

SAWGA
Minutes Fall Meeting
October 11, 2019

Meeting was called to order by President Demaris Siconolfi from Wandermere. Demaris introduced the Executive Board, Dianne Allert VP, Darcia Waples Sec/Treasurer, Bobbi Jo Rathvon 1-3 Chair, Nancy Figy 4-6 Chair, Jackie Babin Numerica Cup Chair and Christie Querna Parliamentarian.

She then asked everyone attending to state their name and the Club they belong to.

Because the minutes of the spring meeting were not posted, Darcia read the minutes. Demaris asked for additions, deletions or corrections. None. Motion to approve. Second. Passed.

Darcia gave the Treasurer's Report. If all certificates are cashed, the account will have \$1,908.83 on December 31, 2019. The checking account has been transferred from Washington Trust Bank to Numerica Credit Union. Motion to approve. Second. Passed.

Bobbi Jo Rathvon reported on Sweeps 1-3:

She profusely apologized to the members as the Sweeps Award was actually won by Hangman, not by The Creek at Qualchan and Liberty Lake. She explained the process involved to calculate the winner and she had let off two scores from the last event. Demaris is tracking down the trophy to have it engraved with Hangman.

She then asked if anyone knew why the Spokesman Review was not printing the results from every event. Nancy Figy stated that she had talked with the sports desk and they explained that they did not have room any longer to do this. Nancy has also noticed that they are not covering high school sports any longer also.

She stated the pace of play was good all year long with everyone playing in less than five hours. The Championship Tournament only had day two at Hangman with a few players that came in over five hours. She was asked the reason and she detailed how it only takes one group to struggle on a hole and this creates everyone behind that group to be affected.

She also brought up that during the Championship Tournament, many players appeared to be rude and put out that they had to actually go to the scoring table and hand in their cards. Calculating the scores is to benefit the players and it needs to be appreciated. John, from the WSGA was not asked to be in attendance and there were no marshals, therefore the score table had to monitor issues, scores, and all other digressions, It is every player's responsibility to sign their scorecard, bring to the table and wait there until everyone is satisfied all is done correctly. The score table needs to be thanked and appreciated!

She also updated the group that in 2020, the handicap system will change to a World Handicap System. The best eight of the most recent 20 scores will determine the individual's handicap. And, your handicap will update the day after you post a score. The equitable stroke system is no longer used and net double bogey will determine the score you post. (par+2+any handicap strokes you receive). Slope rating and now course rating and par will be used to determine your course handicap, allowing you to play from different sets of tees without any adjustments. This will affect us as Golf Genius recognizes the handicaps from the first and 15th updates. With the handicaps updating daily, the club's handicap chairperson will need to update handicaps on the deadline date and send with their entries. She has talked with Colin at WA Golf and he is looking in to providing a more accurate way to do this.

Nancy Figy reported Sweeps 4 – 6:

She mentioned that pace of play was also less than five hours with just a few isolated incidents. She is concerned that the new handicap system will affect the players that want to enter the Sweeps Events after the deadline.

Jackie Babin reported that Numerica Cup went great this year with Jake and the Numerica Credit Union associates were at every event with a table with small gifts given to each player. Having Numerica Credit Union as a sponsor has been a wonderful experience. She stated that pace of play for every event was between four and four and one half hours. She is asking that total points and total scores be calculated prior to turning in the scorecards. If a person picks up before finishing a hole, make sure you put an "X" next to the score as this makes it easier to check the points. For 2020, Linda Bonuccelli will be the Numerica Cup Assistant.

Darcia reported that the 2020 Sawga Scramble will be Friday, June 19, 2020. 8:00 am shotgun at Meadowood Golf Course. In 2020, a shamble will be played. She also reported that she and Jackie Babin will continue to update all forms and have Sue Lightfoot put on the website. Several members asked them to be emailed out as they struggle finding the form on the website. Bobbi Jo mentioned that many Presidents are not taking all information to their members. When she contacted the Championship Tournament players about the first day at Indian Canyon, many of them did not know the venue had moved from Esmeralda. It is very important to make sure Sawga members are totally informed.

Darcia then reported on the Laura Bossart Award and asked the group to consider tabling this award for five years to give everyone time to generate more interest. Discussion followed. Motion stating this. There was no second and did not pass. Motion to table Laura Bossart Award for one year, with someone to step up and promote it with fresh ideas. Discussion. Second. Passed. It was suggested that the past winners form a nominating committee.

Old Business: The Championship Tournament Trophy to the Low Gross of the field. Darcia read the motion that passed at the fall meeting in 2018. "Beth Wrigley reported that the current Connie Guthrie Perpetual Trophy was purchased in 1979 and is running out of room to engrave the Sawga Champion each year. She has talked with Dona Lockyer regarding a new trophy. Dona and her husband, Larry would design a custom made metal creation on a wood base. She asked that this new trophy be called the Beth Wrigley Perpetual Trophy. If there is a cost involved, she would pay for it. She offered to bow out of the Sawga Championship Tournament for several years and there was discussion as to why this was not necessary. Motion and second to approve. Passed." **Kalispel Golf & Country Club has a trophy case where this trophy can sit as Connie Guthrie golfed there. The restaurant is public therefore, the trophy would be visible. A motion to store retired trophies at one location, KG & CC was made. Second. Did not pass. It was suggested that a city or county could store these trophies. Diane Allert will consider what to do and a decision will be made in 2020.**

Demaris reported that Numerica Credit Union is considering being a Headline Sponsor for all of the Sawga Events. They have enjoyed their experience in 2019 and have learned a lot about how the organization operates. They want 100% participation at every event. Darcia mentioned that Jake had asked for a letter describing their involvement and she put in the letter that all positions were volunteer and 100% of the sponsor money would go directly to the members. They will give Sawga an amount yet to be determined and the Executive Board will decide how the sponsor dollars should be allocated and bring to the spring meeting for a vote. A motion was made to accept Numerica Credit Union's proposal to be the headline sponsor. Second. Passed.

Demaris brought up that the books used in the past could possibly go away. Discussion. A motion was made in the past that they would need to be updated from the forms on the website. Apparently some members struggle to find the forms. Sue Lightfoot will be notified to make the website more user friendly. Motion to keep your book updated from the website. Second. Passed.

Karen Madison addressed the group regarding PNW Golf Tournaments to accumulate points for the PPGA Cup at the end of the year. There are currently no tournaments in Eastern Washington. She stated that the Sawga Championship Tournament qualifies and she encouraged Sawga to join. A chair person will need to fill out the membership form. Dianne Allert, incoming President will email to Scotty the necessary information for Sawga to join. Motion made to join. Second. Passed.

Officers for 2020:

President – Dianne Allert, Chewelah
Vice President – Kathy Hanlon, Deer Park
Secretary – Demaris Siconolfi, Wandermere
Treasurer – Darcia Waples, Esmeralda

Motion to accept officers. Second. Passed.

Coco Spurway from Deer Park stated that The Exchange would be willing to print all results from every Sawga Event. The Chairpersons will email the results to The Exchange similar to the form sent to the Spokesman Review in the past. It was decided this was a good idea.

The 2020 Draws:

1-3 Sweeps:

Downriver	Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 9am
Wandermere	Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 9am
Manito G&CC	Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 8am
The Fairways	Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 8 am

4-6 Sweeps:

Indian Canyon	Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 9am
KG&CC	Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 9am
Hangman	Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 8am
Deer Park	Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at 8:30 am

Championship Tournament:

Manito G&CC	Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 9am
Esmeralda	Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 9am
Chewelah	Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 9am

Numerica Cup:

Division 1:	Division 2:
Esmeralda	Wandermere
Liberty Lake	The Creek at Qualchan
Hangman	Kalispel G&CC
Deer Park	Downriver
IndianCanyon	Manito G&CC
Chewelah	

Kalispel G&CC	Friday, May 15, 2020 at 9am
Chewelah	Friday, June 5, 2020 at 9am
The Creek at Qualchan	Friday, June 12, 2020 at 8am
Esmeralda	Friday, July 17, 2020 at 8am
Liberty Lake	Friday, August 14, 2020 at 8:30 am

Playoff Courses:

Hangman	Friday, August 28, 2020 at 8am
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Alternate Sites:

Liberty Lake	Friday, August 28, 2020 at 8:30 am
Deer Park	Friday, August 28, 2020 at 8:30 am

Wandermere Friday, August 28, 2020 at
Esmeralda Friday, August, 28, 2020 at 8:30 am
*Only need six tee times for playoffs

Sawga Scramble/Shamble Friday, June 19, 2020 at Meadowood Golf Course 8 am Shotgun
Sawga Awards Luncheon Friday, October 2, 2020 at Chewelah Golf Course
Sawga Spring Meeting Friday, March 20, 2020 at Wandermere 9am
Sawga Fall Meeting Friday, October 9, 2020 at Wandermere 9 am

Meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Darcia Waples, Sawga Secretary