

KLGA-18 Opening Breakfast and Meeting
March 24, 2021

President Debbie Argy welcomed everyone to the Opening Breakfast meeting for the KLGA-18 season. She introduced Joel Paige, who made opening remarks. Joel thanked everyone for supporting the Club last year during Covid. He asked who had been the longest member. He gave anyone who had been a member 30 or more years a free dozen golf balls. Joel gave a brief update of what's going on around the Resort. He said that the Easter Break forecast has the occupancy at the hotel up to 75%. As usual, he said his door is always open for anyone with questions or issues about the club.

Mimi Taylor gave the prayer before breakfast. The club provided a delicious plated meal.

Debbie said how much she's enjoyed meeting the executives and staff who work around the Resort. She introduced the staff attending who briefly said hello. John Sexton said with the Resort getting back to normal, they would be planning many fun activities from the Food and Beverage side. Michael Pierce thanked everyone for supporting the Grounds and Maintenance crews last year. He said the women's locker room will receive new paint, TV, and furniture in the lounge area since mold was discovered. James Paige said the golf courses had a huge increase in play in March, moving in the right direction. He has added 2 new Pros to the staff. They will start in April and May. Loren White said last year was crazy with Covid protocols and hopes this year will provide fun programs for members and families. Loren repeated that his door is always open for feedback or if anyone has questions, issues or concerns. Dana Mahnke said Kingsmill had over 100 new memberships in various categories. She announced that with Debbie Argy and Kate Donatucci input, they will be starting "Wine & Tees" on Monday nights starting in June. It will be a fun evening of women's golf from the green tees followed by dinner. The idea is to get more women playing golf, to meet new people, to encourage the social part of the game, and to make the game fun.

The meeting was officially Called to Order by Karen Levy. As president last year during Covid, Karen didn't get to host the annual Breakfast Meeting. She was excited to have the opportunity to say hello and begin the season. Debbie introduced the Executive Board. Debbie also asked for approval of minutes from the January Executive Board and January Committee meetings. It was moved and seconded that the corrected minutes from both meetings be approved.

Committee Reports

New Member Mentor: Suzanne Sweeney introduced new member Gaby Rengifo. Another new member, Liz Bonis, was not at the meeting and won't be able to play with us. She had a recent fall and had broken her leg. Suzanne also said Anne Soukup will be playing with us this year. She has been a member for a while but lived away and previously was unable to play on Wednesdays.

1st Vice President: Gaby Fellows was given the task of reviewing the website and putting the Directory on the website. She said each person was given a sheet with directions on how to access the directory online. The password to get into the Directory is **JamesRiver**. Gaby said to let her know if anyone has problems accessing the website, and she will help. Gaby also was asked to create a Survey. Highlights of the Survey were 1. Utilization of the lounge, 2. Accessing information on the website, 3. Golf outings away from Kingsmill, 4. Using Green tees, 5. Member mentors for new members. Gaby felt the Survey results gave a guide of what to emphasize during the coming year.

Budget: Ronnie Matthews reviewed the budget that was on each table. It included the Budget from last year and the projected carryover to next year. One new addition is the bonus to give the Pros at the end of the year. It was moved and seconded to approve the Budget.

Competition: Mimi Taylor introduced the members on the Competition Committee. She announced that this year we will have a shotgun start, 2 members in a cart, foursomes in a group for Wednesday play days. We will be allowed to gather prior to the start of golf to review the rules of the game each week and to make announcements. Mimi briefly discussed the schedule that was handed out. The executive committee decided to add the combo Gold/Green tees, and the Survey confirmed the decision. Once a player commits to a tee, she must stay with that tee for the season. The Pros have offered to do the scoring and pairings each week. To make sure the Pros mix-up the pairings, Mimi will monitor during April to see how it goes. She said the Green Open scheduled today will be delayed until next Wednesday due to the weather. Mimi reminded everyone to match scores hole-by-hole at the end of a round so the scorecards match. If the scorecards don't match, the foursome receiving awards for the week will be disqualified from winning.

Star Wars: Mimi Taylor discussed how Star Wars works and how fun it is. Points are accumulated by participation each week and by winning. Additional participation points are given for playing in the Couples Championship, the Handicap Tournament, and the Club Championship Tournament. At the end of the season, 2 teams of 8 are made up from the top 16 point earners to play in a Solheim Cup type of event. It was suggested that the monthly tally of points be posted on the website.

Handicaps: Charlotte McGinnis asked that each person be sure to post their scores after every round of golf. Scores posted Hole-by-Hole will be adjusted by the System for appropriate Handicaps on each hole. If anyone makes a mistake entering scores, Charlotte can fix the mistake. The Pros will enter the Wednesday play day scores and tournament scores.

Williamsburg Cup: LaVerne Mitchell handed out the Williamsburg Cup schedule. Clubs playing this year against Kingsmill are Two Rivers, Golden Horseshoe, and Williamsburg National. No new team shirts will be ordered; the team will wear black and white. Each club will provide a lunch, and the club will decide if it is a plated or box lunch. Each participating golfer pays for her own fees and lunch.

WTGA Women's Tidewater Golf Association: LaVerne said 5 ladies from Kingsmill have signed up to play. Golfers must have less than a 22 HDC. 11 clubs are listed giving players an opportunity to play other courses.

Member/Guest: LaVerne Mitchell said the event will be held on June 29 Cocktail party at the James Landing Grill & June 30 for golf and luncheon. The committee for Member/Guest is having its first meeting today following this meeting. Information as to theme and menus will be sent out later, and invitations to the Member/Guest will be sent out May 1. The budget is tight, so LaVerne asked that any help with door prizes would be appreciated. The price will be higher since the Cub will not be adding anything to the budget.

Hospitality: Damarius Marion announced the first luncheon after golf on April 7 will be at the River View Room and deck. Punch Bowl will be sent out separately from the golf with the menu and invitation.

Handicap Tournament: Susan Daly said the event will be on July 28 & 30 on the Woods and River courses.

Ringers: Alice Whitechurch described what Ringers were and that at the end of the year, awards are given to the overall lowest gross and net scores on the 3 courses for the 4 flights. This year awards will be given to 3 flights for the Gold tees and 1 flight for the Green/Gold tees for all 3 courses. Alice handed out last year's winner payout to Mendy Pilcher for the lowest net score of 56 in flight 2 on the Plantation course. (Alice had previously handed out all other winners for last year.) Alice also announced that to get an award from the Hole-in-One pool, a golfer must sign up for Hole-in-One ahead of time.

Punch Bowl: Linda Rein said she sends the invitations out through Punch Bowl on Tuesday evenings for the next week's game. If there is a luncheon scheduled, a separate invitation is sent. RSVP for golf sign-up is Sunday.

Publicity: Marie Chico will be taking photos and sending information to the various newsletters, paper, bulletins, etc. She asked that golfers send her any photos they might want posted. Ann Schnaedter said she volunteered to be on a committee to revise the KCSA Bulletin, hoping to return golf news in the Bulletin. Ann said the committee is formulating a survey. She asked that everyone respond to the survey to encourage golf news be returned to the Bulletin.

Debbie finished the meeting by reminding everyone the goal for the year is to enjoy the game of golf with competition in a positive environment. She added to please be mindful. We are still in difficult times with COVID. We know it's not over, but we are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel. We all need to continue to be respectful of each other. Some of us are not able to get the vaccine for many reasons, health, age, beliefs. Whatever our reasons, please be respectful. If you are uncomfortable riding with someone, James has stated, "You have many choices. Wear your mask. If carts are available, get your own cart. You can put your golf clubs on the cart and walk. You can alternate 1 ride and 1 walk."

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Carlson, Secretary