

Cottonwood Ladies Golf Association Board Meeting



Date: October 2, 2025

Location: Phoenix Room

Elected Officers Present: Kathy Langston, Deb Walsh

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

The president, Kathy Langston, called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm

Approval of minute: Mikki Rydell moved to approve the September Board Meeting Minutes posted on the website. Tara Bradford seconded and the motion passed.

President's report: Kathy distributed Budget and CLGA Opening Day handouts. Kathy indicated we would be voting on the budget at today's meeting. Kathy explained that there were two versions of the CLGA Opening Day flier as one flier was changed for the website from providing the website link to click here to sign up for the luncheon.

Tara Bradford recommended Sue Kish call our bank to find out the correct email for Zelle payments and to get the information corrected on the flier if the Zelle email has changed.

Kathy Langston explained that our CLGA website had been updated and will continue to be updated and kept current with new information and photos as events occur. Kathy is the person making the changes on the website with input from Tara Bradford and Deb Walsh. Kathy encouraged feedback on the website be sent to her for the site to continue to be improved.

Treasurer's report: Budget presented to be voted on today. One correction from what is on the handout is the budget line for the Match Play Tournament should read \$500 instead of \$300. Transition of CLGA bank account at Wells Fargo was transitioned today from Zara Logan and Pat McRoberts to Kathy Langston and Sue Kish. Sue is still exploring various banks to see if we want to make changes to where our account is at.

Committee reports

Membership Chair: Tara Bradford showed us the new CLGA 3X6 banner that was purchased for \$75. The banner will be used at the October 4 Community Day Event where we will have a booth. Tara and Mo England will be our representatives at the Community Day Event from 9-12 noon. We will have a raffle for attendees to enter and we will draw for 5 golf purses (left over from last year) filled with different things. The CLGA booth will provide attendees interested in CLGA to sign up on the spot or provide information if the attendee desires follow up. Once a new member signs up, the orientation process will follow: 1) Kathy Langston welcoming email, copying Tara Bradford in the email 2) Tara Bradford follows up with the new member connecting them with Mo England for a picture and a one-one orientation will be provided. 3) First day the new member golfs, Travis will be notified to schedule the new member in a foursome with a board member or ambassador. New members to be introduced at the November 6th general meeting. Joanne Rumpler asked that when promoting people to sign up to join CLGA in the Splash, if Tara was okay if she placed her name with title of membership chair along with contact

information on how to reach Tara. Tara approved including her name and the cottonwoodwga@gmail.com as a good email address to reach her.

Tara explained she researched pricing for printing new employee handbooks and that the action to print handbooks has been tabled due to the high cost of printing.

AGA Rep: Nancy Mastalski shared in the first 24 hours the site was open to join, 23 people have joined/renewed their memberships for the 25-26 season. Nancy has also changed the age requirement to 45+ to join our league matching the requirement of our HOA to live in Sun Lakes Community. Nancy updated the team that if a 2024-25 member does not renew their membership, the system will automatically take these individuals off our roster so we will not be charged. Nancy will monitor the member registration site.

Discussion regarding the need to be ready to recognize medallion and most improved golfers at our November 6th general meeting. Alice will follow up to identify the most improved golfer. Nancy and Alice will make sure awards are ordered and ready to give out.

Golf Committee Chair: no report.

Tournament Chair: Mikki Rydell provided an update on the 25-26 calendar. The Santa Scramble moved to December 4th which resulted in the Half & Half game moving to December 11 due to room availability for our luncheon. Our season will end May 7th with the Cross Country game followed by a general meeting and luncheon.

Mikki reminded us that for major tournaments 1 low gross and 3 low net for each flight will be paid. An individual cannot win low gross and low flight. Patio parties which will include a presentation of the tournament winners will be on the final day of the tournament. Mikki plans to collaborate with Jon Griglak and the Lady 9'ers to identify the best way to share the patio on the days of our parties. Discussion on not charging any money for the first few patio parties and hopefully finding sponsors to help offset costs. Desire to provide beer, pop, snacks and pizza or sandwiches. There will be no additional charge for the Ryder Cup Tournament. Deb Bohac has offered to provide oversight for the Patio Parties. Tara Bradford will reach out to Deb Feist to see if she would like to help with sponsor recruitment. Kathy Langston is in contact with the HOA manager to see if we can use the community's employee identification number.

Mikki made a calendar identifying weekly games and highlighting tournaments and for now has posted this in the Pro Shop women's bathroom. The first Thursday of each month, Mikki will have Mikki's mic where she communicates to members golfing that day brief information on what is happening for that month.

Communications Chair: Deb Walsh provided report as follows: Website is and will continue to be updated as new documents are ready. Feedback from members desired a site that our members find user friendly and current. Plans to refresh the site ongoing to include information on events and photos from weekly play.

Reminder that official communications to all members should come from our CLGA email and recommend a review is done prior to sending. Where possible, we will combine messages and send in our Monday 'Birdie Blast'. Executive board members are able to send emails from the CLGA email, so send communications needing to go to all members to a board member to get reviewed and posted.

Tara Bradford is updating the bulletin boards at the Pro Shop. We will use the women's bathroom bulletin board to promote our CLGA league. At the front entrance of the Pro Shop where the other leagues have bulletin boards, we will now have our bulletin board where we will post information/fliers on events. Discussion that the backroom bulletin board is not frequented as much due to the location. We need to continue to evaluate how this is used and for now will be used for CLGA league information – example: posting of bylaw proposed changes.

Deb Walsh thanked Joanne Rumpler for the quality process and outcomes achieved with our monthly Splash articles. Joanne shared that articles moving forward will focus on our current events.

Our weekly Monday communications, 'Birdie Blast', will be starting October 27th and will follow already identified criteria and information that is part of our communication plan. If anyone has information desiring to be included in the 'Birdie Blast', a reminder is to get this information to Deb Walsh by the Friday prior to the Monday you desire it included.

A one page 'snap shot' schedule is being created that has our calendar of games/events (to include meetings) with the goal of posting to our website and printed to hand out to members at our November 6 general meeting.

QR codes and links will be added to fliers this year for members that desire the use of this technology. Tara Bradford will help us with getting these included.

Deb Walsh indicated she had posted the webmaster/communications proposed bylaw change to the CLGA bulletin meeting the requirements for us to do online voting as previously discussed. Discussed the need to post to our website also. After discussion, it was decided to move this to in-person voting at our first general meeting. Mary Anne Lofquist brought up we could table voting at this time since we do not have anyone in the Webmaster role giving the committee Deb Bohac has put together an opportunity to review our bylaws and standing rules.

Handicap Chair: Alice Barber reported she is set up on the AGA website and spending time learning about the site.

Rules Chair: no report.

Old Business

Kathy Langston reported that Mo England is still planning to take a new member group picture on November 6th. Mo is also willing to take new headshots of any member desiring one and that they just need to let her know. Mo also plans to take action photos throughout the season for use on the website.

New Business

Vote to accept the 2025-2026 budget:

Tara Bradford motioned to approve the proposed 2025-2026 budget that was handed out at this meeting with the change identified by Sue Kish, treasurer, that the Match Play(T) proposed budget line should read \$500 instead of \$300. Mikki Rydell seconded the motion. All voting members at the meeting voted in favor of approving the budget as presented with the one change. Motion passed.

Bylaws and Standing Rules: Deb Bohac has asked Joyce Parker and Barb Amedro to join her in reviewing bylaws and standing rules.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm

**Respectfully submitted,
Debra Walsh, Secretary**