

**MINUTES OF SAWGA MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MARCH 1, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 by President Linda Bonuccelli at the Wandermere club house. Linda thanked Herb Brown and his staff for providing the room and setting everything up for us.

A quorum was confirmed. Also present were Emily and Hailey representing Numerica Credit Union which is sponsoring us again this year. Linda thanked them for their continuing support.

All members of the executive board were present with the exception of VP Ronna Ricco.

Linda reminded those present that only the Senior and Junior representatives (or their proxies) were eligible to vote. She also asked that all important information from this meeting be relayed back to the home clubs.

Standing chairs were asked to introduce themselves as was the executive board. Club presidents also identified themselves.

Diane Malmoe asked that her misspelled name be corrected in the Fall Meeting Minutes. (Taryn Hutchins will be asked to make these corrections). The Minutes from the Fall meeting were unanimously adopted as amended and emailed.

Treasurer Darcia Waples mentioned that she will only print what we absolutely have to. Nearly all of the SAWGA information is on the website. She asks that members text or email her with any questions. SAWGA had \$50,673 in income last year and \$47,992.44 in expenses. We should have \$4,500 at the end of the year but lots of certificates have not been redeemed. As a result, we have \$6,060.75 in the account. She will accept receipts for ink and expenses from the clubs. There were no corrections to her Income and Expense Statement. Debbie Zimmerman made a motion to approve the statement. It was seconded by Jackie Babin and unanimously approved.

Darcia will order an audit for the last 2 years.

Sweeps 1-3 chair Susie Luby met with Leslie Sevigney and Bobbi Jo Rathvon to help her with the Golf Genius program. All 3 will work together on the first tournaments until Susie and her assistant feel confident to handle it on their own. Debbie Zimmerman will be assistant to Julie Herro in 4-6 and Patti Horobiowski will assist 1-3.

Sweeps 4-6 date at Downriver has been changed to August 20th.

Linda B asked that all our players be patient at the scorer's table and stay until score cards are approved.

There was no report from the Sweeps 4-6 chair.

Leslie Sevigney reported that some skins money disappeared from the sign-in table last year. Going forward people who pick up winnings for other players will have to sign for them. We will also need someone from the host club at the skins table to handle that task.

Jackie Babin, Numerica Cup Chair, has sent out the 2024 schedule to the senior reps. She will send out additional information soon. Numerica Cup playoffs are at Wandermere on August 23rd. Indian Canyon is the first alternate. Jackie mentioned her assistant Jennifer Simpson is doing a great job!

Sue Meyer reported on the SAWGA Scramble tournament. It will be held at Meadowood on June 14th with an 8:00 shotgun. County Discount Passes cost \$65 for both adults and seniors. County Loyalty Passes cost \$300 for both adults and seniors. County green fees are as follows: Regular green fees are \$48 (both adults and senior); with county pass will be \$38; loyalty pass is \$29 (\$28 for seniors). City passes don't work for County courses. County courses are no longer charging an additional \$1.00 fee. However, there will be no sharing of private passes. Cart fee is \$20/seat. There will be an earlier deadline for entries

and any changes to teams this year. Liberty Lake and Latah Creek are allowing discounts at all events. Qualchan and Downriver will only allow 1.

Sue Lightfoot gave the Championship Tournament report. The theme will be "Around the World in 18 Holes." The SAWGA lunch will be held at Manito on September 27th and the lunch will cost \$35.00 (including set up charge and tip). The committee has met twice with another meeting set in March. Sue identified her committee and said most of the Pros have been great to work with.

Forms Chair Jackie Babin explained this new chair position. All the forms on the website are done by the Forms chair. Also longer versions of some forms are prepared for individual club jobs.

There was no Web Coordinator report.

Linda B read a report from Vicky Kelly about our relationship with the city courses. So far she has only met with the pro from Qualchan. She will follow up. Mark Gardner suggested we provide each pro a list of SAWGA and course boards.

Unfinished Business:

Previously, the club reps. were asked to get input from their clubs on whether SAWGA should allow caddies at our events. A motion was made by Susie Luby to eliminate caddies at all SAWGA events. Jackie Babin seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved by all 20 reps. (or their proxies).

New Business:

Darcia Waples brought up issues clubs are having with the SAWGA Championship Tournament. It has been estimated that it costs each player approximately \$400 for the 3-day tournament, including potential travel, food, range balls, green fees and the initial cost of the tournament. A 2-day tournament is estimated at about \$300. She asked that each rep. take each of the following issues back to their clubs and vote on each one individually:

A. How much should each club have to raise.

- B. Should we look at a 2 day tournament (instead of 3). Some players might be more willing to play 2 days instead of 3. Working people would have to take off one less day. Discuss the effect of having a 2-day champion instead of a 3-day champion.
- C. Should we have a set payout amount? \$150 for low gross and net of field and set amounts in each flight?
- D. Should we have a \$50 entry fee instead of \$40/45?
- E. Should KP's all be on the same shortest hole on each course.
- F. Should we substitute an accuracy drive for each flight instead of long drives to give more players the opportunity to win?
- G. Should we free up more money for tee prizes considering that's the only prize most of the players get.

Jackie Babin mentioned this probably will see a vote in the fall. This year we could do all the KPs for everyone on the shortest holes and substitute accuracy drives for long drives.

Leslie said that anything that involves a change in fees has to be voted on by the membership.

Jackie Babin will make all agreed changes on the web documents.

Nancy Johnson confirmed our individual dues are \$30.00. She requested that outside tournaments be posted on the SAWGA website. Sue Lightfoot said she has posted outside tournaments on the first page of the website if asked. She suggested asking new web coordinator Taryn Hutchins to do the same.

Linda B is setting the fall meeting on October 4th at Wandermere.

Diane Thompson announced that Chewelah is having a 2 day tournament on September 14-15 which now has a women's division. They will need 10 2-person teams to proceed. Players will play 27 holes each day. The tournament is a great introduction for new players to SAWGA.

Sue Lightfoot explains that a tee prize is a participation gift. They usually cost \$13-17.

Linda B encouraged our SAWGA members to participate in the SAWGA championship.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20.

Submitted by
Ro Bury, Secretary