

WADGA REPRESENTATIVES FALL MEETING

FRIDAY, September 22, 2017

Brookside Country Club

10:00 AM Followed by Lunch

Attendance: Jan Coleman, Kandice Jones, Pam Wharton, Amy Dawley, Jean Burnquist, Glenna Copeland, Barb Kaminsky, Doreen Smith, Jan Schaffert, Ann Hunt, Gail Hackett, Beth Amer, Elaine Nay, Cheri Gilbert, and Natalie Weinsz

CALL TO ORDER: *Ann Hunt*

Ann Hunt called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M. and welcomed the executive board members and club representatives. Doreen Smith held proxy for Ohio Prestwick and Ann Hunt held proxy for Fox Meadow/Weymouth.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - MINUTES: *Natalie Weinsz, substitute for Janet Kaboth*

Natalie Weinsz agreed to take the minutes on behalf of Janet Kaboth. The minutes from the Spring 2017 meeting were distributed to all officers and club representatives via email soon after the May 5, 2017 meeting. Ann Hunt reviewed the highlights of those minutes. Jean Burnquist moved that the minutes be accepted as submitted. Doreen Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor of this motion and the motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: *Doreen Smith*

Doreen Smith passed out copies of the 2017 budget vs actual financial report. WADGA income was down due to a reduction in the number of member clubs; Fox Meadow/ Weymouth had paid their dues in 2016; and there were 13 fewer members playing in 2017 vs 2016. Total expenses were down due to the rain date at Fox Meadow. Each point was worth \$1.95. The year-end budget vs actual was short \$31.92. Our year-end cash position is \$310.43 allowing \$300 available for the printing of the 2018 Handbook. There was some discussion about raising the fee per member club from \$25 to \$50 in 2018. The 2018 WADGA Board can discuss this in more detail in the Spring. Beth Amer moved to approve the 2017 Financial Report as submitted. Gail Hackett seconded it. It was unanimously accepted as submitted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: *Ann Hunt*

Ann Hunt thanked all of the officers and club representatives for their involvement in the administration of WADGA and helping it run smoothly. She asked each club representative to announce their club's woman's golf champion. Alliance –Diane Rubin-Schuld, Brookside – Alison Reifers-Cress, Congress Lake – Shirley Vaughn, Fairlawn – Pam Wharton, Fox Meadow/Weymouth – Michelle Ryan, Hudson – Carol Mikolay, Ohio Prestwick –Peg Stone, Portage –Kim Merril, Rosemont – Glenna Copeland, Shady Hollow – Jan Carlson, Silver Lake – Mary Ann Miano, Westfield – Rose Marie Torma.

No penalties were assessed due to slow pace of play but a few warnings were given. It is helpful playing in threesomes to keep the pace of play moving. The Tournament Chair has the ability to rearrange the pairings within class to avoid having slower players placed together. Slower

players should not be the drivers of the cart. Threesomes have the flexibility to arrange the drivers and passengers if a player does not like to ride solo etc. Utilizing the USGA rules for slow play as part of our Standing Rules provides consistency with best practices. Reps should email the Standing Rules to all their members prior to the start of the season.

The membership seemed to prefer the cancelation of play on the day prior when courses were going to be closed due to weather or course conditions. If cancelations are necessary on the day of play, notifying the club representatives by 6:30 AM would be ideal.

WADGA Championship held at Fairlawn continued as a 3day/2day event, which ran smoothly. She thanked Pam, Regran and their Pro for helping with that.

Ann suggested completing the 2018 budget based upon WADGA having 100 members but encouraged the active membership to be the best recruiters to engaged the less active members.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: *Natalie Weinsz*

After each week's competition an e-blast was sent to nine media representatives in our four county areas reporting the net and gross results in flight. We had one feature story on Gail Hackett winning the WADGA Championship that was written by an Akron Beacon Journal columnist.

Natalie Weinsz followed up with those clubs which showed some interest in playing WADGA. Barrington's Golf Pro (Mark Sierak) asked the ladies' golf association and they are not interested at this time in joining WADGA due to already being a member of a traveling league in Cleveland. Medina Golf Pro (Rob Jersan) was contacted via telephone and email several times with no response. It was announced that Medina no longer has an active ladies' golf association, which may be why there has not been a response. Lake Forest's Golf Pro (John Goodson) notified us that the ladies' golf association is not interested as well. It was recommended that Glenmoor be contacted to clarify if their quoted fee of \$60.00 would be inclusive of a meal. Natalie will follow up.

No progress was made on developing a tri-fold marketing brochure to help market our organization to other clubs and future members of existing club members. Jean Burnquist shared the name of one who might be able to help design one. Natalie will follow-up over the winter with this concept.

TOURNAMENT CHAIRWOMAN'S REPORT: *Gail Hackett*

Gail Hackett expressed her gratitude to the club representatives for their punctual submission of their players' pairings for the weekly events. She thanked Ann Hunt for her input while Gail updated all of the enclosures in the representatives' notebooks. All representatives should turn in their notebooks or folders so they can be refreshed for the 2018 season. Gail handed out the Report of the Field noting how many total players and per flight played each event. On average we had 52 players per week out of 105 members, which is nearly half of our membership playing each event. Seven members did not play at all. Gail asked each club representative to

please continue to promote WADGA to their eligible members, invite them as guests and encourage carpooling for the longer commutes.

OLD BUSINESS: Ann Hunt

- A. Pace of Play: Elaine Nay questioned if the ranger would be the individual who would give any warnings or assess any penalties for slow play as the Spring minutes stated and Gail clarified that only the Tournament Committee (comprised of the Tournament Chair, President, and head Golf Professional) can penalize players for slow play. It behooves all members of the threesome to discourage slow play since all are assessed the penalty shot even if there is only one offender in the group.
- B. Review of Standing Rules: They are up to date and good as written.
- C. Regular Play Day Fee (inclusive of carts and lunch): Many of the club managers, banquet managers and pro shop administrations have said that their expenses are such that they need to charge WADGA players more for their participation. Gail Hackett moved that the weekly event fee per player increase to \$50 and that we still pay each club \$3.00 per player per event for beverage items. Amy Dawley seconded. All were in favor of this motion.
- D. Website: Ann Hunt encourages all members to check out the website regularly. Ann has been contacted by companies interested in advertising on our website. We could consider this income stream but must keep the income below a level defined by the IRS as acceptable for a non-profit entity. Kandy Jones suggested that we save all the pictures posted on Flickr on a CD for historical reasons. These pictures can be printed by members and used as a way to promote WADGA within our member clubs. The membership roster can be printed from the website too. Encourage all players to take selfies of threesomes. Non-playing check-in ladies could help take pictures before the shotgun start. Pictures from our WADGA Facebook page are automatically fed to our WADGA.org website.

NEW BUSINESS: Ann Hunt

- A. Nominating Committee: Jean Burnquist and Cheri Gilbert presented the slate of officers for the 2018 season. Natalie Weinsz (Congress Lake), President; Jan Coleman (Westfield), Vice President; Janet Kaboth (Brookside), Secretary; Doreen Smith (Prestwick), Treasurer; Gail Hackett (Congress Lake), Tournament Chairwoman. Jean Burnquist moved to accept the slate of officers as presented. Cheri Gilbert seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- B. 2018 Schedule: Hudson has selected to host Championship on Tuesday July 31, Wednesday Aug 1, and Thursday July 2. Westfield can choose between June 22, 2018, June 29, 2018 or July 13, 2018 and should notify the Ann Hunt and the WADGA Board with what date was agreed upon by their club. Brookside will not allow Friday morning play but may agree to Wednesday, so their date was not decided upon as of yet. Ann and Jan Schaffert will continue to negotiate with them. The following clubs should

confirm their approved dates with their club's Board of Directors: Ohio Prestwick (June 1) Opening Day, Silver Lake (June 8), Portage (June 15), Shady Hollow (July 20), and Rosemont (August 17). Alliance is flexible to take an open date in June, August 24 or August 31, which will be determined later.

- C. Championship Format: Ann referred to the revised the long-term schedule. If your club is scheduled to host the championship within the next few years, it is suggested that you speak with your club pro sooner rather than later. Fox Meadow/Weymouth is scheduled for 2019 and Congress Lake is scheduled for 2020. Congress Lake Club has already begun to discuss the days of the weeks to play championship in 2020. Potentially the tournament days may be Sunday, Monday and Tuesday or Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. The full field could play on Sunday, the championship flight could play on Monday and then the full field again on Tuesday. This is all up for discussion at a future meeting. There was some discussion about opening a Fifth Flight to lessen the handicap disparity in each flight which may encourage more players to play, but it seems that players don't always enjoy playing in this tournament and nothing we do to help change its format attracts a fuller field.

D. Spring Meeting Date: Friday, May 4, 2018 at Congress Lake Club beginning at 10:00 AM.

E. Executive Meeting Date: Friday, December 1, 2017 at 9:30 AM at Panera's at the Strip.

F. Open Discussion: Consider soliciting Dover Country Club and Wooster Country Club to join WADGA. We can always change our charter to accommodate play in those counties.

Consider additional team play events rather than just on Opening and Closing Days. Options (Stableford or ABC) where teams get points collectively instead of only individual points paid each event.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM by Ann Hunt with lunch following.

Respectfully submitted by,
Natalie Weinsz, substitute for Janet Kaboth, Secretary