President Scheeler called the meeting of the RWGA 18 Hole League to order at 12:55 pm at the Hills' Clubhouse. Linda wished everyone a Happy New Year! The "Communication, Creativity, and Harmony" gavel bowl was played to convene the group.

#### Announcements:

- a. President Scheeler thanked all officers and chairmen for jobs well done in 2015. She also thanked the membership for making each Tuesday fun!
- b. President Scheeler introduced the Executive Board and Chairs of Committees:

President Linda Scheeler, Vice President Nancy Roknich, Secretary Jan Morse, Treasurer Brenda Fisher, and Tournament Chair Marilyn Manahan.

Holiday Fundraising Sally McDade, Birdies/Chip-Ins Joanne Murphy, Christmas Party Linda Ferguson, 50/50 Annette Moran, Hole-In-One Mo Simpson, Summer Intercity Shirley Harris & Brenda Fisher, Winter Interclub Marilyn Manahan & Helen Vroman, Luncheons Annette Moran, Membership Booklet Bev Martin, Nominating Allison Withey, President's Club Tournament Kathy Powers & Bev Martin, Rules Marge Twitchell, Sunshine Carol Hastings, Historian Joan Forrester, Handicaps/Posting Pam Wham

## 1. Officers' Reports:

- a. Vice President Nancy Roknich introduced new members Susan Koch, Anna Lina Bahr, and returning member Nancy Barnett.
- b. Secretary Jan Morse indicated the minutes of the Nov. 3, 2015 meeting were circulated via email and posted on our website. No corrections or additions were made to the minutes, and they stand approved as circulated.

c. Treasurer Brenda Fisher circulated the 2015 financial statement and the 2016 proposed budget. She reported that we have 68 paid members, which is ten less than last year. Those who have not paid as of yet, should submit their payment within the next week to have their names included in the Membership Booklet.

### 2. Unfinished Business:

- a. Linda Ferguson and her committee members, Sandy Allen, Judy Gordon, Kathleen Peterson & Carol Hastings were thanked for a great Christmas Party. Mona Lee Burr was thanked for the festive piano music.
- b. Also, Sally McDade was thanked for conducting a successful Holiday Charity event.

# 3. New Business:

- a. All Posting and Greeter positions have been filled. Thank you volunteers!!
- b. Membership Booklet Chair Bev Martin was thanked for her work. Bev announced that the booklet will be distributed at the end of January.
- c. Joan Forrester created a Photo Book of *the Member/Member* Tournament. The Photo Book was circulated during the meeting. The Booklet will be in the Locker Room at the Hills for anyone who cares to see the great photos taken during the tournament. Joan also is working on a *2015 Year in Review* booklet highlighting events of the RWGA 18 Hole League.
- d. Helen Vroman indicated that many had a great day at the Deep Creek Winter Interclub match. The new greens were terrific. We had two winners: Carol Hastings was second in the third flight, and Helen Vroman was third in the second flight.

The sign up sheet for the next Interclub on February 1 at Twin Isles in Punta Gorda is posted at the Hills. Helen indicated it's a fun day, no stress, and a chance to play another course and meet some very nice women.

- e. The *President's Cup* Tournament will begin February 2 and continue through the month. A sign-up sheet is in the Hills' Locker Room. Bev Martin and Kathy Powers are co-chairs. Bev announced that the February 1 handicaps will be used for this flighted event. Brackets will be created on the 1<sup>st</sup> and anyone with a bye will be called. A short discussion ensued regarding a few holes on the Links and Long Marsh that are not correctly handicapped on the scorecards. President Scheeler indicated she was working with Bobby Currie to get this corrected.
- f. President Scheeler presented a motion to the membership to fund a RWGA 18 Hole League Memorial Garden. The verbatim proposal follows:

### RWGA MEMORIAL GARDEN

In December 2015 at the Executive Board Meeting the project committee submitted a proposal for the RWGA Memorial Garden. The ideas presented were approved by the board and are outlined for the membership below.

PURPOSE-To honor all members of the RWGA who have passed on

To provide a positive garden to honor these members

LOCATION-At the approached to the 10th tee at The Hills

DESIGN- Install a commemorative bronze plaque on a 24" high stand

Plaque dimensions- 24"w x12"high to be engraved

Create a colorful garden to showcase the plaque

Cost- \$400 for plaque, stand and engraving

\$200 estimate for plants

Proposed funding method- \$400 from league monies

\$200 donations

The board is asking for a vote from membership on this issue today.

A dedication ceremony will be planned upon placement of the plaque.

Marilyn Manahan, Peg Tomkins and Joan Forrester were thanked for their work on this ongoing project.
A Q & A followed:
Who will maintain the garden? Maintenance committee will be formed. Irrigation will be done by the Hills.
Will the plants be perennials? We aren't sure at this point. That will be determined as the work proceeds.
President Scheeler moved approval of the motion. It was seconded and approved unanimously.
g. Birdies & Chip-Ins Chair Joanne Murphy handed out a list of anyone who had a birdie or chip-in during December and asked those to get their gold dollar coins from her at the end of the meeting. The person who had the most birdies for 2015 will be announced at the February meeting.
h. Annette Moran conducted the 50-50 drawing. Joanne Murphy and Annette Moran each won \$15, and \$28 was given to the Club.
Meeting adjourned at 1:26.
Submitted,
Jan Morse
Secretary.