

**WASHINGTON STATE
WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION
SUMMER TRUSTEES MEETING**

MEADOW SPRINGS COUNTRY CLUB

JULY 21, 2025, 1:45 PM



1. Carol Sohn - Meeting Called to Order at 1:45 p.m.
Head table introduced:
Vice President – Janet Peterson (Seattle)
Treasurer – Sally Irvine (Twin Lakes)
Recording Secretary – Karen Pemerl (Meadow Springs)
Executive Secretary – Michelle Hood (Sahalee)
2. Michelle Hood called roll

In Attendance:

Bear Creek - Charlie Gele	Rainier – Jane Harris
Bellingham - Theresa Cockrell	Sahalee – Barbara Todd
Broadmoor - Karen Hepler	Sand Point – Beth Chew, proxy for Ann Swanson
Canterwood - Colleen Hedeen, proxy for Mary Jackson	Seattle – Janet Peterson
Fairwood CC - Susan Bryan	Skagit - Sandy Oberg
Fircrest - Beth Chew	Tacoma – Kris Adams
Gig Harbor - Kim Titus	Twin Lakes – Sally Irvine
Glen Acres - Patty Chandler	Useless Bay – Cat Felker
Glendale – Sharon Faulkner, proxy for Onti Rosen	Walla Walla – Joan Schille
Grays Harbor - Gretchen Klein	Wing Point – Michelle Hood, proxy for Monica Boegl
Kitsap – Kim Titus, proxy for Becky Robbins	Yakima – Pat Martin
Linden - Carla Pistilli	Yakima Elks - Lori Nulliner
Longview - Ellie Lathrop	
Meadow Springs – Carol Sohn	
Meridian Valley - Larinda Morson	
Mill Creek - Judy Weitz	
Olympia – Marcia Eaton proxy for Connie Olson	
Overlake – Gwynne Johnson	

Not in Attendance:

Everett - Cheryl Vincent
Inglewood – Judy Wick

3. Carol Sohn – Previous minutes
Motion and 2nd to approve September 9, 2024 minutes, passed as written.

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4. Carol Sohn - President's Report

- Planning for 2025 WSWGA tournament started 5½ years ago. Meadow Springs has 2 tournament co-chairs and 8 committee chairs to manage the event. Details will be gathered in book in approximately 1 month to pass on to Seattle, the 2026 tournament host.
- Carol asked about a press release concerning the 2025 championship tournament that was done with incorrect information. No one present knew who coordinated the press release.
- Based upon the survey responses from 12 clubs, charitable contributions to help the community and promote golf totaled ~\$181,000 for 2024. Meridian Valley had most contributions at ~\$76,500.

5. Michelle Hood - Executive Secretary's Report

- Elizabeth Dwan Competition (held in May) – Please read and carefully follow directions – must be held in correct month!
- Team Match v. Par Competition (held in June) – good participation
- Awards for both Elizabeth Dwan and Match versus Par competitions will be presented Tuesday night.
- Larinda has a spreadsheet that will make calculating the winners of Match versus Par competitions much easier. She will share with Michelle Hood.

6. Sally Irvine - Treasurer's Report

• Beginning Balance	\$7833.34
• Income to Date	\$450.00
• Expenses to Date	\$2828.92
• Current Balance	\$5454.42
• Unpaid Expenses	\$2960.00
• Projected End of Year Balance	\$2494.42
• NOTES:	
○ Received \$50.00 from Everett late	
○ \$1000 stipend for Seniors Tournament	
○ Stipends (reduced) for Secretary and Treasurer, engraving and other miscellaneous expenses to come soon.	

7. Old Business - Tournament schedule update:

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WSWGA Championship

2025: Meadow Springs
2026: Seattle (7/20-22)
2027: Mill Creek (7/19-21)***
2028: Wing Point (7/24-26)
2029: Kitsap
2030: Glendale***
2031: Longview
2032: Rainier

WSWGA Senior Championship

2025: Bellingham (9/8-9)
2026: Olympia (9/14-15)
2027: Canterwood (9/13-14)
2028: Twin Lakes (9/11-12)
2029: Bear Creek
2030: Inglewood
2031: Skagit
2032: Meadow Springs

*** Glendale and Mill Creek have swapped years (Mill Creek moved to 2027 and Glendale to 2030).

Discussion continues regarding Canterwood Senior Championship dates which fall on a Tuesday and Wednesday (versus the typical Monday/Tuesday) and a practice round will need to be added. Suggested considering a Monday shotgun for the practice round.

WSWGA Championship tournament in 2026 at Seattle - Janet Peterson

- Theme is “Birdies in Paradise”
- Shotgun start times are planned for
 - Noon Monday with dinner in the evening,
 - Trustee Meeting on Tuesday,
 - Morning start on Wednesday with awards lunch
- There are some elevation changes. There will be motor carts for rent and push carts are available. Players can bring their own push carts, however no remote control, battery operated carts are allowed on the course. (Janet clarified this after the meeting. Initially she reported that players could not bring their own push carts or remote control, battery operated carts. However, personal push carts are acceptable.)
- Caddies from the course will be available for hire.

Motion was made with a 2nd to increase 2026 championship registration fee to \$300. Motion passed.

WSWGA Senior Championship in Bellingham in September 2025 – Theresa Cockrell

- Theresa will finalize registration information and send to Michelle who will send registration information to all trustees soon after July 23rd.
- GGID is WSWGASR25

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8. New Business

Entry fee for Championship 2026

- Motion was made with a 2nd to increase 2027 registration entry fee at Bellingham (2025 Seniors) to \$210 and no breakfast will be provided. Motion passed.

Subcommittee created to review Rules of Competition and clarify language around required handicap/index for tournaments

- Michelle will lead a subcommittee of Jane Harris, Beth Chew, Cat Felker and Carol Sohn to create new and/or more consistent documentation regarding indexes, increases in registration fees and other rules. Trustees suggested using the same % on fee increases for both championships. Subcommittee will report at either Fall 2025 meeting or next July and ask for a vote.
- Discussion on Minimum/Maximum yardage for Championship and changes to Index for Championships

Current Language, ~~Proposed Language removal, Change~~

All contestants must have an approved USGA handicap index. Players must have 10 rounds played and posted in the previous 12 months prior to entry cut-off date. ~~This index is then converted to a handicap for the course where the tournament is being played.~~ Players with handicaps of 34.0 ~~32.0~~ and under at the time of registration shall be eligible for the tournament.

- A motion was made with a 2nd to remove the language about converting index to handicap and change the index from 34.0 to 32.0 for the Championship. Motion passed.
- No change to the 40.0 index for the Senior Championship.

Discussion on requiring electronic sign up

- Olympia (2026 Senior Championship) may have difficulty with electronic registration because they currently don't use Golf Genius. Marcia Eaton will check and advise.

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Standardizing timing of changing of trustees

- Michelle reminded attendees that it's critical for success to make sure 4-year terms are completed unless there is a real emergency. For example, a term would be from October 2023 to October 2027. Each Spring, the Executive Secretary will notify trustees whose terms are up the following October and let them know they can sign up for another four years or they should start recruiting a new trustee. The new or returning trustee should be identified and the Executive Secretary should be notified by October 1st. It was suggested this advisory be added to the rules changes the subcommittee will work on.

Fall Meeting at Seattle – October 11, 2025, at 10:30am

- Seattle Club Professional has authorized three groups of four to play after the Fall meeting at the Club's guest rate.

9. **Slate of new Officers was accepted and approved. New officers are:**

- President - Janet Peterson, Seattle Golf Club
- Vice President - Judy Weitz, Mill Creek

Comments from Newly Elected Officers—Seattle Golf Club is busy preparing for hosting in 2026 and looking forward to seeing you there!

10. **Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.**