

## **SAWGA Fall Meeting October 12, 2018**

Sawga President Tracy Healy called the meeting to order at 9:15 am. She took roll call of the Executive Board. Dee Siconolfi, 2019 Sawga President was absent due to an emergency surgery. Kathy Blatt, 2018 Secretary was also absent. Darcia agreed to take minutes. All attending introduced themselves with their current position and club. All 12 Clubs had their representatives.

The reading of the minutes from the Spring 2018 Meeting were dispensed as they were posted on the website. A motion to approve was made, second. Motion passed as approved as published.

The treasurer gave the report for the year ending October 12, 2018. There is currently \$11,191.47 in the bank account. If all certificates are spent by December 31, 2018 the bank balance will be \$510.47. This is the goal, to keep the not-for-profit status we currently hold. Motion to approve, second. Motion passed.

New club officer sheets for 2019 were then handed in.

Standing Chair Reports:

**Review Cup:** Taryn Hutchins explained the gross/net format with the points given in each match. Since this format was voted on and approved for two years (2017 & 2018), a motion was made, second and passed to keep Review Cup matches with this point system. Taryn asked that each club explain in detail the rules of match play and some of the strategies, like giving putts, etc. This will speed up pace of play. The honor system is mandatory in match play, but if on a certain hole, you feel it is necessary, you can ask your competitor to play out of turn. Nancy Blakeney from Chewelah suggested a video be made to train players for this format.

**Sweeps 1-3:** Bobbi Jo Rathvon reported that the pace of play was good this year, even at the Sawga Tournament. Fairways had a slight delay on Hole #12 but everyone finished under five hours. She asked that each Club talk with all their members to maintain the pace of play expected of them. She then mentioned that the Sweeps Events had less players than normal and asked each club to promote Sawga and all Sawga events, She thanked Leslie Sevigney for being the 1-3 Assistant.

**Sweeps 4-6:** Nancy Figy commented on pace of play at these events were also under five hours. The members golfing in 4-6 events were also less than in the past years. She reiterated that the Clubs need to promote Sawga. 2019 is her last year as 4-6 Chair and she has received two responses for a substitute. Kitty Duval from Hangman and Helen Fix from The Creek at Qualchan. She will train both of these volunteers next year.

Discussion as to the number of Sawga members being less than in the past and what we need to do to promote Sawga. Liberty Lake reported that in 2018, they had 10 new members, but many other Clubs reported their membership was down.

Sundance is closed, and several Clubs anticipate gaining their members.

**Sawga Scramble:** Darcia and Pat reported that June 21, 2019 will be the Sawga Scramble next year. The scramble format will be played again with 2020 possibly introducing a new format.

**Website:** Sue Lightfoot stated that sometimes the home page gets askew but she is confident it is correct. She also stated that the website is running out of room and we may need to purchase extra space. We voted in the past to maintain the website and an increase will be honored. She asked for an assistant and Taryn Hutchins volunteered.

**Tournament:** Mickey Booth read a letter from Judy Culp stating the tournament was a success. She thanked all Fairways members for their assistance. She stated that there were a few issues that only pertained to The Fairways' staff and they had been addressed. She suggested that there be signs at the

check in table to explain that skins need to be purchased each day. She was honored to chair the Tournament and was happy that they kept spending down and the payout to the players was larger than in the past. Mickey then presented Tracy Healy, Sawga President with gift cards to golf at Kalispel Golf and Country Club as a thank you for a great year.

Tracy read a letter from Penny Butters from Sundance thanking Sawga for many great years.

**Laura Bossart Award:** Darcia volunteered to handle this award for the next few years. 2018 had several nominations and keeping this award going is an excellent way to honor Laura Bossart for her contribution to Sawga.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** 1. Chewelah proposed a change in the Review Cup Format. A motion was made to keep the current format being used but if a team wins all matches in their division (5-0), they should be declared the winner. If two teams are tied

(4-1) record, the head to head match would determine the winner. Bobbi Jo read the points earned at each match in 2018 and Taryn and Linda Bonuccelli explained the point system. Discussion followed. No second. Motion failed.

2. Spring Meeting Date. Discussion on when this should be held. March 22, 2019 at 9:00 am at Wandermere was decided,

3. Fall Meeting and Luncheon dates were tabled until Wandermere could inform the group. Deadline to do this is November 1, 2018.

4. Roberta Wisdom from Deer Park brought up the subject of a player's conduct during a Sawga Event. She played with a member that kicked her ball several times and suggested a conduct code be implemented. Sawga's mission statement was read. The purpose of this organization is to promote the best interests of golf among its members and to provide for inter club tournaments and other contents per the rules of the USGA. USGA Rules of Conduct (#1-2) was read. "A player must not take any action with the intent to influence the movement of a ball in play or alter physical conditions with the intent of affecting the playing of a hole." Should there ever be a question, call the Pro Shop at where you are playing or do not sign the card of the person with the infraction until you talk with someone that knows the rule. Once again, it is up to each Club to make sure that their members know the Rules of Golf.

5. 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.

Tracy then brought up that she was given a tub of photo books from the past years. She suggested they be digitized and needs a volunteer to do this. No one volunteered.

**Election of 2019 Executive Board:**

President Dee Siconolfi, Wandermere

Vice President Dianne Allert, Chewelah

Secretary Wandermere will provide one (after the meeting, Darcia agreed to be secretary next year)

Treasurer Darcia Waples, Esmeralda

Motion to accept. Second. Passed.

**Sweeps Events for 2019:**

**1-3:**

May 14, KG&CC 9:00 am

June 6, Hangman 9:00 am

July 10, Deer Park 8:00 am

August 14, Indian Canyon 8:00 am

**4-6:**

May 14, Liberty Lake 8:30 am

June 10, The Creek at Qualchan 9:00 am

July 10, Chewelah 9:00 am

August 15, The Fairways 8:00 am

**Review Cup:** (18 tee times)

May 10, Wandermere 9:00 am

June 7, Manito G&CC 8:00 am

June 28, Downriver 9:00 am

July 19, Liberty Lake 8:30 am

August 9, Esmeralda 8:00 am

**Sawga Scramble:** June 21, Meadowwood 9:00 am Shotgun

**Review Cup Playoff:** (Six tee times)

September 6, Indian Canyon 9:00 am

August 23, The Creek at Qualchan 8:00 am

Downriver TBD

KG&CC TBD

August 23, Manito G&CC 8:00 am

**Championship Tournament:**

September 10, Esmeralda 9:00 am

September 11, Hangman 9:00 am

September 12, Wandermere 9:00 am

**Review Cup Draw:**

**Division One:**

Indian Canyon

Manito G&CC

KG&CC

Chewelah

Downriver

Hangman

**Division Two:**

Liberty Lake

Esmeralda

The Creek at Qualchan

Wandermere

Deer Park

Bye

When a team has a bye, they can field a team at the designated course to practice. No points will be awarded. Each team will have a bye each month.

Meeting adjourned at 11:01 am by President Tracy Healy

Respectfully submitted,  
Darcia Waples for Kathy Blatt