

2015 FALL SAWGA MEETING

NOVEMBER 6, 2015 – 9 AM – WANDERMERE

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President, Sue Meyer at 9:03AM. She thanked Calla Rodell, Championship Tournament chair, and Calla's committees for a well-run Championship Tournament. Sue thanked Herb for the set-up at Wandermere and Jackie Babin for the pudding shots.

ROLL CALL: Sue introduced the Executive Board:

Sue Meyer (SCC) – President
Kathy Anderson(Sundance) – Vice President
Karen Martin (SCC) - Secretary
Darcia Waples (Esmeralda) – Treasurer

Standing Chairs:

Review Cup – Taryn Hutchins
Asst.- Linda Bonuccelli
Sweeps 1-3- Bobbi Jo Rathvon
Sweeps 4-6 – Nancy Figy
Asst.- Jeannette Delisle
Scramble – Jackie Babin
Parliamentarian – Christie Querna
Co-Parliamentarian – Leslie Sevigney
Marshal – Margo Dries
Asst.- Linda Wilbur
Web Coordinator – Sue Lightfoot

Sue thanked everyone for coming. We went around the room for introductions and job positions. She reminded all to turn in their binders and turn in their Club Information form for 2016. Kathy Anderson filled out the Club Rep/Proxy roll sheet.

Secretary Report: Karen Martin announced that the March 13, 2015 minutes were e-mailed prior to the fall meeting. A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes was MSP.

Treasurer's Report: Darcia reminded us that the luncheon is run through the general fund, including room rental. Darcia reported a balance of \$5486.85 as of

October 31, 2015. Certificates outstanding amount to \$3421.02, leaving a projected balance of \$2065.83. The hole-in-one fund as described in the Constitution for championship Tournament will be funded \$250.00. The club donation commitment for Championship Tournament of \$100.00 or \$200.00 will be decided at the spring meeting. Darcia reminded all that deadlines are deadlines – no excuses.

Standing Chairs: Calla Rodell reported that Championship Tournament had 120 entries. Diane Green donated the Club flags. Donations raised \$4300.00, so the pay-out was increased.

Taryn Hutchins reported that Review Cup duties will be shared with Linda Bonucelli. Dates of who is covering which Review Cup, will be in the binders handed out in the spring.

Bobbi Jo Rathvon reported that following a seminar with John Saegner (WSGA) she will be putting tournament info on-line. SAWGA currently has 238 members. Currently she has 196 uploaded. She will be doing a mock run.

Nancy Figy reported because Jeannette Delisle moved up to 3rd flight, she is looking for an assistant for Sweeps 4-6.

Jackie Babin reported that the SAWGA Scramble had 96 players. The tournament broke even. The Monday play date worked well. Currently, Jackie is working on a sponsor for 2016. Sue Meyer announced that Bob Scott, Meadow Wood Pro, has been diagnosed with brain cancer. A golf fund raiser raised \$70,000 for care.

Linda Wilbur announced no Marshal report.

Sue Lightfoot, Webmaster reported new info keeps getting added to SAWGA web site.

Unfinished Business: Bobbi Jo Rathvon emphatically wishes to squelch rumors that Beth Wrigley was responsible for changing the tee format for Championship Tournament. It was a decision made at the spring SAWGA meeting 2015. Following discussion, a motion was made to return to the original format of having the championship flight tee-off last on the final day of Championship Tournament. MSP. Pace of play at Championship Tournament was 5 hours 20 minutes in the middle of the pack and then caught up to 4 hours 30 minutes by the end.

Sue Meyer heard complaints of rough language in club houses after play. Clean it up, ladies. She also emphasized that players need to know the rules!

Leslie Sevigney thought the River Park Square certificates awarded for pay outs at Championship Tournament was disappointing. She suggested that we should support our Pro shops. Following discussion, Linda Wilbur moved that for all SAWGA events, including Championship Tournament, SAWGA certificates should be issued. MSP

Sue Lightfoot reported a tepid response to Laura Bossart nominations for volunteerism. Following discussion, the consensus was to keep this award. Sue will revamp the nomination form to help clarify that the nominee needs to be a SAWGA member, or retired SAWGA member, but does not have to come from your own club.

New Business: Linda Bonucelli proposed moving the fall meeting to October because we are losing people who go South for the winter. It was pointed out that we still have good attendance, using proxies. Following discussion, a decision was made to leave the fall meeting in November.

Chewelah Charity Chicks, a splinter group at Chewelah, requested to join SAWGA. Comments: no single club should have 2 or more SAWGA groups; they are eligible to join another club to qualify for SAWGA play. Motion was made to reject Chewelah Charity Chicks' request. MSP

Kay Smith as proxy for Karen Gilmore, requested a change to Review Cup teams. Currently there are 6 players and 2 alternates. Clubs are responsible to pay for 6 players. They propose 6 players with up to 4 alternates. Players are listed in order of handicap – low to high. A motion was made to allow up to 4 alternates for Review Cup teams. MSP

Mickey Booth reported that Fairways can not field a Review Cup team, but wish to play Sweeps. The Fairways will remain in the Sweeps draw and will host Sweeps events and Championship Tournament, but will not host Review Cup.

Bobbi Jo Rathon reported on the issue of Marshals versus Speed Captains. Comments: no method of assessing penalties using speed captains, complaints from players having to be a speed captain, clocks are good. Junior and

Senior Reps need to continue to stress pace of play at Sweeps and Review cup events. “Not paying for 18 holes, but paying for 4 hours”. Tee times with nine minute intervals help pace of play. A motion was made to amend the By-Laws and Constitution to reflect a change from Marshals to Speed Captains and Clocks, recognizing that definitions need to be included. MSP. Bobbi Jo will form a committee along with Nancy Figy, Taryn Hutchins, Leslie Sevigney and Kathy Anderson to work on verbiage to update the books by spring.

Bobbi Jo reported that the Championship Tournament books need to be updated. A committee with Calla Rodell, Bobbi Jo, Margo Dries, Nancy Figy and Kathy Anderson will work on this.

Bobbi Jo reported that a Hard Card will be developed for SAWGA tournaments. This is a standard list of rules and information that apply to every SAWGA tournament. Ex) flower beds, cell phones, range finders, embedded balls. This would alleviate the need for a print – out for each tournament.

Bobbi Jo reported that John Saegner (WSGA) says every player should be allowed their handicap. Currently, Review Cup has a maximum of 25. A motion was made to adopt recommended USGA usage of GHIN 90% of handicap and maximum of 40.6 handicap for Review Cup play. Strokes are given off the lowest handicap player in the group. MSP.

Taryn Hutchins reported that a change needs to be made to Standing Rules regarding review cup draws. A motion was made to make the change to read: making draws of participating clubs in equal divisions, and to remove the maximum handicap of 25. MSP.

Nancy Johnson reported that the new owners of SCC will support SAWGA involvement.

Slate of Officers-2016: President Sue Meyer introduced the slate of officers for 2016.

Kathy Anderson (Sundance), President
Holly Berquam (Qualchan), Vice President
Kate Sullivan (Sundance), Secretary
Darcia Waples (Esmeralda), Treasurer
Linda Wilbur (Qualchan), Assistant Treasurer

MSP to approve the 2016 slate of officers.

The meeting and gavel was turned over to Kathy Anderson. President Kathy Anderson and Carol McKay conducted the draw for dates and sites for the 2016 SAWGA season.

Kathy announced the spring meeting will be March 11, 2016, 9 am at Wandermere.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Martin, Secretary