

SAWGA Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2022 - 9:00am - Wandermere

1) Call to Order

President Demaris Siconolfi called to meeting to order at 9:03 am.

2) Meeting Protocols

Thank you to Herb for use of the room and coffee service. A basket is coming around for contributions to thank Herb and his team.

Demaris asked if all present had signed in when they arrived. She reviewed the need to state your name and what club you represent before making comments or making motions, and reminded all that the meeting is being recorded to insure the accuracy of minutes.

3) Roll Call - Officers -

Demaris Siconolfi	Downriver	President	
Debbie Zimmerman	Esmeralda	Vice President	
Elsa Burk	Downriver	Secretary	
Beth Wrigley	Indian Canyon	Treasurer	Absent

4) Roll Call - Standing Chairs -

-SWEEPS 1-3 Chair	Bobbi Jo Rathvron	
-SWEEPS 1-3 Assistant	Leslie Sevigney	
-SWEEPS 4-6 Chair	Julie Herro	
-SWEEPS 4-6 Assistant	Jeannette DeLisle	Absent
-Numerica Cup Chair	Jackie Babin	
-Numerica Cup Assistant	Linda Bonnuccelli	
-SAWGA Scramble Chair	Calla Rodell	
-SAWGA Scramble Assistant	Sue Meyer	Absent
-WEB Coordinator	Sue Lightfoot	
-WEB Coordinator Assistant	Taryn Hutchins	Absent
-SAWGA Championship	Dianne Quast	
-Parliamentarian	Leslie Sevigney	

5) Roll Call - Executive Board (Jr. and Sr. Reps) See attached sign in sheet

6) Roll Call - Club Presidents and Other SAWGA Members See attached sign in sheet.

7) Secretary's Report and Quorum

Elsa Burk stated that **we do have a Quorum** with all clubs represented by both Jr. and Sr. Reps or Proxys with 22 present.

There are no corrections or comments regarding the minutes from the special

meeting held June 10, 2022.

MOTION - Karen Madison from Qualchan moved to accept the special meeting minutes from June 10, 2022.

Seconded by Jackie Babin from Latah Creek.

Motion passed unanimously by show of hands.

8) Treasurer's Report

Beth Wrigley is not present today. The treasurer's report is posted on the website and available copies here today.

MOTION - Karen Madison from Qualchan moved to accept Treasurer's Report.

Seconded by Coco Spurway from Deer Park.

Motion passed unanimously by show of hands.

9) SAWGA Audit Report

Darcia Waples and Teri Zollinger will complete the audit, and the results will be available at the Fall 2023 meeting. The data will not be available to Darcia and Teri soon enough to report at the Spring 2023 meeting.

10) Standing Chair Reports

Sweeps 1-3 Bobbi Jo Rathvron

Bobbi Jo reports that all went well with the monthly tournaments this year. She will be speaking with a few reps who will need to talk to those players from their courses who are consistently slow. It is a difficult topic but needs to be addressed.

Championship Tournament pace of play varied per each course.

Day 1 at Kalispel was slow due to the difficult rough, and there was a backup getting across the road at #16. Spotters are needed at #16 for all events.

Day 2 at Deer Park was good pace of play, and Day 3 at Downriver was within normal tournament pace of play per Pat Campbell, our member who is a rules official and is involved in many different tournaments. Some players still complain, but slower play at tournaments is normal and happens everywhere.

Golf Genius was voted by WA Golf to be used at least through 2023. If someone is truly interested in learning Golf Genius in order to assist the Standing Chairs, Bobbi Jo is willing to train, but it takes a huge time commitment. It is unclear at this time how long Golf Genius will be used in the future. Per Karen Madison at Qualchan, WA Golf is committing \$63,000 to have the Golf Genius license for 2023 (above what the clubs pay). It continues to go up in price. Another software option is called Blue Golf. It is similar to Golf Genius but doesn't seem to be as

user friendly. Bobbi Jo will keep SAWGA posted with changes in the future.

Walkers/Riders -When Bobbi Jo finalizes the foursomes, along with trying to mix up the pairings so that players can play with members of other clubs, she tries to make sure that there are at least two walkers in a group. This adds at least an hour of additional time to the preparations for a tournament. Going forward, she and Leslie will not be adjusting for walkers. In the future, there may be only one walker in a group.

Bobbi Jo does her best to keep flights together in the foursomes. Course tee times for tournaments do not allow for threesomes, so occasionally a foursome needs to be mixed flights.

Discount Cards - Sue Lightfoot from Latah Creek asked if city discount cards may be used for more than one tournament at the same course.

Jackie Babin from Latah Creek, Vickie Kelly from Downriver, and President Demaris Siconolfi have all had extensive discussions with city pros and/or Mark Poirier, City of Spokane Director of Golf, regarding this issue. Jackie had been told at Downriver that discount card use was based on how many SAWGA events were held at Downriver, not whether or not the individual player had played in the previous event. This fifteen year old ruling that discount cards will only be honored at each course for one tournament per season is not consistently followed at all courses. Some players (not all) have been refunded if they have an unlimited pass while others with senior passes have not been refunded. Furthermore, men's and women's clubs are not treated the same.

Bobbi Jo recommends that by identifying tournaments by "Sweeps" and "Numerica Cup" when discussing dates, etc with the courses, this will help. But that does not confront the inequality of the situation.

Dianne Quast from Downriver suggested that a letter be written to Mark Poirier, City of Spokane Director of Golf, and a copy be sent to the Spokane City Council regarding these discriminatory practices.

ACTION NEEDED-write letter from SAWGA to the City of Spokane

Flights for Championship Tournament - There are currently five flights, but Bobbi Jo would like to consider having six flights in order to have more flexibility in scheduling the tee times. Karen Madison from Qualchan asked what procedure is necessary to change the number of flights? President Demaris Siconolfi suggested that since Bobbi Jo is the expert, she should be allowed to make the decision regarding flights. Bobbi Jo said the constitution states 5 flights.

MOTION - Karen Madison from Qualchan moved that we make the number of flights for the Championship flexible per the number of players each year, per the decision of the Sweeps and Championship Chairs.

Seconded by Marcy Holt from Qualchan.

Motion passed with 22 yeas (not a written vote)

Linda Bonnuccelli from Latah Creek wants to say **Thank you to Bobbi Jo and Leslie Sevigney for all of the time and effort they put into their commitment.** Club Reps should remind their players to be kind and respectful to tournament chairs and assistants.

Reminders-

Jr and Sr Reps should bring all SAWGA information back to their clubs to keep members informed.

Players need to turn their own cards in at events in case there are questions. Players will be disqualified if there are questions on a card and player is not available for discussion.

Bobbi Jo shared that having Sweeps the first week of May is too early. She often doesn't have all the information from the clubs, so no sooner than mid May.

Sweeps 4-6 - Julie Herro

It was a great year, although she did need to disqualify a few players for incorrect score cards.

There are some consistently slow players, and it is suggested that some use the disabled flags on their carts. This would also help the group behind them know that they are doing their best to keep up.

Numerica Cup - Jackie Babin

Entries and handicap sheets were great!

Order of play - Jackie and Linda are in first group, host team is in second group. Jackie keeps track of spreading out the times that each team plays.

Substitutes - list substitute player names in case someone can't play.

Pace of Play - remember that we can give putts in Numerica Cup.

Scorecards - double check score cards for accurate addition and totals.

SAWGA Scramble - Calla Rodell

The 2023 Scramble is scheduled for Friday, June 16th, at MeadowWood with an 8:00 am shotgun start.

Calla and Sue Meyer will be running the Scramble with help from Jackie Babin.

WEB Coordinator - Sue Lightfoot

Sue asks that all be supportive of Sweeps and Numerica Cup Chairs and Assistants because she is witness to the number of hours they all put in to prepare for each event.

There have been a few problems on the website this year. Sue does all of the

posting, but she depends on Laura Bossart to do all of the formatting, coding and creating plug ins, etc. Laura does so much to fix issues and make updates to the software, and she doesn't even live here. She is retired and lives in the south now. Laura is more than willing to continue helping, and Sue would like the club to acknowledge her with a yearly gift.

ACTION NEEDED-add Laura Bossart to thank you list, and decide how we would like to thank her on a yearly basis.

Championship Chair - Dianne Quast

There was fantastic participation for both the tournament and banquet this year. There were 121 players in the tournament, and 104 attendees at the banquet.

Karen Madison from Qualchan shared that she plays in tournaments all over the state, and the SAWGA Championship is her favorite one of all. Everything is so well run and organized, including the scoring, and the committee did a wonderful job. Thank you!

Unfinished Business

Laura Bossart Award

The decision to continue the award or not had been previously tabled.

Several members shared how much it meant when they received the award in the past. So many people give so much to SAWGA, and there are many deserving members.

Linda Bonnucelli asked if we couldn't start talking about nominations sooner in the year at each of our clubs. There have been so few letters written in the past. Darcia Waples shared that when she was in charge, she sent out letters to all of the clubs encouraging them to make their nominations, and there were a few good letters and a few that didn't state any reason other than the person is nice. Cheryl Hull has written several great (and one fabulous letter!) that she has not been able to send since it hasn't been given lately. Let's keep the award!

Pat Belair from Esmeralda asked if we could write more than one letter? There is no reason why someone can't send more than one letter.

Sue Lightfoot shared that she started the award in honor of Laura Bossart, and gave up being in charge of it because it was heartbreaking to see how few letters would be sent, when there are so many deserving members. Sue is willing to do it again if there is a commitment from the group to keep it going.

Nancy Blakely asked is eligibility has changed? Can it go to someone who is not a SAWGA member? The wording now states that it will go to a past or present SAWGA member.

MOTION - Cheryl Hull from Liberty Lake moved that we keep the Laura Bossart Award.

Seconded by Karen Madison from Qualchan.

Motion passed with 22 yea, 0 nay ballot votes.

Diane Thompson from Chewelah suggested that a description of Laura Bossart and her contributions to SAWGA be included in the letter to club members. After discussion, it was left that the wording would remain the same; that the award would go to a past or present member of SAWGA.

Banner/Flag Quotes

Demaris Siconolfi shared that there is no difference in price for smaller or larger banners. The choices for having flags replaced include having each club pay for their flag, or have SAWGA pay for the flags. Should the SAWGA dues be increased to cover this cost?

Dianne Quast said that two of the stands need to be replaced.

Calla Rodell stated that the original flags were donated.

Bobbi Jo Rathvorn recommended that we increase dues by \$5 to cover cost.

MOTION - Jackie Babin from Latah Creek moved that we raise dues \$5 to cover additional SAWGA expenses.

Seconded by Marcy Holt from Qualchan.

Discussion - Marlene Jensen from Deer Park asked if the courses would help cover the cost? Demaris Siconolfi asked four different clubs and none were interested in contributing.

Darcia Waples from Esmeralda asked what the benefit is to having flags.

It was shared by several that they feel it is an honor to fly the flags.

Motion passed with 21 yea, 1 nay ballot votes.

Connie Guthrie Pepetual Trophy Fee \$302

The cost of updating the trophy was actually under \$300.

Tax Exempt Status

The tax exempt status is now all up to date.

Beth Wrigley's decision regarding her trophy

At this point, we have not received any decision from Beth.

New Business

Fairways Golf Club

We want to acknowledge the members of Fairways, and we will miss them.

Hopefully their members find other clubs to join.

Discussion about having drinking water and snacks provided at events

There was much discussion that some of the city courses do not like SAWGA providing bottled water and snacks for their events.

From a business standpoint, it makes sense that courses feel that revenue is taken away from them. Clubs could ask if they could purchase from the course. Most of the time, golfers bring their own water and snacks with them anyway. There was a motion made by Vickie Kelly and seconded by Bobbi Jo Rathvorn to abolish clubs providing water and snacks, but was later withdrawn by Vickie Kelly, as no where does it state that host clubs are expected to provide water and snacks. Sue Lightfoot can put a reminder on the website before events for players to bring their own water and snacks.

Website Security

All personal info and contact info for all members has been removed from the website.

Jackie Babin from Latah Creek will send contact information directly to the club presidents, Jr. and Sr. Reps so that each club will have contact information when needed.

Tee Box Options

Susie Luby from Esmeralda is bringing up the topic of members having the option of using forward tees. Reps could discuss the idea with their club members, and perhaps act on it in the near future. She has been researching, talking with other clubs, and many are now offering the option of using a different tee box. Net scores are adjusted based on the tee box used.

Championship level would play from current tee box for fairness for low gross/low net.

Bobbi Jo Rathvorn said that it had been tried in the past, before 2013 when Miriam was still here. She had tried it with Sweeps 4-6 and scores were coming in really low, but in the end 4-6 groups decided to go back to regular tees. Bobbi Jo actually likes the idea, but wants to make sure all of the questions are addressed.

Karen Madison from Qualchan shared that Coeur d'Alene Golf Club just went to this for their ladies club, and they use a formula based on age and handicap. There is concern shared by several reps that some of their members are thinking they need to find another club due to the difficulty of the tee box as they grow older.

Susie Luby is wanting to make sure that members of all ages and abilities are respected, and are able to continue playing in SAWGA.

Susie is willing to continue researching, and would like to bring a proposal to the Spring meeting. She would like others to help her with this, and President Demaris Siconolfi asked her to form a committee to deal with this issue.

Letter from Cindy Purvis

The letter from Cindy Purvis and response from President Demaris Siconolfi regarding the Beth Wrigley trophy is posted on the website. Bobbi Jo Rathvorn

shared that she was not at the Spring meeting, and is disappointed in the outcome, as she remembers that there were four votes about this issue. She is concerned that something was voted on several times, but then was just re-voted on and changed. Leslie Sivigney, Parliamentarian, shared with Bobbi Jo that unfortunately, when we read the past minutes, there are not specifics about what was actually voted upon. There were emails sent, but the minutes do not reflect any of the corrections. It is very unfortunate, but all we can go by is what is actually in the minutes.

2023 Officers

We are in need of a volunteer to be Secretary. Debbie Zimmerman brought up that if she asked someone from Esmeralda, there would be three officers from Esmeralda, which isn't a good representation of SAWGA. Jackie Babin stated that Officers are not voting members, so she doesn't see a problem with several officers from the same club. However, there is no one from Esmeralda available.

Calla Rodell from Kalispel shared that Ro Bury stated she will do it if there are no other volunteers.

2023 Slate of Officers

President	Debbie Zimmerman	Esmeralda
Vice President	Linda Bonuccelli	Latah Creek
Secretary	Ro Bury	Kalispel
Treasurer	Darcia Waples	Esmeralda
Parliamentarian	Leslie Sevigney	Latah Creek

MOTION - Jackie Babin from Latah Creek moved that we accept the 2023 Slate of Officers.

Seconded by Karen Madison from Qualchan.

Motion passed with 19 yea's by show of hands (three members had to leave, but still have Quorum).

The gavel was passed to Debbie Zimmerman!

2023 SAWGA Draws and Dates

See copy of the attached 2023 Dates for Sweeps, Championship Tournament, and Numerica Cup.

The awards banquet will be Wed, October 4, 2023.

Spring Meeting - Friday, March 10th, 2023 9:00am, Wandermere

Fall Meeting - Friday, October 13th, 2023 9:00am, Wandermere

Meeting adjourned at 11:50am.

Respectfully submitted by Elsa Burk, Secretary

SAWGA MEETING

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EXECUTIVE BOARD

NAME	CLUB	JR REP	SR REP	PROXY
<i>James & R. Kelly</i>	CHEWELAH	✓		
<i>Drake Thompson</i>	CHEWELAH	<i>att</i>	✓	✓
<i>Maline Jensen</i>	DEER PARK	✓		
<i>CGCO SPURWAY</i>	DEER PARK		✓	
<i>Jackie Kelley</i>	DOWNRIVER		✓	
<i>Jan F. F. F.</i>	DOWNRIVER	✓		
<i>Debbie Zimmerman</i>	ESMERALDA	✓		
<i>Pat Belgir</i>	ESMERALDA		✓	
<i>Alona Forrester</i>	INDIAN CANYON			✓
<i>Alona Forrester</i>	INDIAN CANYON			✓
<i>Spore Walker</i>	KALISPEL <i>Calla Redell</i>	✓		
<i>Samantha Kostetcky</i>	KALISPEL			
<i>Jackie Babin</i>	LATAH CREEK		✓	
<i>Carol Wraber</i>	LATAH CREEK	✓		
<i>Cheryl Huel</i>	LIBERTY LAKE		✓	
<i>Carol Schultz</i>	LIBERTY LAKE			✓
<i>Karen Torani</i>	MANITO		✓	
<i>Marie Dawson</i>	MANITO	✓		
<i>RAREG MADISON</i>	QUALCHAN		✓	
<i>MARCY HOLT</i>	QUALCHAN	✓		
<i>Linda Moteaire</i>	WANDERMERE	✓		
<i>Ann Moe</i>	WANDERMERE		✓	

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PRESIDENTS & GUESTS

	NAME	CLUB	PRESIDENT	GUEST
1	Demain Siccardi	Downriver		
2	LESUE SEVIGNY	LATAH CREEK		X
3	Julie Herro	Qualchan		X
4	Calla Rodell	KGCC		
5	KAREN MADISON	LIBERTY LAKE	X	
6	LINDA Bonuccelli	Latah Creek		X
7	Linda Meccaric	Wandermead	X	
8	Dixie Kendall	Pgeer Park	X	
9	Sue Lightfoot	Downriver		X
10	Darcia Wapler	Esmeralda		X
11	Diane Grant	Downriver		X
12	Bobbi Jo Pat	IL		
13	Susan	Esmeralda		X
14	Kathy Blatt	Qualchan	X	
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2023 SAWGA DRAWS**SWEEPS FLIGHTS 1-3 PLAY DAYS**

COURSE	DAY	DATE	TIME
Latah Creek	Thurs	May 18	9:00
Manito	Thurs	June 29	8:00
Indian Canyon	Wed	July 5	8:00
Chewelah	Wed	August 2 nd	9:00

SWEEPS FLIGHTS 4-6 PLAY DAYS

COURSE	DAY	DATE	TIME
Downriver	Tues	May 16	9:00
Deer Park	Wed	June 15	8:00
Qualchan	Mon	July 10	8:00
Kalispel	Tues	August 1	9:00

CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT PLAY DAYS

COURSE	DAY	DATE	TIME
Chewelah	Tuesday	September 5	9:00
Wandermere	Wednesday	September 6	9:00
Esmeralda	Thursday	September 7	9:00

NUMERICA CUP DIVISIONS – Blind order of draw format

DIVISION I		DIVISION II	
#1	Qualchan	#1	Wandermere
#2	Deer Park	#2	Indian Canyon
#3	Chewelah	#3	Esmeralda
#4	Manito	#4	Kalispel
#5	Liberty Lake	#5	Latah
#6	Downriver	#6	Bye

NUMERICA CUP PLAY DAYS

COURSE	Day	DATE	TIME
Esmeralda	Friday	May 26	9:00 am T-Time Start
Kalispel	Friday	June 2	9:00 am T-Time Start
Chewelah	Friday	June 30	9:00 am T-Time Start
Wandermere	Friday	July 31	9:00 am T-Time Start
Liberty Lake	Friday	August 11	8:30 am T-Time Start

NUMERICA CUP PLAY-OFF

COURSE	DAY	DATE	TIME
Downriver	Friday	TBD	am T-Time Start
Alternates:			
1st Alt: Qualchan	Friday		am T-Time Start
2 nd Alt: Indian Canyon			am T-Time Start
3 rd Alt: Kalispel			am T-Time Start
4 th Alt: Manito			am T-Time Start

SAWGA Scramble at: Meadowwood Day: Friday Date: June 16, 2023 Time: 8:00 Shotgun

SAWGA Awards Banquet: @ Wed _____, Friday, Oct. 4 _____, 2023

Spring meeting – Friday, March 10th, 2023, 9:00 a.m. at Wandermere

Fall meeting – Friday, Oct 6 _____, 2023, 9:00 a.m. at Wandermere