



Lady Niners Board and Chair Meeting October 30, 2025

Attendance: Renée Seifert, Dianne Score, Ellen Alvarado, Sharon Howard, Kay Newton, Minna Rasmussen, Sue Lawless (via phone), Kathy Ivesdal, Cheryl Kopacz

Absent: Beth Johnson, Cindi Fulton, Jacquelyn Poetker (Via zoom)

September 4 Meeting Minutes

A correction was made to the minutes of September 4, 2025. The next to last sentence under Member Guest Update should read “She (Dianne Score) discussed the possibility of offering **sponsors** all 18 holes for \$100 **sponsorship**.”

Financial Report

- The Treasurer reported a current balance of \$8909.53. AZGolf has not reimbursed us for those rejoining and new members as of this date but funds are expected in November.
- The proposed budget was tabled until further discussion is held on cost of luncheons and other potential expenses. Once those discussions have been held, the proposed budget will be modified to reflect the board’s recommendations.
- Discussion was held on the cost (\$19.89 pp) for the November 20, 2025, Lunch meeting that was submitted by the Social Chair. After discussion it was recommended we drop the beef/ chicken {\$4) option from the menu, which brings the cost of the potato bar down to \$12 pp ++. The cost to members will be \$15 for the luncheon.

Chair Reports

Website – Cheryl Kopacz cottonwoodnine.azgolf.org

- Renee acknowledged Cheryl for the time she has spent, the effort and creativity in updating our website. Cheryl reviewed everything on the website indicating our goal is to drive people to our website. Members can renew and new members can join from the Renew/Join link on our home page.
- In addition, members can access the Calendar and Results, General Information, Niner News, Turf Talk, the Member Directory (pass word protected - chipin26), along with an Event Sign-up form, a Weekly Note from the President, plus a contact us form where anyone can submit a question to the President.
- General Information contains Niner Rules, new golf rules, pace of play, board and committee list, board meeting minutes and more.
- Cheryl will continue to add more information and documents as it becomes available.
- Consensus was the member directory will be in digital form only on the website. Hard copies will be available upon request. Cheryl will be responsible for taking member pictures for the website.

Social – Cindy Fulton

- Cindy who was not available for the meeting, had the luncheon contract sent to Renee for discussion by the board. Decisions of the board are noted under the Financial Section of the Minutes.
- Renee indicated Kathy Langston, President of the 18-hole league, had sent the dates of their planned patio parties. Discussion was held and the board determined we had enough planned socials after golf at present and we could always decide to do something in the future.

- Renee reported, with the new pool construction, the lower patio is not available for drinks after golf. She reported she had talked with Josh and subsequently Misty A (new CW F&B Mgr.) about having tables set aside in the CW restaurant between 3-3:30 until around 5, each Thursday which they will be able to do.
- Sharon commented on some of the things she did as social chair and had some ideas about what we could do that are cost effective. Decision by the board was to not have a Valentine party like last year (lunch in Saguaro room which cost around \$1000) but rather do a special get together that day after golf. Sharon will connect with Cindy and Marcy Gale and share some things done in the past.
- Sharon expressed

New Members – Kathy Ivesdal

- To date we have 42 current members who have renewed. We have 4 past members who have rejoined and 2 new members. She plans to have orientation for new members at 12 noon, on the Pro Shop patio on November 6th.

HOA Golf Committee – Ellen Alvarado

- Ellen reported her first official meeting will be Wednesday, November 5th, although she has attended the last couple meetings. Renee reported Ellen was officially named to the board at the HOA BOD meeting on October 29th.

Rules/Regulations & Weekly Games – Sue Lawless

- Sue reported she submitted a very comprehensive Game Schedule to the Pro Shop. A goal this year was to have the majority of the games offer a postable score. Sue will explain the weekly game prior to golf each week.
- Sue submitted rules addressing water hazard (#18,#4 and #9) and maximum score (10). These rules pertain to the Niner's league only. Although she will review these rules prior to league play, members are encouraged to visit the general information section of our website to review the Niner rules.
- Sue will develop a local rule for lift, clean and place for bird droppings.

Promotion/Publicity – Sharon Howard, Minna Rasmussen, Cheryl Kopacz

- Minna reported that Community Days was only 2 hours long on October 4th. She and Kay Newton worked the table. Both indicated attendance was low, as also stated by Dianne who was staffing the Pottery Club table. Board members wondered if Community Days was held too soon as not many snow birds had returned by then.
- Sharon has placed a flyer and member applications on the bulletin board in the lady's room at the Pro Shop.
- Renee stated she also put flyers in the brochure rack, with Josh's approval, in the CW Restaurant.
- Cheryl indicated our flyer is also part to the "Things To Do" email sent out by the HOA every week. In addition, we have a great article in this month's Splash written by Cheryl.

Member Guest – Dianne Score

- The **member guest will be on February 26th**. Dianne requested anyone with digital member-guest files to send them to her. Renee indicated she had the Sponsor letter written last year, Sue reported she had several years of files pertaining to the Member-Guest which she will also send to Dianne.
- Dianne reported she had talked with John, and we can have the entire day, starting with coffee on the patio and putting contests prior to registration opening. She said she would like to start

registration earlier, so people have time to buy mulligans, 50/50 tickets, peruse the baskets and auction items prior to lunch. Renee stated she needs to get with Judy Rossi, Catering Mgr, firming up the schedule and meal.

- A discussion was held on sponsorships with Dianne reporting she would like to work with the 18- hole league on joint sponsorship, since all clubs seem to be going out for sponsorships at the same time. Renee suggested several things that could be included in a sponsorship package to entice sponsors. Along with ways that any swag could be underwritten by a sponsor.
- Dianne is looking for volunteers to help with the member-guest. Sue and Ellen both volunteered as well as Renee. Sharon suggested Dianne make a list of areas that she will need help with, i.e. baskets, auction items, 50/50 and mulligan ticket sales, decorations, games, registrations, morning coffee, putting contests, etc.

Bylaws – Jacquie Poetker

- Jacquie was unavailable for the meeting but reported she was reviewing the current bylaws and will delve into them as soon as she gets back from Canada.

New Job Descriptions

Renee stated since there were no digital files for job descriptions, she was gradually getting them rewritten. She has sent new job descriptions, Website and Golf Committee Representative to the respective Chair for editing. Renee developed a job description for a Courtesy Chair which would handle sending Get Well and Sympathy Cards. Minna indicated that was a responsibility of the Secretary, since they only have two meetings a year to take minutes for. Renee stated she would like to see more members involved.

New Business

Monthly Board meetings – Renee

Renee stated that she would like to have monthly board meetings until such time that all of the things required to run the league are in place. She would like to have a notebook for each board member and chair to house their minutes, financials, pertinent information, job descriptions, bylaws and documents necessary to run the league. Decision was that we will meet monthly on the 3rd Wednesday from 1-2 pm. Each month the meeting will have a specific focus. Next month will be the budget.

Recognition- It was suggested that we show our appreciation to Jean Nelson for her support in our effort to have niners greens fees be equitable to 18-hole greens fees. A letter sent to the HOA Board was personally discussed with each HOA Board Director by Jean. Her lobbying on our behalf proved successful with our greens fees changed to half of the cost of 18 holes. It should be noted we have requested this adjustment every year for several years, by only going to the Golf Committee. Unfortunately, the Golf Committee has chosen to just pass on the rates proposed by the Golf Pros to the HOA Board with no discussion. The board recommended we purchase a \$30 gift card to CW/PV and present it to her at the November lunch meeting. Kay will get the gift card, Minna indicated she had a thank you card.

Memorial Contribution – Discussion was held on the possibility of giving a memorial in the name of a member who passed away. Consensus was a card from the Niners would be the best.

Food Drive – Decision was made to have a food drive for the month of November. Donations collected are to be placed in the back room in the Pro Shop. It was felt we should look for food bank

that services the Sun Lakes communities. A flyer will be placed in the Pro Shop and this will be promoted on our website and the weekly emails to members.

Holiday Cookie Exchange – Since the cookie exchange the niners have had in the past has been well received, a decision to have the cookie exchange again this year was made.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 3 PM.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 19, 2025, 1 PM at Renee's house (10321 E Spring Creek Rd)

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Seifert
President