the multi-step accounting process for crediting players' accounts with chits can also be delayed by several months, unlike the cash distribution that we currently use for Ringer/Birdie payouts. The Board agreed to table

further discussion of Ringer/Birdie payouts in chits until more information is known about the GAGs review of unclaimed chits and the timeliness of posting amounts to players' accounts.

Cathy also discussed changing the deadline for entering the Ringers tournament – which is currently the 3rd Thursday after the beginning of the session. This delayed deadline causes delays in putting together the Ringerboard in Golf Genius and posting results. The deadline was originally imposed when we started using Golf Genius for tracking players Ringers. Leslie needs to know all the players who have paid prior to creating the Ringer Tournament in Golf Genius. Otherwise, she has to create a new Ringerboard every time a player is added. Prior to the deadline, players were allowed to pay throughout the session and they would be manually added to the Ringerboard which was maintained in an excel spreadsheet outside of Golf Genius. The Board discussed moving the deadline to the end of the month prior to the start of the new session to prevent delays in compiling the Ringer Tournament in Golf Genius. This will also coincide with the handicap report which is run on the 1st of the month of each new session to determine flights. This will ensure that the Ringerboard can be compiled in Golf Genius and results reported after the first applicable play date. Cathy moved that we change the deadline for Ringer payments to the end of the month prior to the beginning of each new session, i.e. December 31st; April 30th; and August 31st. Betty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pairings: Barb reported that the Pairings Committee is doing an awesome job. Each month, Barb sends the Committee the games for each playdate which are then created in Golf Genius. Leslie creates the scorecards. Barb indicated that Golf Genius had some changes which were not communicated to users. She cited an instance where a new line was added where you could add a check mark if the game was based on a players' full handicap instead of their ILGA playing

handicap. ILGA has a maximum handicap of 36 for players so by checking “full” handicap, a player whose handicap was above 36 would get additional strokes. This change was caught and corrected before the play date.

Website: Ann reported nothing new. Sue asked if Ann received any communication from AGA about the change in the menu for the file upload location, which is now on the top tab with website pages instead of near the bottom of the left menu bar. Ann said they did not communicate the change, but she had also noticed the change, which is easier to find than the prior location.

ILGA Team News: Judy was unable to attend the meeting, but told MJ that there was nothing new to report.

Trophy Refurbishment: MJ reported the Club Championship and Low Net trophy refurbishments are done. The trophies have been returned to the case, including the new Super Senior Club Championship trophy.

Slate of Officers for 2026: The slate of officers for 2026 needs to be completed and published by mid-October, 30 days prior to the election which is held in mid-November. Candidates for Vice President and Secretary are needed. MJ is going to contact three individuals to see if they will serve as the nominating committee and reach out to members to serve as officers for 2026. Previously, Sue Pederson and Peggy Cooper served as the Nominating Committee in 2024.

New Business:

Summer League: MJ reported that Summer League has started. There are three play dates:

Wednesday, June 11th, 7:30 am shotgun at Sun Lakes Country Club - 3-person scramble format (Deadline is June 6th);

Thursday, July 10th, 7:30 am shotgun at Ironwood - 15 holes, alternate shot (Deadline July 6th);

Wednesday, September 17th, 7:30 shotgun at Palo Verde (Deadline September 12th).

Green fees are \$15, payable by check to the hosting club, plus \$3 cash for the prize fund. Players should bring their own carts and beverages to the course.

Unused Chits: As previously discussed, the Golf Advisory Committee is looking into unused chits and how much is coming in and how much is spent. MJ said ILGA had \$11K in chits in 2024 and \$11.5K in 2025. Players need to use 2024 chits by the end of 2025. This deadline was extended from year-end 2024. One of the options being considered is Blue Star taking unused chits into its income. All agreed this is not appropriate since it is our league money which should not be used for general funds for Blue Star. Linda Thrash and Jamie Smith are on the GAG. The Board will table further discussion of using chits for Birdie/Ringer payouts depending on what the GAC recommends for addressing unused chits.

This was our last meeting before summer break. Our next meeting will be on Monday, September 15th from 3-5 pm in the Oakwood Library.

Sue moved that we adjourn at 4:15 p.m. Jan seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Sue Olson, Acting Secretary