

FWGA Board Minutes

Tuesday, October 29, 2019
Tates Creek Golf Course

Members Present: Olive Gallagher, Greer Klesk, Lynn McCoy-Simandle, Diane Abbott, Kathy McArdle, Lynda Campbell, and Judy Halasek.
Absent: Deborah Slaton, Jacki Kirby, and Coleen Sydor

Presidents Olive Gallagher and Greer Klesk called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm and welcomed members of the board. As a first order of business, the presidents nominated Donna Eastburn and Lexi Calabrese to fill respectively the unexpired terms of board directors Olive Gallagher (term expires 9-20) and Greer Klesk (term expires 9-21). The board unanimously voted to elect Donna and Lexi to the board.

Olive reported to the board concerning the on-line survey regarding changing the league day to Monday from the traditional Tuesday. Fifteen members responded that they would be unable to play on Monday if the day were changed. Considering that the league would lose fifteen members with no guarantee that the number of new members would equal or surpass fifteen, Olive and Greer recommended that Tuesday remain as league day and board member concurred. League will continue to be played on Tuesday.

Olive reported on a meeting that she had with the Director of Golf for Lexington Parks and Recreation, Curtis Mitchell. Of concern to league members were the changes to the women's tees at Lakeside for the 2019 season without any forewarning. Additionally, members felt that the green fees for league play should reflect a discount that recognized the loyalty that the league has demonstrated to the city courses over the years. Curtis has agreed that the FWGA would have the same discounted rates as those offered to other groups. Curtis has suggested that a committee of three members from the FWGA meet with him and the city's four golf professionals to discuss concerns and generate ideas on improved communication between the league and his office. Olive suggested Roz Tender and Lexi Calabrese be members of the committee and Lynn volunteered to be the third member. Following the

meeting with Curtis and the golf pros, the committee will report to the board at the next board meeting.

At the general members meeting in September, Roz Tender suggested that we add other courses to our rotation schedule. After a lengthy discussion, it was suggested that the league could have away dates at other courses. Greer recommended to the board that the schedule for Tuesday league remain a rotation of the four city courses and that the "away" dates be one Thursday per month. It was suggested and agreed upon that the "away" dates be called "Bonus" days and that they occur every third Thursday of the month. Kathy McArdle volunteered to have a sign-up sheet available on the Tuesday before the "Bonus" Day and program the website to accept "Bonus" Day sign-ups. Greer, Judy, Diane, and Lynn volunteered to arrange a "Bonus" Day course for May, June, July, and August respectively. The fifth day will be determined later. Greer also will be formatting the schedule to include the "Bonus" Days on a one-page schedule.

Although the FWGA will be paying \$1.00 per member more to the KGA for GHIN membership, the board agreed that the leagues fees would remain at \$65.00 for the 2020 season. The optional chip-in pot will remain at \$5.00.

The board discussed the following issues, but delayed taking action until the March meeting to give members time to gather more information and consider the ramifications of board action:

1. Re-formatting the Hawthorne or Wides tournament to prevent having two low net tournaments. Currently, both tournaments are low net, but the Wides is low net for over 70 members. Greer suggested that having a tournament for older members might be considered offensive to some players who did not want to reveal their age. Board decided to table until March.

2. Reducing the number of players needed to designate play as an official league day with prizes awarded. Currently, the FWGA bylaws state that there must be 20 members playing on a league day for prizes to be awarded. Kathy McArdle suggested that we lower the number to 7 with Judy Halasek suggesting that a percentage of the total number of players be used rather than a raw number. If the board wants to revise the by-laws, the proposal to revise the bylaws must be voted on by the

membership. The next meeting of the general membership is at the spring orientation meeting on April 14, 2020. Board decided to table until March.

3. A bylaws change enacted in April 2019 by a vote of the membership provided for a provisional membership for those players wishing to join the FWGA, but who did not have an established handicap. Kathy McArdle, pairings chair, reported that the two players who joined as provisional members in 2019 established a handicap, after five plays with the league, sufficient to join the league. However, Diane Abbott, handicap chair, reported that the revisions to the worldwide handicap system under GHIN would require only 3 eighteen hole scores to establish a handicap. This change will necessitate a bylaws revision and discussion and decision was tabled until additional information could be obtained.

The next meeting date for the board will be in March with a specific date to be determined later. The spring orientation meeting was set for Tuesday, April 14th.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.