

Antelope Valley Country Club  
WGA Minutes for the Meeting on  
February 11, 2025

**OPENING:** The WGA Meeting was called to order at 1:10 PM by General Chairman Pat Stevenson with a quorum present. She opened the meeting by asking for the members to toast and raise their "liquor" candies for the beginning of a very productive and successful year of the WGA whose purpose it is to promote and encourage all women golfers to happily enjoy golfing and making new friends.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** It was moved by Udhaya and seconded by Carla to approve the minutes--written by Vicky Medlin--of the last WGA meeting in December of 2024.

**BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS:**

**TREASURER'S REPORT: Amy Thompson**

Makenzie Smith audited the books for 2024. Amy put copies of the 2025 WGA budget on the tables, and this budget was approved. Amy also posted the January financial statement on the board in the ladies' locker room.

**TOURNAMENT CHAIRPERSONS' REPORT: Jackie Pickrel**

Jackie announced that the winter ringer was in progress, and that the Round Robin would begin on February 24<sup>th</sup> and end on April 28. Jackie put reports on the tables listing the dates of both the WGA and MGA Tournaments for 2025.

Gina recommended that we change the red tee requirement for all tournaments. She recommended that the only major tournaments that require using the red tees would be The Club Championship Tournament and The Senior Club Championship Tournament. Gina moved and Janet seconded the motion that all tournaments except the two aforesaid tournaments would have the option of using either the red or gold tees. This motion passed. The Board will make the necessary changes to the by-laws and post these changes for 30 days.

**HANDICAP CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Gina Hutchison**

Gina stated that all members had the responsibility of posting their own scores. Gina stated that she would be monitoring the process of posting for all tournaments. She encouraged everyone to post all scores because golf is a game of honor.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT: Sally Szwenik**

**No Report**

## **APPOINTED POSITIONS REPORTS**

### **RULES REPORT: Ann Teschler**

Ann stated that she has purchased the new rule book for golf, and she will be delighted to answer any questions about the rules.

### **SOCIAL REPORT: Cindy Smith**

Cindy stated that she had sent a Get Well Card to Sally Szwenik in January when she had surgery on her broken elbow.

### **PUBLICITY AND HISTORIAN: Alice Barcelona**

Alice printed a report in our monthly club's gazette. It is posted in the ladies' locker room.

### **PINS AND TROPHIES: Johnnie Shade**

**No Report**

### **SCGA DELEGATE: Gina Hutchison**

Gina stated that the SCGA website posts many tournaments in Bakersfield, Pebble Beach, Thousand Oaks, etc. There is a 3-day tournament in Bakersfield on March 25, 2025.

### **AVCC BOARD LIAISON: Debra Erdman**

Debra announced that there will be no more open Board Meetings until the month of May.

### **CACTUS CHICKS: Gina Hutchison and Diane Beck**

Gina stated that Cactus Chicks will have matches at our course, Crystalaire, Rancho Vista, Sand Canyon, and maybe at other places. Gina will post the dates of the tournaments in the ladies' locker room. Pat showed the ladies a Cactus Chicks shirt if they want to buy one.

## **THE INVITATIONAL REPORT**

Either a committee of 3 or more or the WGA Board will discuss if and when we will have an Invitational Tournament this year. Debra stated that we need to have a new chairman and co-chairman this year since she and Gina have served in this capacity for several years.

### **TEAM PLAY CAPTAINS' REPORT: Ali Kahl**

Although she was not present at this meeting, Ali said that no ladies group from other clubs want to play on our course because of its condition. The games in team play will have gross and net scores and will be played at Brookside or at different courses in our division.

### **OLD BUSINESS: No Report**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The CEO Mark Fragale introduced the new superintendent of the golf course of the Antelope Valley Country Club: Art Martinez. Art asked the ladies to ask him questions about what he is doing to make the golf course beautiful. Art also wants to effect an open-door policy in which ideas are shared and problems are solved. Presently, Art is working on improving the irrigation systems of our golf course.

Pat passed around a card for all members present at this meeting to sign for Karen Cervantes for her outstanding work helping the WGA with the Invitational Tournament, Christmas Programs, and the 2025 WGA Handbook. When Karen arrived at this meeting, she was honored with a card, a candle, and a \$100.00 bill. Pat utilized the privilege of the General Chairman to spend \$100.00 in any way that she deems necessary to helping the WGA to succeed as an organization.

Pat thanked Barb for calling our attention to the article in the FORE magazine regarding Vicky Medlin's receiving the Don Carlson award on her tireless work as a Handicap Chairman for the USGA.

David Bianchi, a member of the Men's Club, wants to repeat a fun tournament that is called "The Giggles and the Gaggles." This event would occur some time after the Thursday Team Play matches are finished. This Thursday tournament requires 12 ladies and 12 men with an entry fee of possibly \$10.00. When Pat asked if 12 ladies would like to participate in this event, more than 12 ladies said yes.

Gina made a motion to adopt a quarterly Most Improved Player. This motion was approved by the WGA members present. As Handicap Chairman, Gina will report The Most Improved Player of the First Quarter of 2025 at the April meeting.

The Most Improved Players of the first two quarters will have their pictures displayed in the ladies' locker room. The Most Improved Player of the last quarter will be announced at the WGA's closing banquet in December. This lady will receive the trophy for the Most Improved Player of the year.

Pat asked if there were any errors in the new WGA Handbooks. The answer was “no” and Pat thanked Karen and Barb for their help in writing this important book. It is very helpful to have the email addresses of all members—thank you, Barb!

A vote was taken concerning how sweeps for 2025 will be run. Plan A was keeping the procedures the way that they have been—all players paying \$72 yearly to play in all sweeps.

Plan B was based on paying only when playing, involving the pro shop personnel to keep the stats. The results of the voting were: 17 votes for Plan A and 9 votes for Plan B. A new schedule of sweeps will be presented soon. Barb and Sal have signed up to be February and March Sweeps Hostesses.

The SCGA dues increased in January of 2025—from \$36 to \$41; the WGA dues went from \$74 to \$79.

The question was asked if a WGA Member has the right to play in the major tournaments. The answer is she can only play in the major tournaments if she is an AVCC golf member, not an AVCC tennis or sports member.

#### **A NEW ATTENDANCE AWARD PROGRAM**

Pat created a new Attendance Award Program. The names of all 32 members are written on 32 chips. Pat purchased 6 vouchers for \$120 (from her personal funds) to be given out at each meeting. The chip drawn with the member's name on it wins \$20 if she is present at the meeting. If not, the next meeting's winner earns \$40. Johnnie Shade was this month's winner.

Connie made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Johnnie seconded it.

**This meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.**

**NEXT MEETING: April 8, 2025, at 1:00 PM.**

**MINUTES TAKEN BY: Sally Szwenik, WGA Secretary**