

WADGA REPRESENTATIVES SPRING MEETING

FRIDAY, May 5, 2017

Brookside Country Club

10:00 AM Followed by Lunch

Attendance: Janet Kaboth, Doreen Smith, Kandice Jones, Elaine Nay, Jean Burnquist, Renee Dietz, Jan Schaffert, Gail Hackett, Cheri Gilbert, Ann Hunt, Regran Leedy, Beth Amer, Natalie Weinsz and Amy Dawley

CALL TO ORDER: *Ann Hunt*

Ann called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. and welcomed the board members and club representatives. Doreen Smith held proxies for Ohio Prestwick and Rosemont

SECRETARY'S REPORT - MINUTES: *Janet Kaboth*

Minutes from Fall 2016 meeting were distributed to all attendees. It was unanimously approved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Information required for the booklet was reviewed. A reminder was given that all information is due immediately.

TREASURERS REPORT: *Doreen Smith*

Doreen passed out copies of the 2017 budget. Some changes to the budget included; decrease the club dues by \$25.00 for Club Walden, drop the membership number to 100 to match the information turned in by the representatives. The expense levels are based upon the 2016 totals, as it does not look to be much different. The point system will have point values assigned once we see how much is available after our expenses to keep our ending balance at \$300.00. All representatives should be actively recruiting new members. It was moved by Cheri Gilbert, seconded by Gail Hackett to accept the 2017 budget as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: *Natalie Weinsz*

All representatives are encouraged to promote all Akron District activity in their club's newsletter, Facebook page, locker room or any other place where local club news is distributed. Natalie has contacted Barrington, Firestone, Glenmoor, Lake Forest and Medina concerning possible future membership. The club pro at Barrington is interested and will talk to the ladies group. Firestone only has 10 women members and they are not interested. Glenmoor is willing to host an event for their normal event fee of \$60.00 with a choice of Monday or Thursday as the event day. Lake Forest and Medina have not responded. Natalie will email any responses she gets. There was some discussion concerning a marketing brochure being developed to help market our organization to other clubs and future members of existing club members. Gail has updated the District history on the website, which could be abbreviated for insertion into the brochure. Several representatives have already developed brochures and Natalie will look at the existing ones to edit for a broader audience. It was suggested that perhaps an event could be held at a non-member course to give their lady members exposure to Akron District. The points received by each participant can be sent with the local newspaper press release, as long as no dollar amounts are included.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: *Ann Hunt*

Ann brought attention to the 2017 schedule of events. She noted there are 9 events for 2017. There was discussion concerning the number of events for each season. Each club is hosting more often and we could potentially have fewer events at member clubs and one event at a nonmember club which would be open to any potential members that meet the WADGA qualifications. Changes to the event structure will be discussed at the fall meeting. Opening Day could also be changed to a tournament format from a team format while keeping Closing Day as a team event. This would allow us to drop one scheduled item and we would have 8 events. For opening day in 2017, there have been requests to have opening day play qualify for club team points. Gail, Ann and Jan will try to discover a way for the opening day event to have points for team play. Some of our members clubs would like to see the weekly event fee raised as they are having trouble providing a quality experience for the current \$45.00 per person. During play this year, representatives should talk to their members and clubs to find out if this move would be appropriate. These issues will be discussed and voted upon in the fall. A reminder was given that for any club with caddies available, the caddie fee is required in addition to the normal \$45.00 event fee. It should be on the sign-up sheet that any caddy taken will have a fee in addition to the normal fee. The clubs that have caddies are Congress Lake, Brookside, Portage and Fairlawn. We will be playing the south course at Westfield this year and they are in the midst of a large renovation project for their golf courses. Instruction sheets to WADGA members were passed out to all representatives. These instructions should be given to all playing members. As Club Walden is no longer a member, we need a motion to change the constitution removing them as a member. This motion passed unanimously.

TOURNAMENT CHAIRPERSON: *Gail Hackett*

All representatives should have received their folders for the year. The folder should have everything included that will be required for weekly signups. The standing rules have been rewritten over the winter to clarify some areas and also to address slow play issues. Some of the changes include:

- All scores posted as tournament scores.
- No refund of dues after May 11, 2017.
- Slow play section was added based upon the USGA rules.
- Turn in scorecards immediate following play.
- Measuring devices replace GPS.
- Call your district rep if you have a late cancellation.

Some additional discussion concerning the slow play issues had the following suggestions:

- Have the pro announce that all groups are to play ready golf.
- Have the pro or assistant pro serve as a ranger for the event.

The ranger will keep track of any slow play violations and give any warnings or penalties.

Try to keep all players in threesomes.

5 minutes is the time limit for a lost ball and everyone in the group should help look. All group members should be watching where the ball goes to cut down on the time spent looking.

The motion to adapt the revised standing rules was passed unanimously.

The point system will remain the same for 2017. The championship for 2017 will be at Fairlawn. Championship will be held Monday July 31, Tuesday August 1 and Wednesday August 2. The 2nd, 3rd and 4th flight tournaments will be Tuesday August 1 and Wednesday August 2. 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. The host club chooses the days and the club pro may have ideas about how to proceed.

NEW BUSINESS: Ann Hunt

In the case of inclement weather, the hosting Rep will be in contact with the course Superintendent and club Pro concerning course conditions. She will then notify the Tournament Chairwoman and the other Reps as soon as possible if the course conditions make it unplayable. The club Reps should then notify their playing members either by phone, email or text; otherwise, all participants are to go the course, unless they have been notified of a cancellation of that day's event.

Rosemont has asked for a year off from hosting in order to complete renovation designed to improve the course conditions.

WOSGA senior amateur will be held at Brookside on June 19 and 20. Anyone over the age of 50 with a handicap index of 25 or below is eligible to play. This year the Betty Kirby Peppard award will be awarded to Pauline Whitacre. The award is presented to an individual who has made significant contributions to women's amateur golf in Ohio. Members are encouraged to sign up to play, or it is also possible to just come to the dinner to honor Pauline.

Meeting was adjourned by Ann. Followed by lunch.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Kaboth, Secretary