

TVLGA18 Board Meeting

August 6, 2024

Present: President Meri Coles, VP Jena Feil, Past President Teresa Reed, Treasurer Debbie Long

Absent: Secretary Laura Imboden, Membership Sandra Campbell, Member at Large Patti Miller

Meri proposed the following bylaw change for the league handicap requirement. The current bylaw is outdated as it was written prior to the World Handicap Index System and multiple tee boxes (green and yellow).

Current Bylaw

Article V – League Qualifications

Section 1 – All new TVLGA18 members will have a maximum USGA handicap of thirty-six (36) or less for the home (Toqua) course when signing up for league.

Section 2 – A new member must post or have cards for at least five (5) rounds of golf when joining the league or have a current qualifying USGA Handicap Index that produces a Course Handicap of 36 or less.

Proposed Bylaw

Article V – League Qualifications

Section 1 – To be eligible for league membership, the female golfer must have a valid Tellico Village POA number and registered in the USGA GHIN Handicap System. Members maximum USGA GHIN handicap index allowed is 30.0 from green tees and 36.0 from yellow tees. Current members, whose index exceeds the stated value, as of 10/29/24 will be grandfathered in until they exit the league, or their index reaches 39.0 or more.

Section 2 – A new member must have a current qualifying USGA GHIN handicap index of 30.0 or less from the green tees or 36.0 or less from the yellow tees. In absence of this index, a new member must submit acceptable scores from a minimum of 54 holes to GHIN in order to obtain an initial Handicap Index in accordance with Rule 4.5 of the USGA Rules of Handicapping.

The bylaw change will need to be voted on for approval at the end of the season meeting. The proposal needs posted on the website 30 days in advance to the vote.

Meri will write an explanation to include with the proposal which will be sent in a separate email.

Meri informed the board that we used to donate \$100 to the Toqua Beautification committee as our league maintains a garden on hole #2. Kristin Farrington has been tending the garden for us for many years. The donation inadvertently got dropped from our budget. Since we do not know when this occurred, Meri approved a \$200 donation this year and \$100 beginning again in 2025.

The group discussed possible replacements for the positions open on the 2025 board and other committee chairs.

The group discussed the budget for year end awards and prizes. \$1400 total is budgeted for the league championship awards, most improved players, PIN winners, golf pros and president. A few ideas were presented. Teresa will get a list from Cindy Chalfant from last year and research some pricing.

Guest day is scheduled for September 10 at Tanasi. The event notification is scheduled to be emailed from constant contact on August 10. Meri asked each board member to bring a snack to share with the guests and members after golf as we did last year.

2025 birdies were discussed as we will have combo tees along with green & yellow. We decided not to have "Most birdies" awards at year end as will be difficult to track with various tee options. It was also concluded that many do not use the birdie pins that we give out so we will discontinue the pins and use those funds towards event volunteer recognition gifts.

Respectfully submitted,

Meri Coles, President TVLGA18