



HSWGA
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 27, 2023
Leilehua Golf Course

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Shera Hiam at 1:25 p.m. Shera thanked Debra Anne Murobayashi for running a successful Spring Fling tournament, our last HSWGA organized event. She also thanked all the HSWGA board members, as well as the past presidents, for all their hard work throughout the years.

- II. **Secretary's Report:** Shera Hiam announced that copies of the minutes from the previous General Membership Meeting on November 7, 2022, were placed on each table. She asked for any corrections from the floor. None were made; therefore, the minutes stand approved.

- III. **Treasurer's Report:** Cheryl Fontes reported a bank balance of \$30,069.56 as of February 27, 2023.

- IV. **Vice President's Report:** Debra Anne Murobayashi thanked all her committee members from check-in, scoring, lunch distribution, and rules for their help in making our last HSWGA event a success. She is grateful for learning so much about running tournaments and for her experiences with all of HSWGA.

- V. **Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Jeanette Takahashi reported that it had been an honor and privilege to serve on the HSWGA board. One of the main lines of communication has been the quarterly newsletters and the final one will be at the end of March before transitioning to the HSGA. The second line of communication has been our website, www.hswga.net, which she will continue to update until the HSGA incorporates all our information into their website, www.hawaiiistategolf.org. She requests that the current club presidents and club HSWGA representatives familiarize themselves with navigating the HSGA website and, in turn, educate and assist their members.

- VI. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Membership:** Donna Woo reported there are currently 24 clubs and 5 individuals as members of the HSWGA.
 - b. **Hole-in-One:** Mira Jang reported there were 21 hole-in-ones in 2022. In addition to the 16 noted in the November 7, 2022, General Membership Meeting minutes, five more members have achieved a hole-in-one – Ben Wong, Jacalyn Oda, Masumi Masamitsu, Jenny Kim, and Krista Wylder.
 - c. **Rules:** Marie Miyashiro congratulated the field for finishing in 4 hours and 15 minutes under difficult weather conditions and cart path only. The lift, clean, and place option following the USGA guidelines was not used. She shared two new rule changes in 2023. First is the allowance of replacing a damaged club during the round providing it was not from personal abuse. Second was “back-on-the-line” relief, which now states that the first drop is your reference point and the ball can go one club length in any direction and be a legal drop.
 - d. **Handicap:** Barbara Schroeder reminded everyone not to post their score today as it will be done by the Tournament Committee.

- e. Course Rating: Shera Hiam reported for Susan Church. The following courses are scheduled to be rated in 2023:
 - Oahu – West Loch, Royal Hawaiian, Kahuku
 - Big Island – Hilo Municipal, Volcano, Nanea, Hualalai Nicklaus, Waikoloa Beach and Kings
 - Maui – Maui Nui, Pukalani, Wailea Emerald, Wailea Gold

VII. Old Business

- a. Ho'olaule'a Awards Ceremony: Shera Hiam reported that the awards dinner was held at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii on February 10. HSWGGA honored their Golfer of the Year, Jeannie Pak, and Volunteer of the Year, Gwen Omori. Other organizations were represented and one of our long-time board member Susan Church was recognized as the HSGA Volunteer of the Year.

VIII. New Business

- a. 2022 Most Improved Golfer Awards: Barbara Schroeder announced the 15 winners of the Most Improved Golfer for the participating clubs. The Overall State Most Improved Golfer is Suki Derenne from Navy Marine Women's GC with an improvement factor of 1.412.
 - Gayle MacPhee – Bay View Dames GC
 - Ellen Polokoff – Hawaii Kai Ladies GC
 - Miso Choi – Hawaii Korean Ladies GC
 - Darlene Moran – Hawaii Ladies Golf Aces
 - Ellen Okada – Honolulu Fire Department Women's GC
 - Anna Hinkley – Kaneohe Klipper Women's GC
 - Debra Anne Murobayashi – Kapolei Women's GC
 - Chelsea Abergas – Leilehua Women's GC
 - Jeong Pomroy – Maui Japanese Women's GC
 - Heather Maughan – Mid-Pacific CC
 - Suki Derenne – Navy Marine Women's GC
 - Judy Tonda – Schofield Women's GC
 - Jean Lualemana – Ted Makalena Women's GC
 - Sandy Miyamoto – Waialae CC
 - Mary Lou Barra – Waiehu Women GC
- b. HSGA-HSWGGA Integration: Shera Hiam reported that the integration of the HSWGGA into the newly formed Women's Division of the HSGA is on track to occur in the second quarter of this year. HSWGGA was founded 46 years ago and has served our members well and will be remembered fondly.

IX. Announcements: There were no announcements.

X. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the final general membership meeting was made by Paula Trask and seconded by Debbie Bookatz. The meeting was adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy George
Recording Secretary