

**SAWGA Officer Zoom Meeting  
March 10, 2022**

- **Call to order-** Demaris called the Zoom meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

- **Present:**

-Demaris “Dee” Siconolfi	Downriver	President
-Debbie Zimmerman	Esmeralda	Vice President
-Elsa Burk	Downriver	Secretary
-Beth Wrigley	Indian Canyon	Treasurer
-Leslie Sevigney	Latah Creek	Parliamentarian

- **Minutes from October 2021 Meeting**

- Dee asked if anyone had any questions about the corrections to the minutes. Beth just has the one issue regarding the trophy she would like to discuss.
- Dee shared that going forward, Officer and Executive Board meetings will be recorded.
- Roll call will be taken by written sign-in sheet, and it will be determined if we have a quorum or not.
- Votes will be taken by written ballot, collected, counted, and recorded.
- Dee will review the Treasurer’s Report in Beth’s absence at tomorrow’s meeting. Beth usually prints twelve copies of the income statement, one for each club.
- Beth and Dee discussed reimbursement for ink cartridge. Dee had submitted an invoice for an ink cartridge. She had originally purchased a re-filled cartridge, which broke apart and was unusable, so she had to purchase another. Beth shared concern about keeping expenses within the budget.

- **Questions regarding Agenda for Executive Board Meeting tomorrow**

- Dee asked what questions Officers have about agenda items for tomorrow’s meeting.
- Dee stated we need to discuss the tabled issue of the **Connie Guthrie Perpetual Trophy**.
- Dee stated we need to discuss the **Over/Under Fund**.  
Beth stated that it was voted on and approved at the October 2021 meeting, and asked what questions there were regarding the Fund. Dee said that she did not know what the questions were, but that there was a request to have on the agenda tomorrow for discussion. Beth will not be at the meeting tomorrow to answer questions.
- Dee also needs to discuss the **Numerica Tournament sponsorship** today with the Officers.

- **Clarification about Executive Board duties/bylaws**

- Beth brought up the expenses again, and was thinking that the Executive Board could be more involved in mitigating some of our supply costs, as that is part of their duties as written in the bylaws.
- Leslie clarified that the **Executive Board is made up of the Junior and Senior Reps from each club, not the Officers of SAWGA.**

- **Clarification about Executive Board duties/bylaws, cont**
  - Beth is concerned about expenses going up significantly in today's economy. Dee shared that in the past she was able to rely on the sponsor to absorb much of the printing costs.
- **Audit Report**
  - The audit was complete, and books are balanced.
  - Dee acknowledged that graciously Beth's husband and Bobbi Jo Rathvorn's husband completed the audit, and that they had recommended that the Officers have meetings more frequently. Debbie asked if the the auditors had stated specifically why they believe we needed to have more meetings. Beth said her husband had read all of the Bylaws and Constitution, and that the Executive Board is supposed to be approving all expenditures (and at that point she thought the Executive Board was made up of the Officers). He was most concerned about protecting the Treasurer, as there hasn't been a process in place for approving expenditures. Beth asked Leslie if there had been more meetings in the past. Leslie stated that previously, Officers have met only if needed during a crisis, and the Executive Board has usually met twice a year, once in the Fall and once in the Spring, as stated in the Constitution. It also states that the Executive Board or Officers can call special business meetings. Leslie asked Beth to clarify where it is stated that the Executive Board must approve expenditures, and Beth said it is stated that "the expenditures will be paid at the direction of the Executive Board", which is under the Treasurer's Duties.
- **Laura Bossart Award**
  - Dee shared the basic history of the award, which is "to recognize the outstanding contributions by SAWGA members past or present to the women's golf community." Dee intends to ask for discussion at the meeting tomorrow, and will ask if SAWGA would like to re-activate this award. Dee suggests that if there is interest, a committee be appointed to take action. Leslie believes that previous minutes state that Darcia was willing to look into re-activating award.
- **Retiring the Connie Guthrie Perpetual Award**
  - Demaris started by telling Beth that we are on everyone's side with this. We are here for Beth's sake to discuss this and get this right.
  - Dee and other members have read the previous minutes for the two year period regarding this issue, and as the minutes read, the issue was never, ever voted on. This is why in the future we will be recording the meetings, repeating motions, and vote on one item at a time.
  - Beth stated that she "had submitted a correction, and other people submitted corrections, and it never was corrected." She stated that the corrections were discussed, and answered "yes" when asked if the corrections were voted on.
  - Dee asked why it wasn't in the minutes? Dee stated that at the next meeting, when the minutes were read, that is when it should have been brought up that Beth had sent a correction. Dee asked if the correction wasn't recorded in the minutes, why wasn't it brought up right then? Beth stated that it was brought up.
  - Dee stated that we must go by the minutes as written, and this is why we need to be cautious that after writing up the minutes, we read them, make corrections, and record the meetings. We need to do this right, and that is why this is on the agenda as Unfinished Business for tomorrow. Dee believes that SAWGA members need to be made aware of the history of this trophy.
  - Debbie brought up that the issue of incorrect minutes, when we have only two meetings a year, comes from members not reading the minutes thoroughly.

- **Retiring the Connie Guthrie Perpetual Award, cont**

- Beth stated that “everyone wants to talk about where the trophy is going, and no one wants to talk about the \$1200 I spent on the new trophy, because that was part of the deal. I bought the beautiful new trophy, I spared no expense, and that was an agreement between me and SAWGA.” In her mind she paid for that trophy and the deal was for her to keep the original trophy. Beth would not have paid \$1200 if she was not going to retain that trophy. Dee states that the unfortunate thing for Beth and for SAWGA is that it was not written properly in the minutes as to what was actually approved. Dee states that we need to come to a conclusion about what has been done, and go forward with everyone being comfortable with the decision. What we are talking about right now is that everybody understands what that trophy is.
- Beth stated it is the tournament traveling trophy, the older one, and the newer version.
- Dee stated that “it is the Connie Guthrie Perpetual Trophy. We need to make sure that everyone understands that that’s what they were voting on. But it wasn’t approved, as it is not explicit in the minutes that it was ever voted upon. We need to fix it, and come to a conclusion to make things right. We understand that Beth paid for it, we know what she paid for it, and we know that in her eyes that was part of the deal, so we need to come to a conclusion on what needs to be done to rectify all of this. Right now we will be reading a letter that was written to us, and then we will have a discussion. If anything is brought up, then we need to go forward and make a vote to determine what needs to be done with the trophy, because it was never approved in the minutes, and there was never a motion passed. We need to have everyone understand what has happened, and then go forward.”
- Dee asked what Beth expects to happen, and stated that at the meeting tomorrow, Dee will read the letters, and discuss, so that all understand what that trophy is, and understand what in Beth’s eyes was approved. We need to fix this and come to a better conclusion.
- Leslie shared that “as the Parliamentarian, I was asked to review the previous minutes. There were motions made, motions passed, and the one thing that was not in the original minutes was that Beth would retain the trophy. Retirement was mentioned, the design, the name of the trophy, but Beth retaining the trophy was not recorded. That is where the confusion is. A lot of the members, and some of the past winners are asking how did it happen that Beth would retain the trophy? That’s where the questions are coming from. We have to somehow resolve those questions because it isn’t in the minutes, and wasn’t corrected in the minutes at the next meeting. It was brought up at a future meeting, but even that meeting does not specify that Beth retains the trophy. It is a minutes nightmare.” Beth stated that the motion was put out on the table that she would retain the trophy. Leslie stated that this is the reason why it has been brought up again, because that is not recorded in the minutes.
- Beth shared that she is opposed to having the trophy stored at the Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena. It is not accessible without purchasing a ticket to attend an event.
- Dee asked Beth if she is saying that if she cannot retain the trophy, does she want her money back? Beth answered “I never would have agreed to fully fund the new one if I wasn’t going to keep the old one, no, because that was part of the deal.” Dee stated that she was trying to be very explicit for Beth, and added that she doesn’t know what discussion there would be in the future about where the trophy would be retained, and asked again, “Are you saying that if you can’t keep the trophy, you don’t want the other trophy?” Beth replied, “if a car dealership asked for your car back, wouldn’t you want your money?”
- Dee stated we must go by what was recorded in the minutes.

- **Numerica Sponsorship Update**

- Dee was told last October that Numerica Credit Union was committing to be our SAWGA sponsor. She had a meeting with Numerica to give them tournament dates, etc, and was told that they were renegeing on their agreement. She was told that the entire department that Manny (her original contact) was in had been omitted, and that the retail sponsorships are now completed through the branches. She was so upset, and she put a presentation together, talked with many people, and in the end Numerica committed to \$1500 to SAWGA. She fought long and hard to get this, and is grateful for it. Dee does have other contacts she is reaching out to for additional sponsorships. For now Beth will rework the budget, and will adjust the payouts for Sweeps.

- **Other business**

- Beth will email Jr reps and club Treasurers the form for SAWGA dues, and has made each club their own form, and has included the names of last year's members.
  - The website will be updated with the new greens fees for each course.
  - Dee will remind all members at the meeting tomorrow to make sure they carefully read minutes on the website, and request any corrections to be made before voting to approve minutes.
  - Leslie shared that as the Parliamentarian, she would like to speak tomorrow about the protocols we need to follow in our meetings, and the importance of reps bringing back information to their clubs. Also, she recommends that we have additional meetings if necessary to take care of issues as they arise. Additionally, Officers should have Zoom meetings when necessary to share ideas before bringing them to the Executive Board.

**Meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.**

Respectfully submitted by Elsa Burk, Secretary