

## Cottonwood Ladies Golf Association Board Meeting



**Date:** March 5, 2026

**Location:** Phoenix Room

**Elected Officers Present:** Kathy Langston, Deb Bohac, Sue Kish, Deb Walsh

**Appointed Board Members Present:** Tara Bradford, Alice Barber, Cindy Edwards, Joanne Rumpler, Mary Anne Lofquist, Mikki Rydell, Nancy Mastalski

**Guests Present:** Trudy Houghton, Mary Anne Lofquist

The president, Kathy Langston, called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

### Old Business

**Approval of minute:** Deb Bohac moved to approve the February Board Meeting Minutes posted on the website. Tara Bradford seconded and the motion passed.

**Changes in Bank Account:** Sue Kish announced she sees no reason to make changes to where we have our CLGA bank account at this time.

### New Business

**President's Report:** Kathy announced that she will not be at the April board meeting and that Deb Bohac has agreed to run the meeting.

**CLGA-CMGA Tourney March 14th:** Kathy Langston shared that the golf genius invite went out today for the CLGA-CMGA tourney from Jon Griglak. The goal of the tourney is to make it a fun event that brings together our men and women 18-hole Cottonwood leagues. Kathy indicated that the men are sponsoring the food for the patio party. Kathy pointed out we have \$100 in our budget to put towards the event and asked if she would be able to go over that budget not having an exact amount, yet keeping it to around \$300 or less. The board supported Kathy with going over the budget for this event.

**Nominating Committee:** The nominating committee reported that they had met and all agreed on who they wanted to ask to run for office. After reaching out to the individuals and getting confirmation that they were willing to serve, the nominating committee presented the following CLGA Officers to be filled and the Slate of Candidates:

President – Deb Bohac, the Nominating Committee confirmed candidate Deb Bohac's agreement to run for the office of President

Vice President – Tara Bradford, the Nomination Committee confirmed candidate Tara Bradford's agreement to run for office of Vice President

Secretary – Deb Walsh, (currently in the position of secretary) the Nominating Committee confirmed the candidate's agreement to run a second term as permissible under the current bylaws

Treasurer – Sue Kish, will serve her second year of a two-year term. A vote is not required, yet the Nominating Committee confirmed Sue's commitment to a second year.

To comply with rules, the committee presented the following schedule and asked that the current Board post to the website, bulletin board, email and put in the Birdie Blast the slate of Candidates and invite other members who are interested to apply for positions by the March 30<sup>th</sup> closing date.

The following schedule was presented by the nominating committee to be followed:

March 5, 2026 – Review Slate of Officers with Board Members

March 9, 2026 – Post the nominated Slate of Officers, via Birdie Blast and email to members

March 30, 2026 – Nominations are closed

April 13, 2026 – Online voting begins

April 27, 2026 – Online voting closes

May 7, 2026 – New Officers are announced at the General Meeting

Discussion regarding details with online voting. Tara Bradford had checked out voting platforms and recommended a platform as an option that will accommodate our needs to making the ballots anonymous, able to verify email addresses, and allow for voting and for our nominating committee only to have access to the results. The cost to use the platform is \$49. The Board agreed to use this platform. Tara Bradford will coordinate with the nominating committee and get everything set up for voting to occur to include confirming and preloading email addresses of who has a right to vote. Tara will set it up so only the nominating committee has access to getting the tally report to review and confirm results.

**CLGA Contact Page from website:** Cindy Edwards mentioned that she was uncomfortable with the message that came out from 'The CLGA Board' regarding asking members to use the CLGA contact page from the website verses contacting board members individually when there is a concern. Cindy was most disappointed that she was not aware the message was being sent and when a few members approached her, she did not have the rationale to explain. Kathy Langston apologized and said that when she sent the message out that she should have signed it 'CLGA Executive Board' as this group had discussed and were just looking for a proper channel for communication that allowed for board members to receive messages through the CLGA email and to be able to discuss and communicate in an effective and efficient manner that aligned as a board.

**Sponsorship for CLGA:** Nancy Mastalski shared an updated handout regarding the Community Partners Program. As she noted at the last meeting, this included the dollar estimate of funds which will be added to the CLGA General Fund as a result of the program, approximately \$4,000. This total will be finalized after league tournaments this season. The total amount will be used to assist this CLGA Board's goal to build funds to ensure the next season is funded and reserves can be built for potential needs. Nancy shared that she is working on gathering pictures that show our members with the sponsor signage around the course, to share with those organizations. They will also be sent the link to our CLGA website and page that Tara Bradford is creating, that features the Community Partners list and their logos, together with pictures of our members and our league tournaments and events that their signage was displayed at.

#### **Board Committee Reports:**

**Golf Committee Report:** Cindy Edwards provided an update to the board on what was discussed at the last Cottonwood Palo Verde Golf Committee meeting. Scott shared that he has ordered trash cans and plans to place them by the ladies tee boxes. Dress code is being reviewed. There is a need for consistency with applying the dress code to the range, putting and chipping practice areas as it is currently not followed by some. With the 5-year plan, the budget is being reviewed and recommending only budget items that help the golf course infra-structure and maintenance be implemented. The committee is making a recommendation to the HOA regarding golf carts to include tires > 8 inches and < than 22 inches be allowed and that a total weight of equal to our less than 2000 lbs be allowed on the course and cart paths. Also, recommending that carts need to maintain a speed of 20 mph or less. Proposing that golf carts need to be insured and licensed and that this may be monitored by having the owner get a sticker from the HOA office. Cindy also reported that this summer the tee markers on the course will be painted a brighter color. Also there was discussion regarding the signage regarding filling divots should be increased. As for our members, it was suggested that we model filling of divots and encourage others in our 4 some to do so.

**Vice President Report (Luncheons, patio parties):** Deb Bohac reported that for the March 12<sup>th</sup> patio party following the Club Champion Tournament that she planned to have Chinese food from Panda Express. For this patio party, Deb indicated that she would like to go over the \$200 budgeted and requested that she be allowed to spend approximately

\$100 additional funds. The board approved the request. Next year Deb suggested that a committee be formed to help with the patio parties.

**Rules Report:** Kathy Langston provided an update that an AGA representative will be providing a rules training session on April 15<sup>th</sup> and that it will be open to all Cottonwood and Palo Verde golfers. Kathy indicated she will provide the details for the event to Deb Walsh as she would like a flyer made to put up in the Pro Shop. Kathy will meet with the HOA office regarding getting communications regarding this event put in the 'In The Know' or HOA flyer.

**Communications Report:** Deb Walsh shared that the article that JoAnne Rumpler submitted made the front page of the Splash. The article focused on CLGA's 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and highlighted interviews with our long-term members. The board acknowledged JoAnne for her ability this year to put together articles that had excellent focus highlighting well our CLGA organization to the Sun Lakes Community. Deb Walsh shared that communications regarding the member-guest event moving forward would be individual communications as we have prompted the event well to our overall members. Also, any individuals who have not paid the \$180 registration fee will be contacted individually. Especially during this busy season where we have several events, we want to be strategic with making sure our members are aware of events while not inundating them with emails so they disengage.

**Tournament and League Play Report:** Mikki Rydell reported that on March 19<sup>th</sup> she is putting together a special St Patrick's Day themed special game. For now, Mikki asked that a message be communicated to wear something green. She also plans to have special balls to play with. The overall focus will be fun play especially after coming off of the two weeks of tournament play. Mikki will get details of the March 19<sup>th</sup> game to Deb Walsh to communicate in the Birdie Blast. Mikki will be getting the PICO flyer and providing to Deb Walsh so it can be shared with our members. Amanada Mc Clone has already sent out a message so some of our members have signed up, yet Mikki indicated it is important we send something directly to our membership. Mikki will be getting the new names and pictures up of the 2025-2026 champions for our tournaments to be displayed outside the Cottonwood Pro Shop.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sue Kish provided a handout of the budget Actual income and expense compared to budget categories as of March 5, 2026. At the May general meeting, Sue will be prepared to share the budget and the amount that will be carried forward for the 2026-2027 year.

**Membership Report:** Tara Bradford reported that Sue Kish and her met and have the draft survey questions prepared and ready for the board to review. Tara will send the survey to Board members for feedback. She asked when reviewing the survey to look at through our own eyes as a member taking the survey as well as through a board member perspective with obtaining responses that will be valuable to the next board. Tara shared that after feedback from the board, survey questions will be revised and the final survey will be presented at the April board meeting for approval. It was discussed and decided to send the survey to members after the May general meeting. Tara Bradford communicated that she surveyed the 13 members that were new this year and that she received consistent positive feedback from the new members that they have enjoyed their first year in the league and are having fun. Tara brought up that the niner's member-guest is on March 19<sup>th</sup> and that she has noticed that their events start as early as 8:30 a.m. Kathy Langston will follow up with their league president Renee and Diane Score to ensure that they are conscious that we have league that morning and that the niner's event does not interfere with our ladies and league play. Concern was shared that during our first week of the championship round, we had members that ended as late as 12:50 pm. It was discussed that the tee sheet had tee times stacked for holes 11-17 and that this slowed our league play down. Potential solutions discussed: Mikki will talk with Jon Griglak to see if the tee sheet can only have 1 tee time per hole for our four major tournaments to start with next week's round 2 of the Club Championship Tournament. Another idea was to pay \$1 chits out for every league day that a member played to encourage ladies to play each week.

**AGA Report:** Nancy Mastalski shared that the AGA gives Hole-in-one certificates and that she will get them ordered for Deb Feist and Tracy Rice. After discussion, it was decided to present the certificates and the \$50 our league pays to the member at our March 12<sup>th</sup> patio party.

**Handicap Report:** Alice Barber expressed concern that we make an exception for individuals to play in our events who do not have a handicap. She would like our rules reviewed and suggested we do not allow individuals to play without a GHIN. Alice expressed it is quite easy to obtain a handicap and does not believe exceptions should be made. Since we had just discussed this at the last board meeting, it was decided to table any changes until the 2026-2027 season. Alice shared that 40 of our members have a soft handicap which limits how fast the member's handicap can increase. A soft handicap allows a handicap to rise, just at a slower rate. Alice explains that a 365-day running total is kept and that it takes 8 scores of the last 20. We currently have one player that has a hard and soft handicap. Alice has been working with our AGA representative and for that individual based on a request, they are changed to a soft from hard handicap after review each month. Alice is working with AGA and the member and communicating changes monthly to the member.

**Meeting adjourned at 4:07 pm**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Debra Walsh, Secretary**