



**BC Zone 4 Women's  
Spring Committee Meeting  
Thursday, March 24, 2022, at 10:00 am  
Mayfair Lakes Golf and Country Club**



1. The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m., by Chair, Ann Warrender, who welcomed all the attendees to our first in-person meeting since October 25, 2019.
2. Confirmation of quorum – confirmed we have a quorum
3. Approval of the agenda – hearing no changes, the agenda was approved as circulated
4. Approval of the minutes of October 25, 2021, hearing no changes, the minutes of October 25, 2019, were approved as circulated.
5. Correspondence – no correspondence to report
6. Executive committee reports (attached to these minutes as Schedule A):
  - a) Chair Ann Warrender
  - b) Treasurer Gail Lichty
  - c) Secretary Liz Goldenberg, no report
  - d) Junior Girls Chair Stephanie Wong – the events are on our website for The Junior Girl's season
  - e) Handicap Chair Lily Ravelo
  - f) Rules Chair Bernice Pozdrowski
  - g) Team Reports Karen Pultz, no report, Ying He, Leslie Dobie
  - h) Business Women's Chair Joanne Dorman
  - i) Zone 3/4 Coordinator Holly Horwood
  - j) Vice Chair Brenda Burroughs
  - k) Past Chair Virginia Astell
  - l) Nominating Committee Virginia Astell
  - m) Webmaster Sherry Work provided an on-screen demonstration Of the website content

**Moved by Brenda Burrough, seconded Audrey Lindsay to receive the reports of the Executive Motion carried**

7. Given that Zone 4 tournaments and events were cancelled due to Covid for the years 2020-2021 and executive members had minimal activity related to their executive role the following motion is proposed:

***MOVED: by Virginia Astell, seconded by Gail Lichty, that any executive member who was elected prior to October 25, 2021, and wishes to continue her term in office for a two-year extension may be allowed to do so. A written request must be received by the Zone 4 Chair by March 31, 2022.*** ***Motion carried***

8. New Business: Approval of constitution/bylaw changes which have been circulated to members

***Moved by Barbara Booth and seconded by Cindy Nikolai that the updated 2022 Constitution and By Laws be approved.*** ***Motion carried***

9. Ann spoke of the many contributions by Virginia Astell in over a decade of service to Zone 4. Virginia was presented with a gift on her retirement from the Zone 4 Executive.

10. BC Golf Awards:

- a) Dorothy Olive Franklin – Donalda Meyers, Bowen Island
- b) Beat the Champ – no award for 2021
- c) Pin Round 18 hole, Myra Creagh, Mylora Thursday
- d) Pin Round 9 hole – Lily Buttjes, Gleneagles
- e) BC Golf Volunteer Recognition Award: Ruth Reeves, Mylora Thursday

11. Announcements – Janet Andrews of McCleery BW, spoke on behalf of the Vancouver Player's Association. This is an organization formed to promote, advocate for and sustain the sport of golf on Vancouver's municipal courses. There is a petition posted asking for support by golfers. Please go to the website: [vancouvergpa.com](http://vancouvergpa.com) and register your support.

12. Nominating Committee 2022:

Based on our alphabetical rotation system the three clubs who will be the Nominating Committee for 2022 are:

Sunshine Coast, University Golf Club and Vancouver Chinese League.

Zone 4 Past Chair, Ann Warrender will be in contact with the club Captains of those clubs.

13. Adjournment – there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:43 am.

## **SCHEDULE A – REPORTS**

### **a) Chair – Ann Warrender**

My report may be a little longer than usual this meeting but with so many new Captains and Vice Captains it seemed appropriate to share some information about the Zone 4 organization and our relationship to BC Golf.

BC Golf is our governing body and the umbrella organization under which there are eight zones:

1. Kootenays, 2. Okanagan, 3. Fraser Valley, 4. Delta, Greater Vancouver, Squamish and Sunshine Coast, 5. Capital – Southern Vancouver Island, 6. Upper Vancouver Island, 7. Northwest Coast – Nechako, Kitimat, Haida Gwaii, 8. Cariboo Peace River – Dawson Creek, Fort St. John, Tumbler Ridge

BC Golf provides a broad array of services for the golfers in BC. Maybe we know them best for their Championships for Men, Women and Juniors that they sponsor for competitive players who want to test their skills against the best in BC. Apart from the Championships I mentioned there are other opportunities for serious competition which they provide such as the BC Blind Competitive Golfers event.

BC Golf also sponsors rules and handicaps seminars and report that BC has by far the highest pass rate in Canada which speaks to how BC Golf takes an important role in preparing the candidates.

This year BC Golf held a Women's Day Virtual Golf Scramble in which women across the province signed up in teams of four to play a round of golf at their home course within a seven day framework.

BC Women's Golf Fund provides financial assistance to girls and women who attend higher sanctioned amateur golf competitions on a national or international level and also provides funding for advanced level training and certification for course rating, rules and coaching.

I'd like to finish this part of my report with some information about the outreach programs of BC Golf:

Girls Club/StrongHer - mostly in schools in east Vancouver

ISPARC Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation Council

YMCA

Canucks Autism Network

First Tee Program

From my brief summary you can realize there is much more to the game of golf beyond playing the game and we are fortunate to have the example of BC Golf to demonstrate the diversity of programs to support the game of golf.

Now to Zone 4:

In 2021 we had 3,532 women members and 237 junior girls which shows our numbers are increasing but not dramatically. Our purpose is to promote development and growth in the game of golf for women and juniors in Zone 4.

From the Zone Chairs this morning you will hear in more depth some of the ways we are actively supporting female golfers such as:

- Keeping our website current and informative
- Offering seminars on team play, rules and handicap
- Facilitating competitions at the club level such as the Dorothy Olive Franklin, Pin Rounds and Beat the Champ
- Organizing Zone 4 championship tournaments and social games co-sponsored with Zone 3
- Providing a subsidy to our juniors, amateurs and seniors/super seniors who represent zone 4 in the BC Championships
- Supporting players by having executive members available to answer questions that arise at the club level

And these are only some of the examples of the work of Zone 4.

Of course, the most important people in the provincial and zone organizations are the clubs and individual players who want to enjoy the game of golf. We are here for you and as you listen to the Committee Chair reports this morning, they will be putting details to what is available for Zone 4 players in 2022.

**b) Treasurer – Gail Lichty**

Hopefully you have had a chance to review the details.

In the fall we had decided to reduce the Zone Levy for 2022 to \$2.00 as we had some funds collected in 2020 still available.

Our draft budget is showing a deficit of \$7,300. This is approximately the difference in the levy revenue we would have collected at the previous rate of \$4.00 per member. However, we have enough funds in our savings to cover the shortfall.

In general, our 2022 budget follows the income and expenses from 2019, our last previous “normal” season. The estimated costs for our tournaments have increased, but we hope to cover most of this through participation of our members. We encourage all of you to promote the return to Zone 4 competitions.

Our financial position at the end of the 2021 season has been updated since the Fall Captains’ Meeting. It is fairly solid at \$43,564. These funds will cover us for the 2022 season and will help to sustain the Zone into the future.

Are there any questions about our budget or financial statement?

At this time, I would like to ask for a motion to accept the draft budget as our Zone 4 Women’s Committee Budget for 2022.

Now I would like to have a motion to accept the Financial Statement for the end of our 2021 season.

**c) Secretary – Liz Goldenberg. No report**

**d) Junior Girls Chair – Stephanie Wong**

Please go to Zone 4 website for the Junior Event calendar:

<https://www.bcgazone4.org/women/tournaments.html>

**e) Handicap Chair – Lily Ravelo**

Welcome everyone – it would appear we are off to a good and full start for our 2022 Golf Season!

The past 2 years have certainly tried our patience; however, we were able to continue to practice and enjoy our golf activities, with adjustments.

During the 2020 season, we saw the introduction of the new Rules for Handicapping. A lot of you and the members of your clubs attended the free seminar offered by BC Golf, whether in-person or via zoom. Let's continue to promote these seminars (when available), as well to take the "open-book" and free certification exam.

Entering your scores on a hole-by-hole method is highly suggested and reminding all of our members to enter scores from ALL games played wherever they may be, all over the world. The active season here in British Columbia is from March 15 to November 1, but you are encouraged to continue to enter your scores even those outside of these dates.

### **Helpful Links:**

**How to get access to the training videos:** <https://bit.ly/2X4LTif>

**How to get access to the certification exams:** As a prerequisite to taking the exams, you need to watch the four WHS half-hour training videos. After watching the training videos, please contact Doug Hastie at [doug@britishcolumbiagolf.org](mailto:doug@britishcolumbiagolf.org) for access to the 20-question certification quiz. This quiz is 'open book' and a score of at least 80% is required to satisfy the club certification requirement.

### **f) Rules Chair – Bernice Pozdrowski**

This report will basically echo what I wrote in my Fall 2021 report. Although Golf was very active in the province, the zone 4 events were cancelled due to COVID restrictions and concerns about safe car-pooling.

Because of COVID restrictions, all tournaments for BC Golf, CJGA and VGT did not start up until May of 2021. This put a lot of pressure on tournament directors to get courses to accommodate their events. All courses were booked solid, as you can imagine, and were unwilling to give up their tee times for tournament play. The same challenges for course availability for tournaments is continuing into this year. I commend our Executive for getting the dates and courses they did for our tournaments. Kudos to all of you.

I was fortunate to assist in the training of participants for the Provincial Level Refereeing Course. BC Golf, CJGA and VGT were all very supportive to assist these new graduates to get course hours towards getting their credentials. I am very pleased that this made it possible for several of them to get their credentials last fall. Hopefully, we have a future Zone 4 rules chair in the bunch. I was also involved in the Provincial Rules Presentation again this year. Our last zoom class was on March 1<sup>st</sup>. I really learned a lot from the pointed questions from these participants.

Last year, I continued to respond to any queries from the different courses in Zone 4. The general feeling is that it is time for our Zone to do a combination Rules and Handicap Seminar for our clubs. Clarification on the new handicap system would go a long way to players letting go of the old system and to encourage entering their scores hole by hole.

I am happy to announce that Zone 4 will be able to do a rules and handicap seminar this year. It is planned for the 11<sup>th</sup> of April at the Delta Golf Course. I will be focusing on the rules that are commonly misunderstood. I don't expect referees to come out of this seminar. My only wish is to uncomplicate procedures of the rules of golf so that the game is more fun and doesn't create more conflict.

## **g) Team Reports:**

1) **Team 1 – Karen Pultz**, no report

2) **Team 2 – Ying He**

The 2022 2nd Team schedule was sent out to all Club Captains on December 10<sup>th</sup> 2021 by zone4 executive committee along with team1 and team3.

There will be nine clubs playing team2 this year, including Burnaby Mountain, Fraserview, Greenacres, Kings Links, Langara, McCleery, Squamish Valley, University and Vancouver Chinese Ladies (VCL). On Feb 15<sup>th</sup> I sent the updated captains contact information list (email address and phone numbers) to all nine team captains for purpose of their match scheduling/score reporting.

It was emphasized that this year the visiting team will pay for their own green fees, but host team will continue to provide lunch visitors. Usually host teams provide morning coffee and muffins as well as a tradition. It is also a traditional courtesy that host team players buy opponent a drink individually.

There have been some team2 captain contact changes which I've forwarded to Sherry Work the webmaster and committee to update records.

We are excited and look forward to playing teams again this season!

3) **Team 3 – Leslie Dobie**

I am very excited that Team Play will go forward for the 2022 season. This year we have 10 clubs fielding a Team 3. These teams are Bowen Island, Burnaby Mountain, Country Meadows, Delta, Fraserview, Langara, McCleery, Mylora Thursday, Musqueam and University. The schedule was sent to the Team 3 Captains in December, 2021. If a change needs to be made to the schedule the Team 3 Captains involved are to make alternate arrangements and then please notify me of the new dates. All Team 3 captains (both Home and Away) are asked to report the results to me as soon as possible after their team matches are played. Team 3 games are played on Tuesdays with the exception of the Mylora Thursday Club; their home games are played on a Thursday. Away games for Mylora Thursday Club are played on a Tuesday. All Team Captains are encouraged to review the Team Manual posted on the Zone 4 website. The results for Team Play will be announced at the AGM in October.

One significant change for this year is that each Team 3 club will be responsible for paying their away green fees. This is for a one-year trial basis and will be revisited at the AGM to then determine whether this will be a permanent change.

The current Team 3 Captains have my contact information, and I am here to assist where needed.

I look forward to a fun and safe golfing season.

## **h) Business Women's Chair – Joanne Dorman**

### **Executive:**

Secretary/Treasurer – Elana Goldsmith from University Golf Club for 2022.

Vice Chair – Gail Thurston from University Golf Club for 2022 and 2023.

Chair -Joanne Dorman from The Links Women's Golf Club for 2022 and 2023.

### **Member Clubs:**

Six clubs remain in the Business Women's Golf Association:

Fraserview

McCleery

The Links

Surrey

Tsawwassen Springs

University

### **Annual Tournament Report**

Tsawwassen Springs will host the tournament in 2022.

The tournament date has tentatively been set for August 14, 2022.

### **Team Play Schedule:**

The 2022 Team Play Schedule has been distributed to member clubs.

### **Zone 3-4 Business Women's Captains Meeting:**

Our fall and spring meeting was combined and held on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022. This meeting was held via Zoom. Thank you to Zone 4 for providing zoom access.

The following motion was passed on a 1-year trial basis: each golfer would pay their own green fees for Team Play events.

Schedules for the Executive Plan and Tournament Host Club have been revised due to the withdrawal of Swan-e-Set.

## **i) Zone 3/4 Coordinator – Holly Horwood**

I am pleased to attend today as your incoming Zone 3 and 4 Coordinator. My name is Holly Horwood, and I am a member of Shaughnessy Golf and Country Club. I first started playing golf some 60 years ago as a member of the nine-hole Maple Ridge Golf Course – which along with Shaughnessy was among the founding members of the B.C. branch of the then Canadian Ladies Golf Union.



Women's golf, and its long history in the Lower Mainland holds a special place in my heart. I first participated as a Junior in the Vancouver and District Championships – which some of you may remember morphed in 1974 to the District 2-5-8 Championships, and finally in 2004 to the Zone 3 and 4 Championships – but each version encompassing the Lower Mainland/Fraser Valley region.

You all have the schedule of Women's Zone events for this coming season. I congratulate Ann, Brenda and particularly Virginia for their work in arranging the host golf clubs during very difficult times. I hope to touch base with some of you during the coming season to plan for next year's 2023 events, including the Zone 3 and 4 Amateur/Senior Championships.

**j) Vice Chair – Brenda Burroughs**

As Vice Chair, I have been available to assist the Chair as needed and be a student of the workings of BC Golf and Zone 4 Women's Committee. I thank, Ann, for her patience and thoughtfulness in my learning curve! I have worked on the current draft revisions to our Constitution and By-Laws and have worked with Ann, Virginia and Gail to confirm dates and book venues for Zone 4 hosted tournaments. I am currently working on the budgets, posters/entry forms and registrations for:

1. Zone 3 and 4 Amateur/Senior Championships to be held
  - a. May 16 at McCleery GC, and
  - b. May 17 at Marine Drive GC
2. Zone 4 Senior Women's Open to be held September 8 at Tsawwassen Springs GC.

Sherry Work is instrumental in sharing the details of our Bogey Golf software that is used in the planning and operation of these tournaments. I have the Zone 4 computers and printer to complete this work. An Apple user re-visiting my PC roots - lucky to have Sherry on speed dial emails!

Budget planning for 2022 for the Zone and for the tournaments has been conducted largely by email or zoom meetings. This has made the process very challenging for understanding and anticipating the cost realities of post-Covid return to full meetings, programs and tournaments. The executive's work to be ready for this season has been amazing and professional.

I look forward to the 2022 season especially continuing to work with Ann and the executive.

**k) Past chair – Virginia Astell**

In early May I contacted the 2022 Nominating Committee and discussed the requirements of their committee. I followed up with the Committee throughout the season.

I contacted Zone 3 regarding the 1<sup>st</sup> Team Chair position which was filled by a zone 3 player.

I had further contact with the Nominating Committee and was able to provide more information regarding the position of Zone 3 and 4 Co-ordinator.

As well I started to contact clubs regarding the upcoming SR/AM Tournament. Since we did not have the tournament for the last 2 years due to Covid, the private clubs felt it was only fair to keep to the schedule for the missed years. So I contacted and arranged a date for the SR/AM at Marine Drive, then arranged for a booking at McCleery for day one of the SR/AM and for the Junior Championship to be held at Quilchena.

We will need to revise the rotation schedule for tournaments and send it out to the private clubs for their file.

I have been to Marine Drive with Brenda and started our discussions for the tournament.

With an unexpected vacancy in the Zone 3/4 Co-ordinator's position, I took on the job of getting our tournaments booked for 2022.

I contacted Marine Drive regarding Day 2 of the SR/AM Championship. They finally confirmed Tuesday, May 17. Following this I was able to confirm a booking at McCleery Golf Course for Day 1 on Monday, May 16. Brenda and I have been in touch with both venues to organize further.

The Junior Girl's Championship has been booked for Quichena Golf Club on May 22.

I am pleased that Holly Horwood has agreed to take on this position and will be booking courses later this year for the 2023 season.

I have been working co-operatively with Holly with the organization for the upcoming season.

We held a Zoom Co-ordinator's Spring Meeting on March 7 with the Zone 3 and 4 reps and had a good discussion about the upcoming joint tournaments for 2022.

## **I) Nominating Committee – Virginia Astell**

### Zone 4 Nominating Committee for Women’s Executive Vacant Positions

The nominating committee consisted of Tammie Ruthven, Seymour Golf and Country Club, Susan Russell from Shaughnessy Golf and Country Club and Joanne Calverley from Squamish Valley Golf Club. There were five positions that needed to be filled for 2022. The committee members met by telephone and in person to discuss the positions to be filled and seek candidates for these positions. Letters were sent out to all the Captains in Zone 4. Personal contact was also made with potential candidates. We also reached out to others in Zone 4 for any suggestions on potential candidates.

The most common response we received was that there was difficulty in finding candidates for their own club’s vacant positions. Others were already maxed out in volunteering, some could not commit to the time commitment, and many had personal reasons for not being able to volunteer at this time.

Virginia Astell was very helpful in trying to find volunteers for the vacant positions. At the end of 2021, only 3 of the positions had candidates identified.

The positions to be filled were:

1. Vice Chair –
2. Rules Chair –
3. 1<sup>st</sup> Team Chair - Zone 3, Karen Pultz
4. Zone 3 / 4 Coordinator – Holly Horwood
5. Junior Chair – Stephanie Wong - Has agreed to stay on for another year.

There are two remaining vacant positions, that the committee was unsuccessful in finding candidates for.

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Respectfully Submitted

Tammie Ruthven

Nominating Chair

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