

SAWGA Special Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2022 - 9:00am - Wandermere

1) **Call to Order**

President Demaris Siconolfi called to meeting to order at 9:01.

2) **Introduction of Special Guest Eric Hansen, Numerica CU**

Demaris introduced Eric Hansen, Branch Manager for Numerica Credit Union. He shared that Numerica CU is happy to be sponsoring the SAWGA Championship, and they will have refreshments at some of the events. Demaris shared how much we appreciate the support from Numerica.

3) **Meeting Protocols**

Thank you to Herb for use of the room and coffee service. A basket is coming around for tips to show our appreciation.

Demaris asked if all present had signed in when they arrived. She reviewed the need to state your name and what club you represent before making comments or making motions, and reminded all that the meeting is being recorded to insure the accuracy of minutes.

4) **Roll Call - Officers -**

Demaris Siconolfi	Downriver	President	
Debbie Zimmerman	Esmeralda	Vice President	Absent
Elsa Burk	Downriver	Secretary	
Beth Wrigley	Indian Canyon	Treasurer	

5) **Roll Call - Standing Chairs -**

-SWEEPS 1-3 Chair	Bobbi Jo Rathvron	Absent
-SWEEPS 1-3 Assistant	Leslie Sevigney	
-SWEEPS 4-6 Chair	Julie Herro	
-SWEEPS 4-6 Assistant	Jeannette DeLisle	Absent
-Numerica Cup Chair	Jackie Babin	
-Numerica Cup Assistant	Linda Bonnuccelli	Absent
-SAWGA Scramble Chair	Calla Rodell	Absent
-SAWGA Scramble Assistant	Sue Meyer	Absent
-WEB Coordinator	Sue Lightfoot	Absent
-WEB Coordinator Assistant	Taryn Hutchins	Absent
-SAWGA Championship	Dianne Quast	Absent
-Parliamentarian	Leslie Sevigney	

6) **Roll Call - Executive Board (Jr. and Sr. Reps)** See attached sign in sheet

7) **Roll Call - Club Presidents and Other SAWGA Members** See attached sign in sheet.

8) **Secretary's Report and Quorum**

Elsa Burk stated that **we do have a Quorum** with all clubs represented by both Jr. and Sr. Reps or Proxys.

There are **two corrections to the March 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes** submitted by Jackie Babin from Latah Creek. The first correction is regarding how the nominations were made for the **Laura Bossari Award**. The minutes state that "in the past, nominations were made by past recipients." Actually, nominations were made by anyone who chose to do so. After the first few years when a committee chose the winner from the nominations, the last several winners were chosen by previous award winners from the nominations.

The second correction under **New Business** - Jackie makes the correction that her motion was to have the treasurer give a report at the FALL meeting (not the Spring meeting). See document of corrections submitted by Jackie Babin.

MOTION - Karen Madison from Qualchan moved to accept the corrected meeting minutes from March 11, 2022.

Seconded by Pat Belair from Esmeralda.

Motion passed unanimously by show of hands.

9) **Treasurer's Report**

Beth Wrigley reported that we have a few new members this year.

Beth thanked the Downriver Club for the awesome job they have done collecting donations for the SAWGA Championship tournament. We already have \$3500, so we are well on our way!

Although there is no written treasurer's report today, Beth shared that our budget is very tight this year, as we received \$500 less for sponsorship than we have in the past, and our expense costs have increased due to inflation.

10) **SAWGA Audit Report**

Darcia Waples and Teri Zollinger. No report needed, but must report audit results by Spring Meeting 2023.

11) **Unfinished Business**

A) Connie Guthrie Perpetual Trophy:

Both the Connie Guthrie Perpetual Trophy and the Beth Wrigley Championship Trophy are present today to view.

The issue that needs to be resolved is whether or not to retire the Connie Guthrie Perpetual Trophy.

Demaris was directed at the March 2022 meeting to get estimates for upgrading or making additions to the Connie Guthrie Perpetual Trophy

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to allow more names on it. There is room for only a few more names. The trophy company suggested that to allow more room, the four name plates could be replaced with three columns instead of two, using the same font, and that would add space for eighteen more years. The cost of this option would be about \$302.

Before we get into any other options regarding the two trophies, it should be decided whether or not to retire the Connie Guthrie Perpetual Trophy. Demaris asked if there are any thoughts or comments?

Connie Goodman from Fairways asked about the history of the trophy. Demaris shared that we have had the Connie Guthrie Perpetual Trophy, and the Beth Wrigley SAWGA Championship Trophy was also made, and unfortunately we cannot find anywhere in any previous minutes that it was approved to do so, and it was never voted on to retire the Connie Guthrie Perpetual Trophy. We need to decide where to go from here. The trophy is given to low gross winner of SAWGA Championship tournament.

Demaris also briefly shared the history of the golfer, Connie Guthrie, and Karen Madison read her profile from the PNGA.

Beth Wrigley stated that it is in the minutes that we voted to retire the trophy. Janet Skaife from Latah Creek read the minutes from October 2018 referring to the motion to start a new trophy since the Connie Guthrie trophy was almost full. Beth volunteered to purchase the trophy and asked to name it the Beth Wrigley Perpetual Trophy. She volunteered to bow out of the SAWGA Championship for several years. The motion was seconded and it passed yet no one seemed to remember that there was a vote, even though it was mentioned in the minutes. Janet Skaife from Latah Creek also mentioned the letter from Suzie Stone and how both she, and Connie Guthrie, agreed that the Beth Wrigley trophy was not the issue, but where to store the Connie Guthrie trophy was their concern. They both, in Suzie Stone's letter, concurred that perhaps there was a time for change and graciously agreed that perhaps a new trophy was in order.

Janet Skaife from Latah Creek also mentioned how she spoke to a SAWGA board member on the phone months ago and was told that there was likely no way that they could take the Beth Wrigley SAWGA Championship Trophy away from her, because that was voted on, but the real issue was that it was never agreed that she would get to keep the Connie Guthrie Perpetual Championship Trophy.

Leslie Sevigney, Parliamentarian stated that unfortunately, no where in

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those minutes does it mention retiring the trophy. It mentions that the trophy does not have enough room, but it does not mention retirement. She wishes the motion was more clear, and she is sorry, but it didn't happen if it is not in the minutes. Elsa Burk read the minutes one more time.

Ann Moe from Wandermere, and Cheryl Huli from Liberty Lake both stated they don't recall any vote regarding the retirement of the Connie Guthrie trophy. Cheryl remembers that there was a lot of frustration, and that the issue had been tabled several times, and never voted upon. There is nothing in the Spring 2019 minutes regarding the trophy.

Leslie Sevigney, Parliamentarian, stated that at each meeting, any additions or corrections to the previous meeting minutes are brought up, and then a vote is taken to approve corrected minutes. Once meeting minutes are approved, those minutes are closed. Anytime after that, issues can be brought up again as new business.

Janet Skaife from Latah Creek stated that if there is no old business to bring up, that would be because the issue had already been resolved. She shared that Kathy Hanlon, past president, had asked how the new trophy was coming along at the beginning of the meeting in 2019. Kathy had understood that it was a completed issue also. Demaris stated again that the minutes from October 2018 do not state the actual motion voted upon. That is why Demaris asked the Parliamentarian to review all of the previous minutes to confirm that there was no specific vote on retiring the Connie Guthrie Perpetual Trophy. We all want this to be resolved.

The first question is: Should we retire the Connie Guthrie Perpetual Trophy?

Marlene Jensen from Deer Park brought up that there had been discussion about where to retire the Connie Guthrie trophy. Demaris reminded all that the real issue is that there is not a stated motion in the minutes to retire the trophy.

Leslie Sevigney stated that in the minutes it mentions the condition of the Connie Guthrie Trophy. There is a separate discussion of designing a new trophy, what it would be named, and that Beth would pay for it if there was a cost. Then it says a motion was made and approved. Unfortunately, we don't know which issue the motion includes. Leslie stated that she cannot make sense of it. As Parliamentarian, I can see all of the issues out there, but until we get input from the clubs, we are in limbo regarding the two trophies.

Janet Skaife stated that when the Latah Creek club talked about this, "the

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ladies in the club were not aware that Beth had returned the trophy on May 6, 2022 and agreed to put it on public display. They had a pretty good discussion about Beth's reasons for wanting to keep the trophy, and it is so shiny and clean because she wanted to keep it someplace safe. If you look at the trophy cases at the Arena, things get shoved and jammed in there and they get thrown away. We lost an entire era of things from SCC because things were just shoved into a storage area and destroyed. Beth did return the trophy on May 6th, and that was never presented to all of your groups. I don't think you probably all realized that she had already agreed to return the trophy and did so. That is a big piece of information because when we're here today you guys are thinking we're voting on whether it should be on public display and whether Beth was going to give the trophy back, and she has."

Demaris stated that "I was the one she turned it over to. She turned it over to me to take to the trophy place to get an estimate."

Beth stated, "I told you that I wasn't taking it back."

Demaris said, "No, you did not tell me that. I am sorry." Beth said, "Yes, I did." Demaris said "You did not. You met me at my car, and you said, 'Here' and I was trying to put it in the car, and then you proceeded to buckle it in yourself. In fact, you were supposed to follow me to the trophy place, and you said you were going to go because you wanted to make sure that you knew what was going on. You were not going to leave that trophy with me. But you did. For some reason, you changed your mind that day at Numerica to let me take it and you didn't want to go. You never once told me you were giving it up forever, and that you were agreeing. I think it's great that you've said so, but I did not know it. You did not say it to me, Beth." Beth said, "I did, but whatever."

Carol Crew from Indian Canyon stated that she thinks this is turning into a little bit of a personal thing, and she doesn't think it should be. It should be decided, over and done with.

Janet Skaife from Latah Creek followed by reading a written statement beginning by stating that "if this was any of you, and I knew you at all, and you asked me to be here for you, I would be here for you." Her thoughts included believing that we should not make this a personal issue against Beth. Janet shared Beth Wrigley's accomplishments not only as a golfer, but as a devoted member of Spokane Area Women's Golf (and she listed her various roles in the community and as a representative of SAWGA) and she finished with comments on Beth as a person.

Demaris assured Beth directly that this question was brought up and put on the agenda before Demaris took office, and that there is nothing personally against her.

Vickie Kelly from Downriver asked what prompted having a new trophy. Demaris shared that the Connie Guthrie trophy was full, and that's where

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the conversation started. Beth had brought up having a new trophy. Janet Skaife from Latah Creek asked if the cost of preserving the Connie Guthrie Perpetual Trophy would also include reimbursing Beth for the new trophy. Demaris stated that reimbursing Beth is another part of the decision to be made.

it was confirmed that the trophy represents the low gross SAWGA championship winner. It was also confirmed that the winners do receive an individual trophy.

Laura Wiles from Fairways asked if it was determined if another base could be added to the Connie Guthrie trophy. Demaris stated that it is possible, of course for a higher cost.

It was confirmed that on the Beth Wrigley trophy, two plates are engraved, one with the previous years that Beth was the champion, and on the second one is the name of last year's champion, Karen Madison.

Karen Madison from Qualchan confirmed that she would like her name added to the Connie Guthrie Perpetual Trophy.

Beth Wrigley stated that she paid \$1200 for the Beth Wrigley SAWGA Championship Trophy.

It was suggested by Nancy Blakeney that perhaps the Beth Wrigley trophy could be used for another purpose.

Demaris stated that first of all, we need a decision on whether or not to retire the Connie Guthrie trophy.

It was confirmed that there would be a place at the Arena to display the Connie Guthrie Perpetual Trophy if it was retired. Vickie Kelly from Downriver shared that there are many high school, college, and city trophies displayed at the Arena, and that from her experience it is very secure.

We need to decide if the trophy will be retired or not, and then the separate issue would be where to store it if retired.

MOTION - Darcia Waples from Esmeralda moved that we retain the Connie Guthrie Perpetual Trophy, and that we spend approx. \$302 to upgrade the trophy to allow for more names.

Seconded by Coco Spurway from Deer Park

Motion passed with 18 yea, 5 nay written votes

B) What will we do with the Beth Wrigley SAWGA Championship Trophy, and what should we do about the amount of money she paid for it?

Cheryl Hull from Liberty Lake shared that her club suggested that Beth's trophy could be used for low net winner.

Marlene Jensen from Deer Park asked Beth that since it is her trophy, what are Beth's thoughts. Beth did not want to share anything at that

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point, and Marlene stated, "It is your trophy. We asked for feed back from our clubs, and some of the feedback I've heard through different people is that maybe Beth pre-empted and bought the trophy without understanding. People are afraid to speak, because you are here Beth, I'm sorry. But maybe it's on Beth for doing that and that she should incur the full responsibility of taking on the trophy. I don't mean that to be biting on you Beth, or anything like that. That is just some of the rumors and feedback that I've got. At this point I'd like to see what Beth has in mind, and what she thinks should be done with the trophy, and how maybe the club can help with some of the cost that she has put into it." Beth shared a conversation she had with Kathy Hanlon, the previous president, and stated that "Kathy had said she was so excited to see the new trophy, the new Beth Wrigley Trophy, because we voted on it. And I said I had been holding off to make sure it was the way we were going. She said 'No, I want you to get it going, because it was supposed to be done this year'. So that's when I started designing it." From Beth's perspective, it was voted on as a package, and she was acting based on what she believed SAWGA wanted her to do. Beth feels like SAWGA is not really living up to it's obligations and it's word. Beth shared that she may not want to make any changes to her trophy.

Jackie Babin from Latah Creek shared that we need to give Beth time to think about what to do with her trophy, and that there is no rush to make a decision.

MOTION - Carol Crew from Indian Canyon moved that we table the discussion on the Beth Wrigley SAWGA Championship Trophy until the next meeting on October 7, 2022.

Seconded by Jackie Babin from Latah Creek

Discussion - Janet Skaife from Latah Creek stated that she wishes Bobbi Jo Rathvon was here because she was disappointed that the minutes don't reflect the vote, and she remembers who was at that meeting. Demaris reminded the group that we can only go by the minutes.

Motion passed with 23 yea written votes

C) Flags

The cost to replace the flags is \$160.53 each, \$481.59 for three.

The flags need to be updated to reflect new course names and current SAWGA course membership.

One of the flags needs to have the base repaired.

Jackie Babin from Latah Creek asked if the club names would all fit on two flags instead of three. Names would be smaller but it is a possibility.

It is possible to change the height and size of new flags.

Karen Madison from Qualchan asked if each club could purchase their

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own flag. It would look really great to have flags for each club. We need to consider the amount of time it takes to put up each flag. Many of the club members are not SAWGA members, and some clubs may not want to pay for a flag for SAWGA events. A possibility to pay for flags would be to add \$5 to SAWGA dues. There are many possibilities and ideas.

President Demaris Siconolfi tabled the flag decision until the October 7, 2022 meeting, and in the meantime she will get quotes for each of the ideas to modify the flags.

D) **Laura Bossart Award**

The question is if we want to continue the Laura Bossart Award. Club presidents were supposed to get back to Demaris after getting feedback from their clubs, and she only heard back from one club. Jackie Babin said Latah Creek would like to continue.

President Demaris Siconolfi tabled the decision on the Laura Bossart Award until October 7, 2022 meeting.

12) **New Business**

A) **Tournament Greens Fee Changes at City Courses**

Discount passes can be used for the first tournament of the year at city courses. Greens fee for second and third SAWGA events at the same course will be \$43 for each player, regardless of age or discount card.

B) **SAWGA Scramble Entry Fees**

Should SAWGA Scramble Entry Fees be submitted directly to the Treasurer or to the Scramble Chairperson? Per Beth Wrigley, Treasurer, it is part of the treasurer's duties to collect all entry fees, according to SAWGA policy.

For SAWGA tournament events, the Jr. Reps at each club collect the fees and in turn submit payments to Beth.

The SAWGA Scramble Chairwomen have a system set up to collect the Scramble entry fees, and technically they are not in violation of the bylaws since the entry fees do get sent to treasurer.

Beth brought up the audit concern for consistency since she receives the entry fees for Sweeps directly.

She shared that the auditors were concerned that the bookkeeping records should be the same for all tournaments.

After much discussion, it was determined that the process for collecting

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fees for the Scramble tournament is actually no different than collecting for the other tournaments.

Beth stated that the executive board just needs to decide how they would like it to be handled.

Demaris brought up that yes, it is the treasurer's duty to collect all monies paid to SAWGA. As stated in the bylaws, this duty falls under the direction of the Executive Board.

MOTION - Jackie Babin from Latah Creek moved that the SAWGA Scramble Chair be allowed to collect the entry fees and greens fees as they have in the past, with proper documentation.

Seconded by Kathy Skraback from Wandermere

Motion passed with 16 yeas, 3 nays by written vote

C) SAWGA Championship Tournament update - Vickie Kelly, Downriver

Tournament plans are going well and on schedule.

We are only \$400 short of our goal right now.

Each club is responsible for putting together a raffle basket and asking for a contribution from the pro shop at their club.

The next meeting will focus on the volunteer lists.

Next meeting is Friday, October 7, 2022
Wandermere Golf Course

Meeting adjourned at 11:12am

Respectfully submitted by Elsa Burk, Secretary

SAWGA MEETING

DATE June 10, 2022

EXECUTIVE BOARD

NAME	CLUB	JR REP	SR REP	PROXY
Nancy Bakemey	CHEWELAH	✓		
Tom Kemp	CHEWELAH		✓	
Marlene M. Jones Coco Spurr	DEER PARK	✓		
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Don Fitzpatrick Tucker Kelley	DOWNRIVER	✓		
Pat B. A.	DOWNRIVER		✓	
Janae Sullivan	ESMERALDA		✓	
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Paul Jones	INDIAN CANYON		✓	
Beth Wrayley	INDIAN CANYON		✓	
JACK BURNETT	KALISPEL		✓	✓
Jori Walker	KALISPEL	✓		
Jackie Babin	LATAH CREEK		✓	
Carol Wheeler	LATAH CREEK	Teri Z		✓
Cheryl Hull	LIBERTY LAKE		✓	
Marilyn Coit	LIBERTY LAKE	✓		
Marie Dawson	MANITO	✓		
Loon J. J.	MANITO		✓	
Lynn H. H.	QUALCHAN	proxy		
Ramona	QUALCHAN		X	
Conrad Coon	FAIRWAYS	proxy	XXXXXXXXXX	
Betty Strabala	WANDERMERE	✓		
Ann M. M.	WANDERMERE		✓	

SAWGA MEETING

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PRESIDENTS AND GUESTS

	NAME	CLUB	PRES	GUEST
1	Susan Sudduth	Downsides	X	
2	Georganna Maguder	Deer Park	Proxy	
3	LESUE SEVIGNEY	LATAH CREEK		PARL.
4	KAREN MADISON	LIBERTY LAKE	X	
5	Linda Metcalfe	Wandermore	X	
6	Laura Wiles	Fairways	X	
7	Janet W Skaps	Latah Creek		X
8	Kathy Blatt	Qualchan	X	
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