

**B.C. Golf - Zone 4 Women's Committee
Captains' & Vice Captains' Spring Meeting
Capilano Golf & Country Club
March 16, 2017**



Minutes of Meeting

1. The Meeting was Called to Order at 10:03 by the Chair, Jo Guthrie
2. The Secretary, Sheila Rooney, confirmed the Quorum
3. The Chair introduced the Executive:

Treasurer	Gail Lichty
Secretary	Sheila Rooney
Vice Chair	Virginia Astell
Handicap & Rating Chair	Audrey Lindsay
Zone 3-4 First Team Chair	Virginia Astell
Zone 4 Second Team Chair	Ann Warrender
Zone 4 Third Team Chair	Michelle Roy
Zone 3-4 Business Women's Chair	Susan Haines
Zone 3-4 Co-coordinator	Elena Hale
B.C. Golf Zone Council Chair	Helen Steeves

Absent (because of other commitments):

Rules Chair, Bernice Pozdrowski
Junior Girls' Chair, Stephanie Wong
Past Chair, Fyfe Brown

4. Approval of the Agenda
Moved: Nina Henriksen, Shaughnessy
Seconded: Anne Findlay-Shirras, Langara
Carried
5. Guest Speaker – Kris Jonasson, Executive Director B.C. Golf

Kris covered four main themes:

- (a) Erase Bullying: Take the Pledge
Clubs are asked to display Erase Bullying Posters
The initiative started on February 22
Website is: viaSport.ca/erasebullying/
Toolkits are available for all Clubs
- (b) Active Season for golfing

Suggested Clubs extend Winter Rules to May 1 because of wet weather.
Active Season starts March 1, if course is playing close to slope and rating.

(c) Canada's 150th Birthday

We will be celebrating the Birthday with a unique golf challenge which will start on May 28 and last 150 days. Please check B.C. Golf Website for full details.

(d) USA Golf Symposium

Kris reviewed the research and initiatives which were discussed at the Symposium and encouraged Clubs to respond to the proposed changes. He also emphasized that Modernization of the Rules of Golf does not mean Simplification. Changes to the Rules of Golf will come into effect on January 1, 2020.

6. Adoption of Captains' & Vice Captains' Fall Meeting Minutes – October 22, 2016

Moved: Carol Thomas, Fraserview

Seconded: Laura Rampton, University

Carried

7. Correspondence

The Secretary read an email from Lynette Cooper, Shaughnessy G&CC, who requested that the Chair speak at their Spring Meeting, on the topic of Zone 4.

8. Executive Committee Reports

8.1. Treasurer – Gail Lichty
(see attached report)

Gail highlighted several items from the Proposed Budget and responded to questions from the members concerning the size of the surplus being carried over from year-to-year.

Moved: Michelle Johnson, Greenacres

Seconded: Judy Gravestock, Richmond

That the Proposed 2017 Budget for the Zone 4 Women's Committee be approved.

Carried

Moved: Maxine Glover, Gleneagles

Seconded: Carol Storoz, McCleery

That we survey the members for their suggestions on how we might utilize the current surplus, and that the Chair report the results to the members by June 30, 2017.

Carried

A questions was raised about the difference in the final results of the 2016 Financial Statement appearing in the Minutes of the Fall Captains' and Vice Captains', and the Actuals for 2016, shown in our 2017 Budget. The version presented in the Fall was from September 26, 2016. There were several expenses that were paid out before the end of September, but not reflected in the September 26, Budget update. The final figures for 2016, shown on the 2017 Budget are correct.

8.2 Vice Chair – Virginia Astell
(see attached report)

8.3 Handicap Chair – Audrey Lindsay
(see attached report)

- 8.4 Rules Chair – Bernice Pozdrowski (read by Jo Guthrie)
(see attached report)
- 8.5 Junior Girls’ – Stephanie Wong (read by Sheila Rooney)
(see attached report)
- 8.6 Zone 3-4 First Team – Virginia Astell
(see attached report)
- 8.7 Zone 4 Second Team – Ann Warrender
(see attached report)
- 8.8 Zone 4 Third Team – Michelle Roy
(see attached report)
- 8.9 Zone 3-4 Business Women’s Chair – Susan Haines
(see attached report)
- 8.10 Zone 3-4 Co-coordinator – Elena Hale
(see attached report)
- 8.11 Past Chair – Fyfe Brown (read by Jo Guthrie)
(see attached report)
- 8.12 B.C. Golf Zone Council Chair – Helen Steeves
(see attached report)
- 8.13 Zone 4 Chair – Jo Guthrie
(see attached report)

Moved: Jane Kellett, Bowen Island
 Seconded: Nina Henriksen, Shaughnessy
 That the Executive Reports be approved.
Carried

9. New Business

- 9.1 Introduction of Nominating Committee, 2017
 The Chair introduced the Nominating Committee Members for 2017:
 The Captains of: Gleneagles, Greenacres and Langara.
 The Captain of Gleneagles, Maxine Glover, will Chair the Committee.

The Chair, Jo Guthrie, encouraged the members to volunteer for the Executive positions which will become vacant this year, so that the work of Zone 4 will continue to be productive.

10.0 Other Business

- 10.1 Revised Nominating Committee Schedule
 Moved: Judy Richardson, Langara
 Seconded: Joanne Calverley, Squamish
 That the Revised Nominating Committee Schedule as circulated be approved.
Carried

- 10.2 The Chair introduced Shirley Li and Angela Zheng, from the Vancouver Chinese Ladies Club, who are the new members of Zone 4 Ladies.
- 10.3 The Chair informed the members of the repairs to the Kay Farrell Trophy, and thanked Elena Hale and her husband for their work in repairing the Trophy. The Trophy was on display for the members to see.
- 10.4 The Chair asked Ann Warrender and Michelle Roy to model the new T-Shirts for the Executive Members of the Women's Committee. The T-Shirts will be worn at all major events so that the Executive Members can be easily recognized.

11.0 Date of Next Meeting

Zone 4 Captains' & Vice Captains' Meeting
Shaughnessy Golf & Country Club
Thursday, October 19, 2017

12. Adjournment

Moved: Loma Wing, Quilchena,
That the Meeting be Adjourned at 12:04
Carried

Zone 4 Spring Captains' Meeting 2017

Treasurer's Report – Gail Lichty

Copies of our Draft Budget for 2017 and Financial Statement were sent out via email on February 28. Hopefully you have had a chance to review the details.

The Draft Budget shows a deficit of \$5116.90. We have set up an allotment of \$5000.00 for website development which was postponed from 2015. Also we have proposed an expense of \$1000 for purchase of a new laptop and increased our budget for the Spring & Fall Captains' meetings. We hope the entries for the Zone 3&4 Amateur/Senior Tournament will fully cover the costs of putting on this tournament. In 2016, we had a great turnout for our Zone 4 Senior Ladies Open and hope to have the same interest in 2017. We have budgeted less income for the tournament this year due to limiting the number of players we can put out on to the course.

Our Financial position on February 15, 2017, excluding the Junior Funds, is over \$21,000.00. These funds make it possible to get the season underway in March, before we have received payment of the club levies.

The Junior budget is showing a surplus this year, as the BC Summer Games do not need to be included. Their income from entries is sufficient to cover all of their expenses for 2017.

At this point I would like to have a motion to accept the 2017 Zone 4 Women's Committee Budget.

As you came in today, you were handed the forms required for the Dorothy Olive Franklin, Beat the Champ, and Pin Round events. The funds we collect for the Dorothy Olive Franklin Memorial Tournament and BC Pin Rounds are sent to BC Golf and used to support women and junior golf programs. Some of the proceeds are put towards training programs to help amateur and senior players and also to send promising junior golfers to out-of-province and international competitions. The funds collected from the Beat the Champ Competition stay in the zone and are used to help fund our own junior programs. I encourage your clubs to support these programs and the future of golf in BC. Please use the Combined Payment form provided and submit the fees by July 31. The results for the DOF and BTC should be sent in by July 31. All PR should be completed by September 15 and the results sent in before the end of September.

The Zone 4 levy invoices have been emailed to all Club Captains, and in some cases the Treasures. If you have not received this invoice, please let me know at the end of the meeting and I will resend by email or put a copy in the mail. Payments are due by May 1st.

I will be out of town until April 16, so cheques received during the next 4 weeks, will not be deposited until I return.

Respectfully submitted.

Gail Lichty
Treasurer
March 16, 2017

**Zone 4 Spring Captain's and Vice-Captain's Meeting
Vice -Chair's Report - March 16, 2017**

In preparation for the 2017 season, I have been making arrangements with the local clubs we will be using this season for our meetings and tournaments.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Astell
Zone 4 Vice- Chair



ZONE 4 COURSE RATING and HANDICAP REPORT

Captain and Vice-Captain Meeting

March 16, 2017

Handicap

As we start the new season, many clubs may have new Handicap Chairs or might need information on Handicap materials. The Golf Canada website (<http://golfcanada.ca/handicapping>) has useful handicap information for individual players, handicap chairs and handicap committees. The 147-page Handicap manual is available online and a printed copy can be ordered through Golf Canada. Each club should have a certified Handicap person. If your Handicap Chair is not certified, please encourage them to register for the online Webinar. The webinar costs \$35 and will take approximately 4 hours to complete, but it does not need to be completed in one sitting.

As a reminder, if any of your members played in an active season over the winter - such as California, Arizona, Florida or Hawaii - those scores must be posted for handicap purposes.

Course Rating

The 2017 Zone 4 Course Rating team will consist of seven experienced and one new Course Rater. The experienced Zone 4 raters are: Nora McKibbin, Erin Riley, Sherry Work, Korianne Tylor, Karen Vanzella, Mary Adams and Audrey Lindsay. We are pleased to welcome Jennifer Donnelly as a new rater this year. Unfortunately, we are losing one of our long-term course raters this year as Gillian Watson has decided to retire from Course Rating. The team will really miss her expertise.

The process to create and calculate a new par and slope rating for a course involves two separate computer systems. The USGA Course Rating System stores all course rating data and calculates the par and slope ratings which are then released into the RCGA system. The USGA Course Rating System was replaced with a totally new system in December 2016. The new system has some serious program bugs which have created additional delays to the release of our ratings. Kojo's projected sequence for releasing the ratings for the 12 courses the Zone 4 Women raters have worked on over the past three years are as follows:

- Kings Links is complete in USGA and the new par and slope ratings should be released in the RCGA system shortly.
- Country Meadows, Bowen Island, McCleery and Musqueam are slated to be completed and released in spring 2017 (hopefully in April).
- Sunshine Coast should also be completed later this spring.
- Delta has been rated by both the women and men. It will be worked on after the above courses have been released.
- The women raters have completed Northlands and Fraserview; however, the men still need to rate these courses in 2017 before they can be completed.
- The women raters measured Chateau Whistler and Riverway in October 2016; however, I still need to complete the rating numbers before entering them in the USGA system and passing them on to Kojo. These will probably not be released until much later.

- Point Roberts re-rating is complete; however, they have not paid their facility fees, so the RCGA system will not display ratings or accept any postings for this course.

The courses for rating in 2017 have not been communicated as yet, but I anticipate that it will include Seymour (new back 9), Burnaby Mountain and 3 or 4 other courses.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Audrey Lindsay
Zone 4 Handicap Chair and Course Rating*

Zone 4 Captain and Vice-Captain Spring Meeting

March 16, 2017

Rules Chair Report

Report by:

Bernice Pozdrowski

Zone 4 Rules Chair

I apologize for not attending today's Captain/Vice-Captain's meeting but I am officiating at a CJGA tournament this week at Northview Golf and Country Club.

We are now gearing up for another busy and demanding 2017 schedule. I will attempt to attend as many of the Jr. Girls' tournaments as my schedule will allow. I really enjoy watching the young talent that we have in Zone 4 and I encourage all of you to come out and cheer them on.

A "Match Play Rules Seminar", organized by Virginia Astell, is scheduled for Thursday, April 20th at Point Grey Golf Club. It is open to Team Captains and other interested Team Players. I hope that you will pass that on to your club members, so that it will be a success.

There are some exciting new amendments and changes to the "Rules of Golf" that will be implemented on January 1st, 2019. If you would like to see what is planned and offer feedback; you may go on the Golf Canada website, to Rules of Golf and choose on the side margin "2019 Rules Modernization Initiative". A prelude to this massive task; the R & A, Golf Canada and the USGA have sanctioned and are urging the implementation of a new Local Rule for January 1st 2017.

Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 are modified as follows:

When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment.

The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1.

This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental.

Note: If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.

If this Local rule is not implemented at the club level, judgements of penalties will be made according to the present rule book.

A lot of courses and committees feel that Local rules can be arbitrarily made by them and it would comply with the Rules of Golf. This is not true. A Committee or Club may make and publish Local Rules for local abnormal conditions if and only if they are consistent with the policies established in Appendix 1 of the Rules Book. If local abnormal conditions interfere with the proper playing of the game and the Club considers it necessary to modify a Rule of Golf, authorization from Golf Canada must be obtained.

Divots are not abnormal conditions on a golf course, therefore there is no relief given for them. It would modify the intention of Rule 13-1, "**PLAY THE BALL AS IT LIES**". This is the very basic premise of Golf. Decision 33-8/34 supports this by not allowing a Committee to make a Local Rule to allow relief for divots. Unpleasant lies are a reality of golf, especially in my game. Giving relief for divots on your course would artificially lower a players' handicap because it allows players to create a "**a perfect lie**" for every stroke. This puts them at a disadvantage when playing at a course where no such rule is in effect.

I suggest that if you play, taking relief from divots, that you do not enter your score. The Zone 4 Executive cannot sanction nor interfere with this Local Rule.

If you have any other questions, please don't hesitate to communicate them to me. Have a great Golf Season and I hope that your members will enter some of our Zone tournaments.

Respectively Submitted

Bernice Pozdrowski

BRITISH COLUMBIA GOLF - Zone 4 - Junior Development Program

2017 Budget

	<u>2017</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2017 Actual</u> <u>Amounts</u>	<u>2017</u> <u>Variances</u>
<u>Income/Receipts:</u>			
Tournament Entry Fees	3,600.00	0.00	3,600.00
BC Golf Grant	1,100.00	680.00	420.00
Beat the Champ	500.00	0.00	500.00
Donation	0.00	150.00	-150.00
Total Income	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 830.00	\$ 4,370.00
Green Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00
Provincial Team	500.00	0.00	500.00
Tournament Dinners/Room Rentals	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
Prizes	400.00	0.00	400.00
Trophies/Engraving	400.00	0.00	400.00
Mileage	275.00	0.00	275.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	30.00	0.00	30.00
Zone 4 Jr. Team Shirts/Embroidery	250.00	0.00	250.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 3,355.00	\$ -	\$ 3,355.00
Excess Income over expenses	\$1,845.00	\$830.00	\$1,015.00

Total in Junior Fund September 1 2016

Due to Junior Golf from Zone 4 Women's Committee

2017 Zone 3-4 Junior Girls' Report
Christine & Stephanie Wong



This Report covers both Zone 3 and Zone 4 events
and is a joint Report from both Christine Wong, Zone 3,
and Stephanie Wong, Zone 4

Planning for the 2017 Spring Series Events has taken a varied approach to attract more girls to participate in the junior girls spring events. Zone 4 Junior Chair Stephanie Wong and I, have taken a focus on strategies such as the use of social media (facebook, twitter, instagram) to attract the girls that are currently using these outlets, creation of zone event posters (see attached) and sharing with the junior club captains at the various golf clubs within the zones and, sending weekly email reminders to the previous year participants to sign up for the 2017 events. We have also incorporated the use of a registration system called, *Eventbrite* where the girls can sign up online and the registration link can be shared via our social media and email outlets.

The 2017 budget has been formulated based on the numbers from the 2016-year. There was some funding that has been carried over into 2017 that will assist in hosting successful and well-run spring events.

The Zone 3 and Zone 4 Junior Boys chairs and the Zone 3 and Zone 4 Junior Girls chairs have partnered to host a Rules Workshop on April 16 at the Fort Langley Golf Course. This rules workshop will provide an overview of the various specific scenarios that the players may encounter on the golf course and how to manage situations based on the rules of golf. The presenters will be Brent Linberg, Dan Sabourin, Tom Hall, Susan White, Scott Vannatter, Jack Croucher and Greg Moody.

Zone 3 is set to host the Spring Series Event #3 and the Zone Championship. The Spring Series Event #3 will be held at Northview Golf and Country Club on May 20th and the Zone Championship will be held at Shaughnessy Golf and Country Club on June 25th. Entry fees for the series events are \$45 and the Zone championship entry fee is \$60.

Overall, with guidance from the previous chairs, Kristina Bighill and Michaela Staller, 2017 will be a successful year with combined efforts of ideas and strategies to increase participation in the junior girls division. We look to increase the numbers in the novice division and attract new golfers by maintaining consistent contact with the new players and parents, as well as promoting the development of junior girls golf as a sport through school programs and possibly through creating junior girls golf clubs. We also will look into building new relationships to involve the community and promote the sport and participation.

ORGANIZED BY ZONE A.

SPRING SERIES 1+2: MARCH 26, BEACH GROVE
APRIL 30, QUILCHENA

Zone 4 Spring Captain's and Vice-Captain's Meeting 1st Team Report March 2017

We continue to have 10 teams playing Team 1 this season.

The team schedule was revised in early January and sent out to Team Captains along with contact information.

One revision was needed to ease the pressure on the tee for those clubs who field a first, second and third team. Only the Team 1 schedule was revised.

The second revision was made to the Team 2 schedule so that team 2 players would not be playing the same clubs as last year. This was easily accomplished by flipping the 2017 schedule with that for 2018 .

We are pleased to welcome a new team for 2017 . The Vancouver Chinese Ladies League have recently joined the BC Golf Association and have been posting scores on the Golf Canada Handicap System. They have joined team 2 for the 2017 season.

I am organizing a rules seminar in Zone 4 on April 20 at Point Grey Golf Club. Zone 4 Rules Chair, Bernice Pozdrowski, will be reviewing the rules specific to match play. Following the rules, there will be a discussion related to Section 1 # 5 - Team Selection in the Match Play Manual (page 5 / 6) .

As agreed after last years team seminar, we once again took a vote to decide on the number of players per team. As a result of the vote, both team 2 and team 3 will remain at 10 team players for 2017 .

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Astell
Zone 3/4 1st Team Chair

Team Two Report

Captains and Vice Captains Meeting

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The schedule of games to be played has been sent out to all the participating clubs. Club team two chairs were asked to have a look at the schedule and let me know if they have arranged a different day for any of their games. So far I have not heard of any changes.

Mayfair Lakes is no longer participating in team two and has been replaced by the Vancouver Chinese League which, fortunately, keeps us at ten teams.

Our first game is two months away on May 9 so let's hope we have a spring season of good weather.

We will be having a match rules seminar on April 20, at Point Grey golf course. I look forward to seeing many of you at the meeting.

For the new team captains just a reminder that you will need to email or phone me your scores after each team game. Best wishes for good golfing in 2017.

Submitted

Ann Warrender
Chair, Team Two

Third Team Chair Report to Zone 4 Captains' meeting Thursday, March 16, 2017

There are 14 clubs participating in Third Team Interclub play.

Schedules have been finalised and emailed to Team Captains and Club Captains.

The list of Team Captains names & emails have been compiled.

There were some conflicts in the schedule with some teams Club Championship and those teams were able to reschedule on their own.

An email was sent out to Club Captains and Team Captains to revisit the number of players on Team. The vote was in favour of maintaining 10 players on Team.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Roy

Third Team Chair



ZONE 3 & 4 BUSINESS WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION March 2017 Report to Zone 3-4 Executive

We welcome new executive members:

- a) **Darcy Jacobson of Swan-E-Set** as incoming Secretary/Treasurer for 2017. Louise Kawaler, of (University) has completed her 2 year term.
- b) Susan advised the members regarding Vice-Chair Angie Roberts resignation, and introduced her replacement **Julie Martin of Surrey Golf Club**. Julie was welcomed as our newest executive Vice Chair council member.

Annual Tournament Report

Surrey Business Ladies Golf Course

19th August, 2017 Zone 3 -4 Business Women's Tournament will be **hosted by Surrey** at Surrey Golf Club. Deadline for registration will be June 01st, 2017 and payment must reach the Host Club by that date.

The constitution was amended by unanimous vote that a shot gun with minimum field of 72 players be acceptable for the Annual Tournament. This will assist in facilitating the tournament under those circumstances where participation may be a challenge due to the current low numbers of Business Ladies Clubs. There are a few golf courses that support shot gun play with a 72 player count.

1. NEXT Zone 3-4 Business Women's Team Captains meeting:

- A) Spring Meeting – March 26th, 2017 with meeting place at Surrey Golf Course, Registration 10am Start time 10:30

REPORT

ZONE 3/4 COORDINATOR

Good Morning

My report as usual at this time of year is very short. To date I have attended both Zone 3 & Zone 4 Executive Meetings and I have also chaired a Joint Zone 3/4 Executive Meeting where various items were discussed and finalized for the up coming year.

TOURNAMENTS – 2017

Zone 3/4 Amateur/Senior Tournament will be held at Richmond Golf and Country Club, Richmond on Tuesday/Wednesday – May 30th/31st, 2017.

Zone 3/4 Four Ball Tournament will be held at Meadow Gardens Golf Club, Pitt Meadows on Monday 26th June, 2017 with an 8:00 a.m. shotgun.

Zone 3/4 Junior Championship will be held at Shaughnessy Golf Club Vancouver on Sunday 25th June, 2017.

Zone 3/4 Funding

The funding for the Zone 3/4 had a starting balance of \$352.41 and I have received a subsidy from Zone 4 of \$300.00 which brings the balance to \$652.41. Expenses to date have been \$336.56 leaving a balance of \$315.85. This balance will increase to \$615.85 when I receive the subsidy from Zone 3 of \$300.00. At the Fall Meeting I will give an itemized summary of expenses.

In closing I hope you all will make every effort to support the Zone tournaments and I wish you all good golfing and great weather.

Respectfully submitted

Elena Hale Zone 3/4 Coordinator

**PAST CHAIR'S REPORT – 2017 ZONE 4 WOMEN'S COMMITTEE – CAPTAINS' & VICE CAPTAINS'
SPRING MEETING - CAPILANO G&CC - MARCH 16, 2017**

Good morning Delegates, Guests and fellow Executive Committee Members.

I apologize for not being in attendance at this year's important Spring Meeting due to an emergency family-related medical situation. Please don't feel too sorry for me. I am down south in sunny San Diego.

This will be my third and final year as your Zone 4 Women's Committee Past Chair. (2014, 2016, 2017)

As the Past Chair, the three main responsibilities assigned to me by the Executive Committee are:

- Act as the liaison between the appointed Nominating Committee and the Executive Committee.
- Revise our Zone 4 Women's Committee Policies and Procedures Manual as and when required.
- Attend the BC Golf Zone Council as your Zone 4 Women's Committee voting representative.
 - Helen Steeves has chaired the Zone Council since its inception. As the Chair, she is not allowed to vote on issues requiring a vote. As a result, Zone 4 Women's Committee is permitted to appoint a voting representative.

I am looking forward to working with the appointed 2017 Nominating Committee members. They are:

- **Maxine Glover**, Captain of Gleneagles GC, **Gail Lichty**, Captain of Greenacres GC and **Pat Brand**, Captain of Langara GC.
- Maxine Glover is named as the Chair of the Nominating Committee

The Committee's mandate is very important to ensure that a slate of candidates for Executive positions is presented to you, our members, at the Fall Captains' & Vice Captains' Meeting in October. Thank you for helping them in their search for willing and able candidates.

In regards to revising our Policies and Procedures Manual, later in today's meeting's Agenda, you will be asked to vote to approve the Executive Committee's recommended *draft* revised Nominating Committee's Rotation Schedule. The Nominating Committee's Rotation Schedule is included as Appendix 2 of the Policies and Procedures Manual. Please note that a copy of the Policies and Procedures Manual is also posted on our Zone 4 Women's website in the Contacts tab.

During this season, the Executive will be reviewing the Policies and Procedures Manual that was last approved in 2015. The Executive Committee would greatly appreciate receiving your Club's suggested revisions too.

This year, I will continue to act as your Zone 4 Women's Committee voting representative at BC Golf's Zone Council meetings.

In closing, I would like to personally thank all Zone 4 Women's Committee members for nominating me for BC Golf's 2016 Volunteer Award. I was honoured to be the recipient of the award however; the Volunteer Award rightfully belongs to all of you, the very valued members of the Zone 4 Women's Committee.

Best wishes to each of you to enjoy a fun-filled season out on the links!

Respectfully submitted,

Fyfe Brown

Past Chair ~ Zone 4 Women's Executive Committee

Zone Rep. Report – Spring 2017 - Captains/Vice Captains Meeting

Good Morning all.

After the dreadful winter we have experienced I am certain that we are more than ready for the new Golf Season.

The BC Golf AGM was held on March 5th in Richmond. Patrick Kelly has been re-elected as President & he has asked me to stay on as the Secretary.

As Kris mentioned, the USGA Symposium held in Vancouver, March 6th & 7th, was the first time held outside of the United States. I hope some of you were able to enjoy some of it through the live streaming.

I participated in a Meeting with President Patrick Kelly, Past President David Atkinson, Treasurer Ed Helgason & Executive Director Kris Jonasson regarding Zone Funding. No changes will be made for 2017. Since Golf Canada is now dealing with Public Players & the funding split between them & the Provinces has changed dramatically, it is unlikely that the \$5.00 per Public Player sent to the Zones will continue.

Of note is the fact that in 2016, our Zone received \$840.00 for female Public Players. This was for 168 Public Players, 156 women and 12 juniors. If any Public Players, after 2017, want to play in any Zone Event they would have to pay our levy.

Kris & Director of Finance, Andy Fung will be reviewing the entire Zone grant subject so that it would reflect what BC Golf requires the Zones to do.

I strongly recommend that we spend our monies carefully until we know what changes are going to be made. Particular attendance must be made to how many members opt for the Bronze (free) Membership offered from Golf Canada. We can hardly be paid for Members who pay nothing.

I am still Chairing the Zone Council & at present Fyfe Brown is our Voting Rep. since as the chair I don't have a vote.

As the Zone Council Chair, I also am a Director on the BC Golf Board. I Chair Constitution & By-Laws, it has to be re-written to come in line with the new Societies Act. As this Chair, I have the responsibility for the Policy & Procedures Manual for Clubs & Zones. I am working on an update & hope to have it completed soon.

Our own Alice Samworth, is going to receive the Distinguished Service Award from BC Golf this year. This award, in past has always been presented at the AGM. This year the AGM was very much shortened so that was not an appropriate place for the presentation. This award is of high importance to BC Golf & needs a special time & place to be presented. As soon as the presentation to Alice, time & location is decided, it will be posted in the News Section of the website. Attendance by anyone available would be most appreciated. It is our way of saying an additional thank you to a wonderful volunteer.

I am still doing updates to the website until the new one is up and running. For the present remember www.bcgazone4.org click on women. Once the new site is up and running we will notify you.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Steeves



Captain's and Vice Captain's Spring Meeting Capilano Golf & CC March 16, 2017

Chair Report, Zone 4

Members of the Executive, Women Members & Guests,

Welcome to each of you and our thanks for attending the Zone 4 Spring Meeting. This is your Zone, one of the eight Zones throughout British Columbia. There are over 30 Golf Clubs/Groups under the umbrella of Zone 4 most of those represented here today by each of you. I do hope that you will be able to take back to your club much of the information you have heard today from our various Executive Reports. We rely on you to convey as much information to your club membership as possible with regard to the working of your Zone Executive and the Tournaments that we organise for all members of the Zone.

Most of you are new Captain's this season and so I believe it appropriate to explain again a little more about your Zone, Zone 4, and its' function in relation to your club and to Provincial golf.

All golf clubs throughout British Columbia are represented by a Zone dependent on their geographical area. We are situated in Zone 4 which encompasses Vancouver, North and West Vancouver, Richmond, Delta, Whistler, Pemberton, Squamish and lower Sunshine Coast.

Our job as your Zone 4 Executive is to provide Tournaments in which members can compete both in the Women's section and the Junior Girl's section. This helps to promote social and competitive golf throughout the Zone and also creates a venue for golfers who may then go on to

represent the whole Province through Zone qualification.

Handicaps and Rules are the basis of good golf. Your Zone Chairs set high standards, answer questions and support each of your clubs as required. They ensure that our Tournaments are run efficiently and effectively under the Rules of Golf.

Our three Team Chairs work extremely hard to organise Team events for all clubs who wish to participate competitively throughout the Zone, socialise and expand their golf horizons. We must not allow ourselves to become too blinkered in this game of golf. Elitism is a negative. The talent throughout our Zone should have a large playing field and your Zone strives to achieve this for all members.

Every organisation requires sound By-Laws & Procedures and Guidelines of Operation. These are continually being addressed and updated by your Executive to ensure that Zone golf has a solid foundation. Our Zone Representative, Helen Steeves, contributes enormous efforts as Zone Council Chair and as Director on the BC Golf Board. Your continual work and efforts on behalf of the Zone are truly appreciated Helen.

After listening to today's reports by your Executive I do hope that you have a clearer idea of the Zone's working and can more adequately convey this to your Club Membership.

Our Treasurer, Gail Lichty, has prepared forms for Pin Rounds, Dorothy Olive Franklin and Beat the Champ. This will hopefully make it easier for

you when sending in your results and revenue.

We encourage each club to attempt to incorporate these events into your club fixture games. By so doing you will inform your membership on a more personal level about the value of participating in these events, the revenue from which is vitally important to our Junior Girls' Programme and to the support of Women's Adult golf in British Columbia.

We share with Zone 3 in the organisation of a number of Tournaments for both the Junior Girls and Adult Women. The Zone 3/4 Co-Ordinator , Elena, has already explained her function. This sharing of Tournaments allows for a larger reach of competitors and camaraderie. I have personally learned much and met so many more people over these past years due to this shared involvement with Juniors, Team and Tournaments.

Our Junior Chair Report has already identified their programme for the season, the posters of which are on display. They begin a little earlier than we do with their Spring kick off in a few weeks , at Beach Grove. The Women will begin with the Senior/ Amateur Championship which is being organised by Zone 4 this year. Our established 9 year rotation takes us to The Richmond Country Club where we will hold the two day event on Tuesday, 30th and Wednesday, 31st of May. Each club received today a copy of the poster for this event.

Zone 3 is in charge of the " 4 Ball Tournament " which will be held at Meadow Gardens on Monday, 26th June. Now is the moment to find someone with whom you would like to play and enter this Tournament as a

'team' . The beautiful and prestigious Kay Farrell Trophy awaits the two winners. This trophy has been recently re-furbished and looks quite splendid. Our sincere thanks go to the master wood work skills of Elena Hale's husband who took on this task. Thank you Elena for his enlistment!

The Zone 4 Senior Tournament is scheduled for Thursday, 14th September, at Quilchena Golf Club. Your handicaps will have had all season to drop and be ready to have fun at our year end Tournament. We had a full field of 144 players with a wait list last year so do try to get your entries in as quickly as possible. It was wonderful to have so many clubs involved in this Tournament and to feel all the enthusiasm.

Entry forms and information on all the Tournaments I have mentioned can be accessed on our website. We are presently in the stage of upgrading Zone4's website and have also purchased a new laptop to replace our aging 8 year old. Updated Bogie Golf programmes will be installed and ready for our season's Tournaments. We continue to move ahead!

To each of you, much success and pleasure in your club position and a wonderful season of golf.

Thank you for attending your Spring Zone meeting. The next Zone 4 Captain's and Vice Captain's Fall Meeting will be on Thursday, 19th October at Shaughnessy Golf & CC.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jo Guthrie