

## ZONE 4 WOMEN'S COMMITTEE



### Captains' & Vice-Captains' Spring Meeting

Thursday, 2025 April 3

Tsawwassen Springs Golf Club

5133 Springs Boulevard

Delta, BC V4M 0A6



## Minutes

### Present:

Jessie Horner	Chair & Zone Rep	Pam Kelly	Vice Chair
Holly Horwood	Zone 3&4 Co-Ordinator	Sherry Work	Team 2 Chair & Webmaster
Gail Thurston	Business Women's Chair	Debbie McKay	Team 3 Chair
Lily Zhao	Treasurer	Lily Ravelo	Handicap Chair
Virginia Lam	Secretary	Brenda Burroughs	Past Chair
Suzanne Allen	Bowen Island	Jo Gassman	Bowen Island
Lori Davis	Burnaby Mountain	Diane Robie	Burnaby Mountain
Karen Huckvale	Country Meadows	Carole Milne	Country Meadows
Jeannie Campbell	Delta Tuesday	Leslie Dobie	Delta Tuesday
Ngaire Metcalf	Fraserview Tuesday	Kelly Kwon	Fraserview Tuesday
Jeannie Chung	Fraserview Tuesday	Lorraine Ambrosio	Greenacres Monday
Lori Parker	Greenacres Tuesday	Kathy Hori	Greenacres Tuesday
Marianne Rissling	King's Link Ladies	Jennifer Sthankiya	King's Link Ladies
Margaret Johnson	Langara	Joanne Dorman	Langara
Dianne Churchard	McCleery Business	Terri Laliberte	McCleery Business
Stacey White	McCleery Tuesday	Tessa Breukels	McCleery Tuesday
Katy Edgar	Musqueam	Marjorie Mooney	Musqueam
Bev Aberdeen	Mylora Saturday	Jane Edwards	Richmond GCC
Kathy Kealey	Seymour GCC	Kathy Forrest	Shaughnessy GCC
Jane Macgregor	Shaughnessy GCC	Donna Lindsay	Squamish Valley GC
Wilma Kingston	Squamish Valley GC	Barbara Moore	Tsawwassen Business
Linda Metcalfe	Tsawwassen Business	Kathy Drake	Tsawwassen Tuesday
Michelle Roy	Tsawwassen Tuesday	Linda MacMillan	University Business
Carla Rokochy	University Business	Sandy Laliberte	University Tuesday
Irene Lugsdin	University Tuesday	Shirley Li	Vancouver Chinese Ladies
KeYuan Li	Vancouver Chinese Ladies	Alice Xue	Vancouver Chinese Ladies

### Regrets:

Moir Milligan, Rules Chair; Karen Pultz, Zone 3&4 Team 1 Chair; Ezzabella Hernandez, Junior Chair; Beach Grove GC, Capilano GCC; Ladies' Tee GC; Marine Drive GC; Mylora Thursday Ladies; Pender Harbour GC, Point Grey GCC, Helen Yu, Quilchena GCC and Lisa Bateman, Vancouver GC.

**Absent:** Fraserview Business Women and Mayfair Lakes

1. The meeting called to order at 10:00 am by Zone 4 Chair, Jessie Horner.
2. Present 23 out of 33 clubs and 10 executive members established quorum.
3. Zone 4 Chair introduced the Women's Committee Executive.
4. The agenda is adopted as circulated.
5. Minutes of the Fall Captain's & Vice-Captain's Meeting of 2024 October 17 approved as circulated.
6. Correspondence – Kris Jonasson sent correspondence asking for names of people that have contributed to Zone that have passed away
7. Executive Committee Reports (attached as Schedule A):

**MOTION from the Executive Committee Moved by Moira Milligan, Rules; seconded by Sherry Work, Webmaster dated 2025 February 19**

**THAT the acceptance of Pam Kelly as Vice Chair to Zone 4 Women's Executive Committee commence immediately.**

**Moved by Ngaire Metcalf, Fraserview Tuesday; seconded Irene Lugsdin, University Tuesday**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

a) Vice-Chair – Pam Kelly

b) Treasurer – Lily Zhao

**MOTION:**

**THAT the Zone 4 Women's 2025 Budget be accepted.**

**Moved: Brenda Burroughs, Langara; seconded Karen Huckvale, Country Meadows.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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| c) Secretary                       | Virginia Lam                             |
| d) Rules Chair                     | Moira Milligan (J. Horner reported)      |
| e) Handicap Chair                  | Lily Ravelo                              |
| f) Zone 3&4 Coordinator            | Holly Horwood                            |
| g) Zone 3&4 Business Women's Chair | Gail Thurston                            |
| h) Junior Chair                    | Ezzabella Hernandez (J. Horner reported) |
| i) Team Chairs                     | Team 1: Karen Pultz (no report)          |
|                                    | Team 2: Sherry Work                      |
|                                    | Team 3: Debbie McKay                     |
| j) Webmaster                       | Sherry Work                              |

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| k) Nominating Committee | Karen Huckvale, Country Meadow Mt.; Ngaire Metcalf, Fraserview Tuesday; Jeannie Campbell, Delta |
| l) Past Chair           | Brenda Burroughs  |
| m) BC Golf Zone Council | Jessie Horner   |
| n) Chair                | Jessie Horner   |

**MOTION:**

**THAT the Zone 4 Women's Committee Reports be accepted.**

**Moved: Margaret Johnson, Langara; seconded Michelle Roy, Tsawwassen Springs**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

8. New Business None

9. Small Group Discussion on topics below.

- a) Zone 4 Team 1 for public courses: questions have been raised about the challenge of driving distances and the present "host pays" system—right now Zone 4 has only 4 clubs fielding a team at the Team 1 level. Zone 3 has resisted the user pay system.

**Comments:**

- Increase the maximum hcp for Team 1 to get more clubs from Zone 4 having a Team 1. Several clubs said not enough low handicaps to field a Team 1
- Go to a user pay system for Team 1—(*Note: Zone 3 has agreed to try a user pay system for 2025.*)
- Some clubs not enthusiastic about the drive to Zone 3 clubs while others like going to new courses.
- Would having Team 1 play on a different day of the week make it easier for clubs to field a Team 1?
- Question: how many teams are necessary to have a Team 1 solely within Zone 4? Business Women have 7 teams from Zone 4 and 1 from Zone 3.
- Concern raised that some exact matches at other team levels were repeating from last year.

**Take away:**

Approach Zone 3 again to go to "user pay" system. Discuss raising hcp level for Team 1 at the Club level. If a club is interested in adding a Team 1, please let Jessie and Sherry know as soon as possible. We will be starting a new rotation in 2025, and its helpful to avoid repetition in matches from one year to the next.

- b) Currently the private and public courses have separate team events. What about having a Zone 4 event that would involve teams from both public and private courses? This could be the "Zone 4 Team of the Year". Winners are honoured. No financial prizes.
- Yes, good idea.
  - Yes, have a Zone 4 Club Team championship—**use Stableford**. Could have as many players as a club wants enter, and take the best 4 or 5 player scores.

- Yes, have a Zone 4 Tournament and each club could send up to **6 people**.
- Yes, have an event like the Business Women—a tournament with **4 people** from each club.
- Yes, have an event with up to 6 people from one club (3 teams of 2) and mix up the format—could be some people play stroke, some play match, some play Stableford, or could be 6 holes of one format, then 6 holes of another format, eg. 6 holes partner best ball, 6 holes scramble, 6 holes alternate shot.
- Go for a modified shotgun - 1st group starts at hole #1 / 2nd group starts at hole #7 / 3rd group starts at hole #13. If shotgun not possible, instead of everyone joining for a meal & prizes, prizes can be handed out at the Fall AGM inviting the winning team members. Perhaps snacks of hot dogs, hamburgers or sandwiches at certain holes, fruits and/or chips at certain holes.
- Yes, plan for 2026.
- Really best if there can be a meal together afterwards.
- Not necessary—instead promote the events that we have already.
- Early October might be a good time.
- Everyone was very interested in the Zone 4 Team tournament – a member brought an old printout which described the City interclub of several years ago and all thought it would attract more players. Suggestion to keep the cost down is to not have a big meal following (“just some type of snack”), and another suggestion that each club entered could donate a prize. How many players per club? --it would depend on how many clubs sign up – but a minimum of 6 if you want three types of play.

#### **Conclusion:**

Definitely significant interest in having a Zone 4 event that would result in a CLUB winner, that would engage both public and private courses and involve a variety of formats. Perhaps organize for next year.

#### c) Ideas and best practices at the club level

- A mixed tournament where everyone plays from the ladies tees, fully handicapped very popular, eg. University Cup at UGC
- Scrambles of various kinds are fun.

**Conclusion:** Consider opening a Zone 4 event to men to participate.

#### d) Other Comments

Clubs should get Zone events on their fixture sheets.

Promote Best Ball Tournament and Fall Classic as **Fun** events, not hcp driven.

What is the Zone 4 men's levy? (*Unknown, but here is a breakdown of the levies charged by the women's committees in various zones:*

Zone 1 - \$1.00 (reduced from \$5.00)      Zone 4 - \$4.00

Zone 2 - \$3.00      Zone 5 - \$5.00

Zone 3 - \$1.00 (reduced from \$5.00)      Zone 6 - \$12.00

10. Date of next meeting: 2025 Captains' & Vice Captains' Fall Annual General Meeting – Thursday October 23.
11. Adjourned at 11:45am.

## **Schedule A: Zone 4 Women's Executive Reports**

### **7a) Vice-Chair Report by Pam Kelly**

Although I have technically just become the Vice-Chair with your voting to confirm my position, I have actually already attended an Executive meeting to plan this event, and a joint Zone 3 & 4 planning meeting for the Amateur/Senior Championship tournament.

I also attended a Zoom training session to begin learning how to use Golf Genius. And I was given the task of securing a location for our AGM in October. I can still say that, SO FAR, I am still very happy that Jessie approached me about taking on the Vice Chair position. And I look forward to working with the executive members over the next few years.

Thank you.

### **7b) Treasurer Report by Lily Zhao**

Hi everyone,

Nice to see you again!

Copies of our Financial Statement for 2024, Budget for Women 2025 and Budget for Junior Girls 2025 were sent out via email. Hopefully you have had a chance to review the details.

We finished another fiscal year strongly in 2024. The financial report showed a profit only because some of the expenses happened after Oct 31, 2024. The budget of 2025 reflects a more real financial position. Nonetheless, as you can see, the income and expenses were still well balanced.

We expected higher levy income in 2025 because there were more members registered with Golf Canada at the end of last year.

We also expected higher expenses since we are responsible for holding Zone 3/4 Am/Senior Championships and Fall Classic tournament.

Thank you for listening.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lily Zhao,  
Treasurer  
Zone 4 Women's Committee

British Columbia Golf - Zone 4 Women's Committee			
2025 Budget			
April 3, 2025			
		2025 Budget	Final 2024
1	<b><u>Income/Receipts-</u></b>		
2	Levies from Membership - 3286 @ \$4.00 per member	\$13,144.00	\$13,788.00
3	British Columbia Golf Grant	3,181.00	3,663.80
4	Pin Receipts (incl. postage)	500.00	184.92
5	Championships - Zone 3&4 Amateur/Senior (Zone 4 hosting)	11,000.00	4,384.28
6	Zone 3&4 Partner Best Ball (Zone 3 hosting)	0.00	14,225.00
7	Zone 3&4 Fall Classic (Zone 4 hosting)	14,000.00	8,500.00
8	Luncheon fees	0.00	0.00
9	Seminar Fees (Rules Seminar)	480.00	312.00
10	Dorothy Olive Franklin entry fees	1,000.00	1,008.00
11	Beat the Champ entry fees	300.00	270.00
12	PIN Round fees	1,400.00	1,466.00
13	Bank Interest & exchange	800.00	360.36
14	Miscellaneous	0.00	100.00
15	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$45,805.00</b>	<b>\$48,262.36</b>
16			
17	<b><u>Expenses/Disbursements</u></b>		
18	<b>Membership services</b>		
19	Spring & Fall Captains Meetings (at TS on Apr 3rd)	\$8,000.00	\$5,710.60
20	Seminars (Rules/Handicap/Team) (TBD)	600.00	565.61
21	Pin Orders	500.00	305.21
22	Dorothy Olive Franklin fees to British Columbia Golf	1,000.00	1,008.00
23	Beat the Champ fees to Junior Girls	300.00	270.00
24	PIN Round fees to British Columbia Golf	1,400.00	1,466.00
25	Team Trophy Engraving/Keepers & awards	250.00	91.75
26	Championship-Zone 3&4 Amateur/Senior (Zone 4 hosting)	12,000.00	6,545.25
27	Zone 3&4 Partner Best Ball (Zone 3 hosting)	500.00	14,624.08
28	Zone 3&4 Fall Classic (Zone 4 hosting at ledgview)	14,000.00	8,776.35
29	Subsidy for Zone 4 Amateur & Senior Champions @ Provincials (4 people)	2,000.00	2,000.00
30	<b>Operating expenses</b>		
31	Zone 4 Executive (Meetings, etc)	2,500.00	1,304.47
32	Transportation & Accommodation (mileage rate = \$0.70/km)	1,200.00	1,008.72
33	Postage, Supplies, Printing, Cartridges	500.00	189.10
34	Zone 3&4 Committee Funding	0.00	0.00
35	Subsidy for Zone 3/4 Business Women's Tournament	500.00	500.00
36	Banking (e-transfer paymnt charges) (outgoing)	50.00	74.70
37	Website upgrade & development	0.00	0.00
38	Security/Software/Accessories	240.69	120.45
39	Bogey Golf Update (computer program for tournaments)	0.00	26.75
40	Retiring Executive & Volunteer recognition	250.00	157.09
41	BC Golf House Society	750.00	750.00
42	Donations	0.00	100.00
43	Juniors share of BC Golf Grant (plus funds owed from previous seasons)	1,000.00	2,340.00
44	Expenses - Miscellaneous	1,000.00	849.86
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46	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$48,540.69</b>	<b>\$48,783.99</b>
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48	<b>Zone 4 Profit/Loss</b>	<b>-\$2,735.69</b>	<b>-\$521.63</b>

<b>British Columbia Golf - Zone 4 Women's Committee</b>				
<b>Financial Position October 2024</b>				
<b><u>November 1 2023 to October 31 2024</u></b>				
	<b>Balance carried forward from 2023 season</b>		<b>\$ 45,017.27</b>	
	Chequing account		\$34,582.78	
	Savings account		\$10,434.49	
<b><u>Income</u></b>				
	Membership fees (Levy)		\$ 13,788.00	
	BC Grant		\$ 3,663.80	
	Pins		\$ 184.92	
	Tournaments		\$ 27,109.28	
	Competitions & Seminars		\$ 2,816.00	
	Interest		\$ 360.36	
	Donations & Volunteer Recognition		\$ 100.00	
		Total Income	<b>\$ 48,022.36</b>	
		Total Assets		<b>\$ 93,039.63</b>
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>				
	Captains' Meetings		\$ 3,730.20	
	Pins		\$ -	
	Competitions & Seminars		\$ 2,303.61	
	Tournaments & trophies		\$ 30,194.52	
	Subsidies		\$ 2,500.00	
	Transportation & Executive meetings		\$ 2,313.19	
	Postage, supplies, stationery		\$ 189.10	
	Computer (incl Zoom & Bogey Golf)		\$ 147.20	
	Donations & Volunteer Recognition		\$ 850.00	
	Bank charges		\$ 74.70	
	Transfer to Junior Account (funds owed 2023-2024)		\$ 2,340.00	
	Miscellaneous		\$ 849.86	
		Total Expenses	<b>\$ 45,492.38</b>	
		Total Deductions		<b>\$ 45,492.38</b>

<b>British Columbia Golf - Zone 4 Women's Committee</b>			
<b>Zone 3 &amp; Zone 4 Junior Chair's Budget 2025</b>			
<b>March 17, 2025</b>			
		<b><u>2025 Budget</u></b>	<b><u>2025 Actual</u></b>
<b><u>Income/Receipts:</u></b>			
Tournament Entry Fees	\$	10,000.00	\$ -
Rules Clinic	\$	-	\$ -
Donation	\$	100.00	\$ -
Beat the Champ	\$	500.00	\$ -
BC Golf Grant	\$	2,000.00	\$ -
Bank Interest	\$	200.00	\$ 64.37
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>12,800.00</b>	<b>\$ 64.37</b>
<b><u>Expenses/Disbursements</u></b>			
Green Fees	\$	2,500.00	\$ -
Rules Clinic	\$	-	\$ -
Signage/Tents	\$	-	\$ -
Provincial Team (4 x \$500)	\$	2,000.00	\$ -
BC Summer Games Subsidy	\$	-	\$ -
Tournament Dinner/Room Rental	\$	4,000.00	\$ -
Prizes	\$	1,200.00	\$ -
Trophies and Engravings	\$	1,000.00	\$ -
Mileage	\$	400.00	\$ -
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$	500.00	\$ -
Stationary & Supplies	\$	100.00	\$ -
Marketing Canva (website, event tents, etc.)	\$	1,250.00	\$ -
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>12,950.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Excess Income over expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(150.00)</b>	<b>\$ 64.37</b>

#### 7c) Secretary Report by Virginia Lam

With the completion of my second year as the Zone 4 Women's secretary I fully appreciate all the work that ALL executives do for women's golf in BC.

Thank you to all the committee executives for getting in their reports in a timely manner so that I could get the package and minutes to the member clubs. And thank you to all the club executives for promptly submitting their rosters to post on our BC Golf Zone 4 Women's website in the Captain's secured area. The data collection and updates were far less onerous this year.



With respect to communications, I have tried to limit the number of email and attachments going out to clubs. Going forward, the documents will be posted on the Zone 4 Women's website, and clubs will be provided with link to access them. With respect to formatting communications, I have offered to use my tools with Adobe Creative cloud to prepare posters and event registration forms.

This past fall, I undertook the negotiation of the setup of our 2024 Fall meeting and liaised with the food & beverage manager. I am prepared to assist where needed to support the Zone 4 Women's Committee work. I look forward to assisting the tournament setup and in particular working with Golf Genius.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Lam, Secretary  
Zone 4 Women's Committee

**7d) Rules Chair Report by Moira Milligan**

While there have been no changes to the Rules of Golf for 2025, I will be presenting the annual Zone 4 Rules

Seminar on April 24 at Langara covering both Stroke Play and Match Play. I look forward to seeing representatives from our member clubs for coffee at 9:30 am with the seminar to follow at 10 am. I would encourage Club Rules Chairs and Match Play Captains to attend.

To keep up to date and sharp on the Rules, I have attended the 8 weeks of webinars at the National Level 3. I am looking forward to a full refereeing schedule for 2025, including the Zone 3 and 4 tournaments.

Respectfully submitted,  
Moira Milligan  
Rules Chair Zone 4 Women's Committee

**7e) Handicap Chair Report by Lily Ravelo**

Welcome to your 2025 Golf season. This report will be quite condensed as there have been no changes to the World Handicap System. My report to you is just a reminder of the basic principles to maintain your Handicap Index.

1. Be sure to enter your scores into Golf Canada app on a hole-by-hole basis, as soon as practicable after play, but definitely by midnight on the day of play.
2. Handicap committee should review a member's handicap in order that a player's ability is accurately reflected. A member may potentially improve or inhibit their playing ability as reflected in their reported scores.
3. Encourage members to take the Rules of Handicapping online course offered by BC Golf Association – link for the online course is available on our Zone 4 website.
4. If you have any questions regarding the Rules of Handicapping, please send an email through our contact information available on our Zone 4 website.

Submitted by Lily Ravelo

### Question re Golf Canada and GHIN

Members of golf clubs in Canada (Golf Canada) and US (GHIN) are required to hold valid handicap files in both countries. These are to separate entities but use the same WHS, in other words, scores entered in either system can be linked – however, members will be required to pay the membership fees for both Golf Canada and GHIN.

In order to link files, the member's golf association along with their GHIN number will be required to report to Golf Canada. Upon the completion of registration of both Golf Canada and GHIN, the scores posted on either system will be recorded in both files. Previous to the membership being linked, scores posted/recorded on Golf Canada or GHIN will not be linked. Golf Canada members are required to provide their respective golf association along with their GHIN membership number in order to complete the process. Their golf association name is not to be confused with their club's name, for example, Golf Canada is the Canadian association not Langara Golf Club.

### 7f) Zone 3 & 4 Co-ordinator Report by Holly Horwood

- Communication with Lower Mainland golf courses started in the Fall of 2024 in an effort to secure host courses for our three jointly-run events.
- The nine-year Rotation Plan –in which Vancouver-area private clubs agree to host the second day of our Women's Zone 3 and 4 Championships, as well as our Junior Girls championship - is our most valuable tool to confirm at least one host day every year. That document, updated in 2022, will expire in five years.
- Increasingly, all golf clubs are reluctant to host Shotgun events which can pose difficulties in booking our Partner Best-Ball and Fall Classic events.
- Individual relationships between player-members and potential host clubs is very important. Any assistance from members of individual golf courses in securing a host location for our events is very appreciated.
- The relationship between the two Executives (Zones 3 and 4), including joint planning meetings, communication and budgeting, remain vital as we manage events together.

Our 2025 Tournament schedule has been confirmed as follows:

Monday, May 26 Tuesday, May 27	Zones 3 and 4 <b>Amateur and Senior Championships</b> Dinner and awards to follow Registration opens March 1st	Fraserview Golf Course (Day 1) Vancouver, BC Vancouver Club Golf Course (Day 2) Coquitlam, BC
Monday, July 7	Zones 3 and 4 <b>Partner Best Ball Tournament</b> 1 pm Shotgun Dinner and prizes to follow	Greenacres Golf Course Richmond, BC
Monday, September 22	Zones 3 and 4 <b>Fall Classic</b> 1 pm Shotgun Dinner and prizes to follow	Ledgeview Golf Club Abbotsford, BC

Respectfully Submitted,  
Holly Horwood  
Coordinator Women's Zones 3 and 4

7g) **Zone 3 & 4 Business Women's Chair Report by Gail Thurston** to be submitted.

7h) **Zone 3 & 4 Junior Chair Report by Ezzabella Hernandez**

The 2024 Junior Development Zone 3 and Zone 4 Tour Series successfully concluded with our first ever 6 events. The plans for 2025 includes continuing the 6 Tour Events with the following schedule:

- #1 Meadow Gardens April 5 First tee time 12:30 pm
- #2 The Vancouver Club April 6 First tee time 2:00 pm
- #3 Redwoods Golf Club April 26
- #4 Quilchena GCC May 3
- #5 Hazelmere GTC May 17
- #6 Point Grey GC Championships TBD

Registration is open for the 5 Tour Events. Please see the Zone 3 and Zone 4 Junior Girls Spring Tour on our website: <https://www.zone3and4juniorgirlsgolftour.com>

Respectfully submitted  
Christine Wong, Zone 3  
Ezzabella Hernandez, Zone 4

7i) **TEAM Reports**

**TEAM 1 Chair No Report by Karen Pultz**

**TEAM 2 Chair Report by Sherry Work**

I have distributed the schedule and contacts to all team 2 captains, all is good except for VCL having to move a date and change the time from 1:30 to 2:30

Respectfully submitted  
Sherry Work

**TEAM 3 Chair Report by Debbie McKay**

Pdf's of the Schedule, Team 3 Captain Contact Info and Scoresheet along with a link to all the resources available on the Zone 4 website has been sent to all the Captains. I am awaiting the outstanding contact info for Mylora's Team 3 Captain. Will provide an update for the contact list as soon as I receive the info.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the course! Have a Fabulous 2025 Season everyone! 😊

**7j) Webmaster Report by Sherry Work**

Nothing new to report, the website is as up to date as I have received material to post. More clubs are using the site to post notices that they need more members. I am still doing the website for the Zone 4 men and have not done any maintenance on Zone 3 for some time now, but their new site is not live yet.

Respectfully submitted  
Sherry Work

**7k) Nominating Committee No Report****7l) Past Chair Report by Brenda Burroughs**

The role of Past Chair has been vacant for three years. The return to a full executive committee is welcome and allows for distribution of duties as specified in our Constitution. I am delighted to be able to continue to work with, and support the work of, our Executive and Jessie as the Past Chair. Duties are specified:

**Assist the Chair in completion of duties:**

I completed a download of my personal computer files regarding the business of the Zone 4 Executive and Women's Committee to provide the Chair with an accessible and editable copy of documents. This included documents pertaining to the Zone 4 Championships and Tournaments jointly hosted with Zone 3. Additionally, updated hard copies of Championships and Tournaments binders were handed over. These binders contain historical reference for continued successful events.

All supporting materials were also prepared and shared with Jessie: Banners, Tee Markers, Executive Golf Shirts, Event Materials (clocks, scorecards, etc.)

I continue to support Jessie and Lily Zhao, Treasurer, with banking updates and protocols.

**Undertake any duties requested by the Chair.**

As requested, the Rules Seminar for 2025 at Langara Golf Course has been set for April 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 – 12 noon. Conducted by Zone 4 Rules Chair, Moira, the site can accommodate 48 attendees with provision of light refreshments and goodies. In addition, I will provide computer/AV support for the session.

Attended meeting with Zone 3 Chair Val Barker, Holly Horwood and Jessie in preparation for 2025 events. Will support Championships and Tournament committees with planning, management, awards/prizes, and Golf Genius registration/scoring as required.

**Act as the liaison between the Zone Executive and the appointed ad-hoc nominating committee.**  
Jessie has completed this work.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Burroughs

**7m) Zone Council Representative Report by Jessie Horner**

Zone Council is a meeting of representatives from all zone committees across the province. Kris Jonasson, and several staff from BC golf participate. The Council has held one meeting since our AGM and this was by Zoom. Brent Lindberg is the new Chair. Sheila Van Gisbergen resigned as Chair and has become Secretary to the Board of Directors.

1. It was reported that all zones are experiencing higher costs for running their tournaments, as is BC Golf.
2. BC Golf has hired Jeff Sutherland to develop websites. He has undertaken to do a website for Zone 3 Women, but it's been delayed as Jeff has been sick. BC Golf seems willing to do this for all zones. It will also be easy for zones to develop newsletters through websites developed by BC Golf.
3. Zone 4 is the only zone where private clubs donate their courses for important tournaments. We are very fortunate to have this.
4. The Cloud Series has been very well received. It began for women in 2023, and men now have one too. There are 6 events, one per month starting in April, and each a different format. It costs nothing to enter and there is the possibility of winning a prize! Details and registration are through the BC Golf Website.
5. BC Golf has drafted new bylaws and had them approved at a special meeting. The new bylaws change the governance structure somewhat. Zones will be governed by operating agreements signed with BC Golf. Payments will be made to zones based on how many tournaments they sponsor and the teams they send to provincial tournaments.
6. Kris Jonasson has announced his retirement at the end of this year.

**7n) Chair Remarks by Jessie Horner**

Welcome!

A few things to keep in mind as we head into the 2025 season:

1. We are part of an **international and interdependent community of golfers**. We have a parent organization, BC Golf which is recognized by Golf Canada which works international, as being responsible for golf in our province. BC golf has delegated part of its role to the Zones. However, **the Zones would be nothing without, you, your clubs and your members, and the same is true for BC Golf and Golf Canada.**
2. We are pretty much all volunteers: we cycle in and out of various roles, sometimes finding ourselves with some steep learning curves. The important thing to know is that you are part of a team and help is usually just a phone call away. Your zone executive and BC Golf are here to help you as well, and help you find what you need. It isn't always easy to find people to take on these roles, but you are crucial for this whole thing to work. We need to investigate how to better recognize our volunteers
3. There are some great traditions that have developed in our clubs and in our zone affairs, but these are subject to change and growth. We can innovate and improve.  
Our major activities at the zone level
  - to put on tournaments and promote our winners to higher levels of competition,
  - to provide rules education

- to collate results from pin rounds, Dorothy Olive Franklin Tournament and Beat the Champ Tournament.
  - to manage interclub team play among the public courses.
  - liaise with BC Golf and provide backing to Junior Golf and the Business Women.
- Useful to know:
- Schedule of events and dates is posted on our website
  - Golf Canada permits clubs to claim up to 5 people as "staff" and their cost is only \$8 plus tax, rather than \$50. This has been confirmed with Corrie Wong at BC Golf. Corrie writes:

"You are correct. Every league/club/course is entitled to 5 staff member files at \$8.00 + GST and it will not affect their membership.

One of the perks for putting in the time . . . Note the following information for the staff designation is also for volunteers such as treasurer, secretary, chair, etc.:

"Full-time staff at your facility are entitled to obtain a Golf Canada / British Columbia Golf membership at the staff rate of \$8.00 per person plus GST. This fee covers the cost of coverage in the Golf Canada club incident protection program." The club itself is responsible for updating and changing the category designation each season

(information sheet attached, and attached to these remarks)

- Moira Milligan our Rules Chair will conduct Rules seminars for your clubs. The Zone will support this by paying her travel costs.
- Kris Jonasson is retiring this year, and we would like to honour him for many years of service to golf and golfers in BC. We hope to have him to our AGM in the fall.

Some of our challenges

- fewer golfers than men—we account for roughly 20% of all golfers in the province.
- some women less keen on competition
- geographic challenges—Zone 4 stretches from Pender Harbour to Bald Eagle in the Us to Vancouver Golf Club in Coquitlam, and yet we have to combine with zone 3 to fill tournaments.
- rising costs and the difficulty of getting a shotgun.
- In-person meetings are more expensive

Issues to discuss:

1. Team 1: Presently Zone 4 has only 4 clubs with a Team 1, so Team 1 competes across Zone 4 and Zone 3. Zone 3 has not agreed to requests to adopt a "user pay" system, which Zone 4 players generally prefer. Combining with Zone 3 also means longer travel distances for Team 1 players. The question is should we continue to play Team 1 across the two zones, or should we limit ourselves to Zone 4. Would more clubs be inclined to put forward a Team 1 if it involved less travel?
2. The Zone 4 Team of the Year: Can we do an all Zone 4 team play tournament? For various reasons, all of which are understandable, the private clubs in Zone 4 have their own inter-club team play. Could we have a one-day tournament that would involve teams from both the private clubs and the public clubs to determine the reigning club from Zone 4.
3. Finally, we don't have much opportunity to share our ideas, lets take advantage of the time and discuss our best practices.

We have pen and paper at your tables. Over to you!