

CLGA Board Interim Organizational Meeting

September 4th, 2025

2:00-4:10 pm

Held in the Phoenix Room

Members present: Kathy Langston, Sue Kish, Tara Bradford, Mikki Rydell, Joanne Rumpler, Deb Bohac, Alice Barber, Lisa Mahoric, Mo England and Maryann Lofquist
Nancy Mastalski and Deb Walsh joined remotely. Jon Griglak was also present.

Reports

1. Communication

Deb Walsh presented a DRAFT communication plan based on prior input and feedback and was seeking additional input. Key input provided to enhance the plan included:

- Email contact list for cottonwoodwga@gmail.com access in distribution list in the CLGA Google account using your computer.
- Birdie Blast (BB) Email – send out on Mondays. Anyone having information to include in the Email should get the information to Deb Walsh by the Friday prior to it going out.
In weekly BB email, include detailed description of the game that will be played as members have expressed desire in more clarity of how to play the weekly game. Include a fun highlight from previous week to celebrate member successes. Start sending out the Birdie Blast Email on September 15th with focus on the Ryder Cup Event.
- Website – simplify the homepage and make the site more user friendly. Important to continue a focus with rules on the website. Mo will lead the charge with what is included for rules and add videos provided by the USGA. Continue rule of the week.
- Tara indicated that at our general kick off meeting that members will complete a form that asks if the member wants to receive communications by email, text, or both. We will set up and send out communications based on what each member desires.

ACTIONS/OUTCOMES

- a) Deb Walsh to update 2025-2026 Communication Plan to reflect desired changes to the plan. Updated plan attachment included for review.

2. League Schedule

Mikki Rydell presented updated 2025-2026 schedule that included State Medallion dates. Mikki will be working with Lisa Mahoric to get CAGD dates on the calendar. Mikki led a discussion to determine meeting and social event dates. Key discussion points:

- Schedule more patio parties and less luncheons. Keeps costs down for members. Luncheons - \$15, Patio Parties charge \$5/person.
- Hold four luncheons in Saguaro room: November 6, January 29, and May 14 to include a general meeting, December 11 Christmas social event only. The member/guest tournament will include a luncheon held in the Cottonwood Ballroom.
- Hold patio parties on the second day of every tournament with the exception of the member/guest tournament the patio party will be held the day prior to the tournament along with the horse race event. Patio T.V.'s will show live scoring and final results. Beverages and appetizers at the patio parties will be provided. Members are welcome to bring own drinks to patio parties. Jon made us aware that we are sharing the patio with the Cottonwood Ladies 9er's league until they go out to golf.
- Maryann advised at the first general meeting that it will be important to introduce the board members.
- Decided non-members are welcome to join meetings. Meetings will follow the format of business first followed by open comments.

ACTIONS/OUTCOMES

- a) Mikki Rydell to give finished schedule information to Jon Griglak and Deb Walsh by September 15.
- b) Deb Bohac to reserve Saguaro room and Cottonwood Ballroom for luncheons.
- c) General meetings, Patio parties, and CAGD dates to be added to calendar. Deb Walsh to format schedule and get ready for distribution and to post to the website.

3. Membership

Tara shared that membership feedback on the Big sister program included comments that it was inconsistent and ineffective. Change to include:

- Discontinue the Big sister program and start an ambassador program.
- Ambassador program to include the following steps to ensure a personalized and consistent program which Tara Bradford will lead and Mo England will play an active role. 1. New member signs up. 2. President calls the new

member and welcomes them and hands off to Membership Chair. 3. Membership Chair or Mo England provide a 1-1 personal orientation and check-ins throughout the season. 4. The new member will receive a CLGA bag tag and name tag. 5. A new CLGA handbook is being explored for new members with consideration to make the new handbook available to every member. The handbook would include board member names, local rules and the schedule for the year. 6. A new member kick-off bash to be scheduled early in the season.

- First day the new member plays on league, schedule with a board member or ambassador.
- On November 6th, a CLGA member form will be given out to all members. Information to be included: emergency contact, mobile number, email preference for league to send information to
- Suggest that the first Thursday each month prior to league play have Mikki's Mic @ Pro Shop.
- November 6th a new member group picture will be taken. Mo England shared that she is willing to take new headshot of any member and that members just need to ask her if they want a new headshot.

ACTIONS/OUTCOMES

- a) Tara Bradford and Mo England to implement Ambassador program, explore handbook for new members and order bag and name tags.
- b) Mikki Rydell to begin Mikki's mic at November 6th league play.
- c) Tara Bradford and Mo England to create CLGA member form and distribute at November 6th league play.

4. Financial Report

Sue Kish reported an external auditor completed audit of financial records. Sue Kish made adjustments to categories based on the auditor findings to include: added a clothing budget, added a line for cost of new checks to bank fees.

Sue reported that we currently have \$7462.38 in our account.

Sue is currently meeting with Kathy Langston and each chair to establish budgets for each area based on needs. Each area is to determine what is needed to carry out the desired outcomes. Sue indicated that since we will be charging \$5/person for patio parties she will have additional money to move in the budget and asked if we should consider higher payouts for some of the tournaments.

Sue has an appointment with the bank on October 2nd to turn the accounts over to her and to take off the previous treasurer.

Sue also has updated treasurer files so there is a 2024 and 2025 financial report and then there is also a starter financial report file so future treasurers will have a blank report and not have to delete actual data in the reports.

ACTIONS/OUTCOMES

a) Sue Kish will have the 2025-2026 budget complete in the next few weeks.

5. AGA and CAGD

Nancy Mastalski has been working on updating the Online Join/Renew form changing the fees to reflect the approved increase to \$70 to join or \$75 if join or renew after October 30th.

CAGD fee remains at \$8 per member which is what we will charge our members again.

On the member registration form, there is an area where members need to acknowledge that they are 55 or older. Discussed that our HOA allows a percentage of residents that are under 55 and therefore we have CLGA members that are under 55. Nancy is going to contact the AGA representative and find out what is the best way to address on the form or otherwise, our members who are under 55 years of age.

By end of November/beginning of December, we need to take out any members from last year who do not renew their membership or we will be charged for them.

ACTIONS/OUTCOMES

a) Nancy Mastalski will continue working with AGA to get everything set up for our members to sign up and pay for the 2025-2026 season.

6. Bylaws

Deb Bohac shared the latest versions of the Bylaws and standing Rules. Deb discussed the proposed change of removing the Webmaster as a voting member and adding the Communication Chair as a voting member. The second ByLaw change was to address the Treasurer transition issues at the financial institution where we have our money. After discussion, it was decided to take the first proposed change to vote and to table the second Treasurer Bylaw hoping to find a resolution by talking with various financial institutions.

ACTIONS/OUTCOMES

- a) Deb Bohac to update the first Bylaw and get to our voting members for electronic approval and then to our membership for their vote. (see page 6)
- b) Sue Kish to find out what financial institutions require when transitioning account owners. For example – are individuals able to be present at a branch or another remote location.

New Business

1. Webmaster resignation and replacement

Kathy Langston shared that Sandy Eeds has resigned from her role as Webmaster. Kathy Langston will assume the role short term until a replacement is found. Kathy, along with Deb Walsh, will continue the work on the site short term and get the site ready for our 2025-2026 season.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra Walsh

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VOTING ANNOUNCEMENT NOTICE:

Article V. – Officers and Board of Directors, Section 3 – Appointment Chairpersons provides that various chairpersons and representatives shall be appointed by the President. It is the current boards recommendation that the position of “Webmaster” under this Article and Section be changed to “Communications Chair”. The complete article proposed change in redline version is shown as follows:

Section 3 – Appointed Chairpersons:

The chairpersons of the Tournament, Handicap, **Communications** and Rules Committees, as well as representatives to the Sun Lakes HOA#2 Golf Committee, the AGA State Representative, **and** the Member at Large, ~~and the Webmaster~~ shall be appointed by the President. Chairperson for the Nominating Committee will be determined by members of that group.

Background:

The current board feels that a Communications chair is an appropriate title to oversee all member communications, including website content (the webmaster will be removed as a voting member per request). Article VIII – Method of Amending or Repealing The Bylaws defines the process to amend our By Laws.

By Laws and Standing Rules are available 24/7 on the CLGA website:
<https://cottonwoodwga.azgolf.org/>

Voting will be available on the website starting on October 14, 2025 for your vote until midnight on October 29, 2025, which is 15 days after today’s posting of the proposed amendment.

The CLGA 2025-2026 Board appreciates your time in voting within this timeframe.

Thank You.
CLGA 2025-2026 President Kathy Langston