

**2014 FALL SAWGA MEETING
NOV. 7, 2014, WANDERMERE**

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President D'Lee Dilliner at 9:03 AM. She acknowledged Herb at Wandermere for the setup.

2. Roll Call: D'Lee introduced the Executive Board and the Standing Chairs:

Executive Board: D'Lee Dilliner - Pres.
Sue Meyer - VP
Molly Lynch - Secty.
Darcia Waples - Treas.

Standing Chairs: Review Cup - Taryn Hutchins
Asst. - Samantha Kostelecky
Sweeps 1-3 - Bobbi Jo Rathvon
Sweeps 4-6 - Nancy Figy
Asst. - Jeannette DeLisle
Scramble - Jackie Babin
Parliamentarians - Karen Romberg/Christie Querna
Web Coordinator - Sue Lightfoot
Marshals - Margo Dries & Linda Wilbur

We then went around the room with self introductions. She reminded everyone to turn in their binders and club information sheets for 2014. Taryn then did a roll call of Club Reps/Proxies.

3. Pace of Play: Steve Prugh (Manito Pro) and Kathy Jensen (Indian Canyon) were introduced to speak about speed-of-play. Steve mentioned that his wife, Susan, has a team of 8-10 Marshals that could be available to SAWGA to be on-course. Rule 6.7 of the USGA Rule Book gives the committee the authority to direct the pace of play. He showed for our consideration an example of a "hard card" including specific 4-some penalties. These are used in all college and professional events.

1st - warning
2nd - 1 stroke penalty
3rd - 2 stroke penalty
4th - disqualification

Each hole should be played in not more than 15 minutes (4 1/2 hours for 18 holes). The speed-of-play rules should be implemented at the beginning of the year. Kathy pointed out this is a big issue, in that speed of play is a big part of growing the game of golf. She pointed that there are things that SAWGA can do with the help and support of the Club Pros to improve the speed of play. Steve pointed out that, out of 27,000 club professionals, Kathy was named Teacher of the Year! It was pointed out that Kathy's receiving this award will have an impact on golf in Spokane.

Steve was asked if SAWGA could use USGA Marshals and his answer was "yes". Further, they could be available to help train our own Marshals. Nominal payment would be helpful, as they are all volunteers. There was some discussion of Sweeps going to 3-somes to speed play, but some clubs will not permit renting of half a cart. All of this will require a group effort, with all clubs being in accord. It was requested that all think about this for presentation and consideration in the Spring.

4. Minutes - It was MSP to suspend the reading of the March 7, 2014 minutes and to accept them as sent (and noted that Marshal is spelled with one "L"!).

5. Treasurer's Report - Attached. Darcia pointed out that, as a nonprofit, we need to bring our balance down to \$2000. One way would be to increase Sweeps pay-outs. Also we could reduce from \$200 to \$100 the optional assessment for the SAWGA Championship. A donation to Junior Golf was suggested. It was MSP to not change the current \$20 dues level.

6. Standing Chair reports:

a. Championship Tournament (D'Lee) - She suggested we think about having the Championship Flight be the first (vs last) group off (which might improve the pace of play). Discussion of this will be deferred to the Spring meeting. It was also pointed out that 7 minute intervals scheduled at many courses is too tight, and that there be a several-hole gap separating non- SAWGA golfers and our first time. It was suggested that a letter be sent from SAWGA to the clubs about this matter (for Bobbi Jo to author and the President to sign?).

b. Sweeps 1-3 (Bobbi Jo) - Re specific tee-time requests she is willing to accommodate an occasional request, but only that, and certainly not 4 times a year! Over all it was a good year, with only one event having a pace-of-play problem. She'll be happy to work with Karen Romberg in drafting a letter to the clubs re the spacing of tee times, signed by the President for the whole club. It was pointed out that the use of clocks and playing from the forward tees also helps the pace of play. In a parting comment, Bobbi Jo said "give one-foot putts!"

c. Sweeps 4-6 (Nancy Figy) - It was a good year and a learning experience.

d. Scramble (Jackie Babin) - She reported that Bob Scott is delighted to have us back at MeadowWood. As Fridays conflict with Review Cup, she's going to try for a Monday in June (as there are 5 of them) and hoping there are no objections.

e. Website (Sue Lightfoot) - She reported that the website will continue advertising SAWGA events. They're always looking for any suggestions. Laura Bossart is planning on revamping it to be more like a blog.

f. Review Cup (Taryn Hutchins) She pointed out that a representative, Julie Reed, from from the *Spokesman Review* had presented the trophy at the banquet. She also brought some history of the Review Cup, and Taryn plans on getting it to Sue for the website. Linda Bonuccelli will be her co-chair for next year.

7. Unfinished Business -

a. Addition to Documents - It was noted that the Executive Board sheet has been updated to include:

Parliamentarians - Karen Romberg/Christie Querna
Marshals - Margo Dries/Linda Wilbur
Scramble Chair - Jackie Babin

b. ByLaw Amendment - It was MSP to amend Article V-Executive Board and Committees, Section 3 to read: "The officers of this Association shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer or Vice Treasurer may be designated by the Board as deemed necessary."

c. ByLaw Amendment - It was MSP to amend Article V - Executive Board and Committees, Section 4 to read:

The following Standing Committees/Chairs shall be named: SAWGA Scramble, Championship Tournament, Sweepstakes 1-3 and Sweepstakes 4-6, Review Cup, Web coordinator and Marshal. Co-Chairs for these standing committees may be designated by the President as deemed necessary. The acts of each committee/chairs shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Board.

d. Article V, Section 7 - PRESIDENT - second sentence will now read:
"The President shall appoint such special or regular committees/chairs/co-chairs as she shall deem necessary."

D'Lee said that these changes will be updated on the website.

e. Review Cup proposal: Leslie Sevigney reviewed the proposed changes in format. The purpose to encourage more low-handicap players to participate and to promote the intent of Review Cup Rule 2:

"There shall be one team from each SAWGA member club; said team to be made up of the six (6) lowest handicap players from that club who are available for play on the date of the event, plus two (2) alternates, with no substitutions after submitting."

Leslie pointed out that some clubs have not been able to field their best players. Net scoring is viewed as an unfair advantage for higher handicappers and, as a result of this, taking away points for their team. We want these players back.

There would no change in play. Division 1 would count Low Net only. Division 2 would count Low Net and Low Gross. In discussion, it was pointed out that keeping both low and net scores entails more paperwork for the players and Review Cup chairman. Christie passed around a sample score card illustrating low gross and low net on one card. Further discussion brought up some issues: Concern for taking away handicaps (which this would not do). Slower pace of play? 2 trophies? Who would pay for the second trophy? What if not a full field? It was pointed out that the Cup is all about sportsmanship, and we should give the proposal a trial year. This simply gives low handicap players an incentive to participate. (Are we fielding the best?) It was noted that the Review Cup started out as a gross score tournament.

It was moved and seconded to add low gross scoring to Review Cup for one year. The result of a roll call vote was 8 in favor, 16 opposed and 2 abstaining. The motion failed.

A show of hands was requested regarding further exploring of this issue. There were no hands. D'Lee thanked the committee for their hard work.

f. Pace of Play: Suggestions that were offered included:

Forward Tees
Spotters for trouble holes
Speed captains for Review Cup
Picking up and splitting the hole when hole behind - only if using USGA officials.
For Review Cup, Marshals using flags to indicate when groups are slow.

It was asked if there was interest in having a Match Play Workshop, to be mandatory for Senior Reps and Marshals --- Manito being a possible venue. The response was positive for late Spring. D'Lee pointed out that 75% of those who are slow do not realize it. We need to be better at self assessment.

8. New Business:

a. Review Cup Green Fees. It is up to the Clubs to collect green fees in advance and pay the pro-shop on the day of play. Each Club is obligated to pay for a team of six (6). Each event qualifies as a "tournament". (There were 12 player cancellations this year.) The penalty for failure to comply would be team forfeiture. It was MSP that the Team Captain for each club be responsible for turning in the team green fees. We need to respect our host courses.

b. Revised Draw Format: Karen explained the revised draw format. The Review Cup Draw Format was changed to avoid home course advantage.

The revamped order of draws was adopted for 13 clubs and 2 divisions. Division 1 will have seven clubs with 7 team match locations and each of those clubs assigned a bye week. Division 2 will have 6 clubs with 5 locations with 2 no-play days. By establishing only 1 draw with golf balls the entire sequence of draws can be performed. After identifying the host for the City Championship and SAWGA Scramble course, the Review Cup matches and playoff courses will be assigned first, then Sweeps and, finally, alternate locations. All 13 courses will host one event, and then, when the rotation starts over, 6 will host 2 maximum for a total of 19 SAWGA tournaments. It's been determined that if both Division 1 and 2 played at the courses with a bye week, there will be no home course advantage. If we cannot avoid home course advantage, only one maximum would be allowed. The proposal for this new format was presented at the 2013 Spring meeting and was MSP'd. Unfortunately this revision was not implemented this past year, and the Review Cup draw provided home course advantage for all seven locations.

See attached complete Draw Sheets for 2015.

c. 2015 Officers: The slate of officers was introduced:

Sue Meyer-- SCC	President
Kathy Anderson--Sundance	VP
Karen Martin--SCC	Secretary
Darcia Waples--Ezzie	Treasurer

The slate was approved.

d. The meeting was turned over to Sue and Kathy for the 2015 Draw. (See attached)

9. Adjournment: D'Lee thanked everyone for their participation this past year.

The Spring Meeting will be Friday, March 13 at Wandermere.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Lynch, Secretary

see next 2 pages for attachments.