

**WADGA REPRESENTATIVES SPRING MEETING**  
**FRIDAY, May 4, 2018**  
**Congress Lake Country Club**  
10:00 AM Followed by Lunch

Attendance: Janet Kaboth, Doreen Smith, Martha Gannon, Jean Burnquist, Renee Dietz, Jan Schaffert, Gail Hackett, Cheri Gilbert, Ann Hunt, Pam Wharton, Jan Coleman, Kathy Keiser Schiltz, Natalie Weinsz and Amy Dawley. Sharon Merklin attended by phone.

**CALL TO ORDER: *Natalie Weinsz***

Natalie called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. and welcomed the board members and club representatives. Jan Coleman held proxy for Westfield.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT - MINUTES: *Janet Kaboth***

Minutes from Fall 2017 meeting were distributed to all attendees. It was moved by Ann Hunt, seconded by Gail Hackett that the minutes be approved as distributed. The motion was unanimously approved. Information required for the booklet was reviewed. A reminder was given that all roster and club information is due immediately. We will be using a new printer this year to try and decrease the cost of the booklet. The representatives for Rosemont and Hudson will be their golf professional. A copy of the new one-page brochure was included in each representatives' folder for display at each member club in order to promote WADGA.

**TREASURERS REPORT: *Doreen Smith***

Doreen passed out copies of the 2018 budget. All budget expenses were based upon prior years' experience. The locker room and beverage cost were adjusted for the number of events for 2018. The point system expense will be adjusted based upon the actual revenue and expenses, so that approximately \$300.00 will be the ending balance. The revenue reflected an increase of the club dues to \$50.00. The budget assumes 100 members for 2018. All clubs, except Rosemont, have paid their dues and there have been no complaints about the increase. It was moved by Janet Kaboth, seconded by Gail Hackett to accept the 2018 budget as presented. The motion passed unanimously. We will be having a 50/50 drawing at the opening day only. Ann Hunt volunteered to run this mini-fundraiser and Jan Coleman will supply the tickets for the raffle.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: *Jan Coleman***

Jan has contacted three potential new clubs:

1. Twin Lakes – This club only has nine holes and they do not have a ladies golf association and are a public course. They are interested in hosting us. As they only have nine holes, they will not be pursued as a potential member.
2. Medina – This club has no ladies golf association however their pro, Brad, is interested in hosting an event and may have a few ladies that would like to play. They are part of the Cleveland District Golf Association. Jan will follow up for a potential Play Day there in 2019.
3. Union Country Club – This club is in Dover which would be far for any ladies from Akron or Medina to drive. They are also located in Tuscarawas Country, which is outside of the stated counties in our bylaws.

As these clubs do not conform to the requirements of our constitution, there were two changes to the by laws that were discussed in order to make club recruitment easier.

1. The first change would be to include the word contiguous counties in Article III, Section I. This would allow any club located in counties contiguous to Summit, Portage, Stark and Medina to be eligible for membership.
2. The second change would be to delete the phrase “which have had an active women’s organization for not less than one year prior to the time of making such application” from Article III, Section I.

After discussion it was moved by Jan Coleman, seconded by Ann Hunt, that the membership be presented with the by-law changes for approval. The motion passed unanimously.

The proposed changes will be sent to all club representatives in order to be communicated to all their members and will be posted on the WADGA website. If the changes are adopted Article III, Section I will read:

The Executive Board shall consider application for membership in the Women’s Akron District Golf Association from private clubs in Summit, Portage, Stark, Medina and contiguous counties.

Ann Hunt, Natalie Weinsz, Gail Hackett and Jean Burnquist will go to Union Country Club to play and evaluate the course conditions on behalf of our membership.

Natalie and Ann reminded all the representatives that our best chance to increase our membership will come from our existing clubs. There was some discussion concerning why eligible club members do not play. Many reasons were cited, including work commitments, don’t want to have their scores posted and a lack of interest in tournament play. Some suggestions were made to increase interest at each club such as:

1. Club members get together after WADGA event play
2. Have a gathering for cocktails and conversation
3. Send out letters to prospects

Also, a reminder to continue to pursue ladies that are close, but not yet to the 28.0 index limit.

Natalie asked for a volunteer to help in 2018 with the photos and updating the Flickr account that was set up by Kandy Jones. Cheri Gilbert has instructions concerning the Flickr account if needed.

#### **PRESIDENT’S REPORT: *Natalie Weinsz***

Natalie discussed the 2018 schedule, pointing out that not all the events are on Friday this year. Glenmoor will be on Monday August 27, Closing Day at Brookside will be on Wednesday September 5 and Westfield will be a shotgun Tuesday July 3. The changes at Westfield are due to their course renovations as only one course will be open. The slope will change on May 19 and Jan will inform Gail once the change has been made.

#### **TOURNAMENT CHAIRPERSON: *Gail Hackett***

All representatives should have received their folders for the year, except Sharon and Gail will mail her folder. The folder should have everything included that will be required for weekly signups. All representatives will need to post the Opening Day sign-up sheet immediately as it will be on June 1 at Ohio Prestwick.

The point system will remain the same except for the Stableford Play Day at Shady Hollow. The points will be adjusted by Gail as required for the Stableford system. The results for this Play Day will also count for the team competition.

Natalie passed out a sheet where each club representative can list the names of the people to thank for each event.

Gail reviewed the duties of district representatives and the only change was that the list of participants for each event must be received three days before the event.

Kathy and Doreen are working on the format for the Opening Day at Prestwick. It was commented that even though this is a team event, it would be nice to have some recognition of the low scores, no matter which team wins the event.

Championship will be at Hudson on July 31, August 1 and 2. Natalie and Gail will serve as the representatives and will work with the Pro, Jeff, for the championship event.

Any advance notification of cancellation due to inclement weather will be done by 6:30 AM by email to each club representative. If this notice is not received, then all members who signed up are required to come to the course.

All host clubs are encouraged to continue to have threesomes for all the events to help pace of play.

Fox Meadow will host the championship in 2019. Renee Dietz received feedback from the group that playing at one course as opposed to two would be preferable. Also, that the championship flight could play Sunday afternoon, with the remaining flights following on Tuesday and Wednesday as an option if it is easier for the course. Gail reminded everyone that the long-term schedule for the championship is set and it is better to approach each club earlier, rather than later, in order to get the championship date set on the calendar. Gail and Cheri have already received approval from the Congress Lake Board for the 2020 championship, with the dates yet to be determined.

The fall meeting date will be September 14, 2018 at Congress Lake Club.

Meeting was adjourned by Natalie at 11:45 AM. Followed by lunch.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Kaboth, Secretary