

FWGA Association Board of Directors Meeting
March 17, 2020

Board Members Present:

Olive Gallagher
Greer Klesk
Diane Abbott
Kathy McArdle
Coleen Sydor
Roz Tender
Lynn McCoy-Simandle
Donna Eastburn
Judy Halasek
Deborah Slaton
Lexi Calabrese

Board Members Absent:

Jacki Kirby
Lynda Campbell

The meeting was called to order by Olive Gallagher at approximately 1:10 P.M. The first item on the agenda was a review of the meeting attended by Roz Tender and Lexi Calabrese with Curtis Mitchell and the pros from the city courses which included:

1. Re-rating of Lakeside and Tates Creek and the new fairway tee boxes – no further discussion needed.
2. Assignment of groups – Kathy McArdle gave a brief explanation of how the holes are determined to be either Par 4's or Par 5's. Roz explained that the only thing that the pros requested from us is that we double-up on the Par 5's, which Kathy confirmed that we currently do, but also start groups on the Par 3's. Kathy, as pairings chairperson, agreed that we could do that.
3. Golf Clinics – no discussion warranted
4. Golf Genius – Roz explained the software available to us to input scores on our cell phones, thinking it would be better for Kathy but questioned if this was feasible. Kathy will investigate further.

Kathy explained that she and Diane Abbott attended a seminar at which Golf Genius was discussed. Her thinking is that we should get through the changes implemented by the World Handicapping System before we introduce another level to our members. She agreed to look at the software and find ways that it can help us. Roz went on to explain that for each of our outings (weekly games) the administrator would have to set up the event for that day. That would probably be someone from the city and not someone from the league (i.e. pairings chair/committee). Roz suggested that we postpone using

the system for this year and let the city first test it on the men's leagues before we put serious consideration into using it for our league. The consensus was that we leave this for discussion next year.

5. Women's Team Event (joint venture between FWGA and the City). Roz explained the concept to the Board saying that the City would like to expand and promote golf in the area. It was suggested that FWGA would not have to take the lead but rather partner with the city in resurrecting some kind of event that would be a good draw; especially since several of these "team" tournaments no longer exist (The Fillies, Lady Greenbrier, 6-6-6 etc.). Board approval should be required before any future meetings with the City on this subject. Olive agreed that it would be a good idea to investigate this further but with the current climate maybe now is not the time to try and plan for this. Roz also countered with the fact that there are a lot of tournaments in the spring and summer and that the fall may be a good time to host such a tournament but given the short amount of time to plan an event, it is probably something that we should discuss in the future.

Deborah Slaton stated that she, as a former member at Andover, played in these types of events and thought it would be good exposure for FWGA, especially if we connected to a women's charity. Deborah suggested taking this to the members and getting their input on it and possibly forming an exploratory committee. She also volunteered to help if the tournament should transpire.

Lexi Calabrese suggested that we try to involve other women's leagues from the city to join in the discussion on this tournament and perhaps send representatives from their leagues to meet with us when we meet with the city. The City would take the lead and we would perhaps "co-sponsor".

Greer Klesk also thought having another charity tournament was a great opportunity for golf.

Olive asked that Roz, Lynn and Lexi have a "second level" meeting with the city to further discussions but with no final decisions to be made yet.

Lexi added that this year may not be the best to ask for donations as the service industries have had to shutter for a time. Lynn thought that perhaps a small pilot tournament may be the way to go this year. Donna was concerned about the financial burden put on the league, but Roz assured the board that the league would not be responsible for any monetary commitment as the city would be responsible for providing the course, carts, publicity etc. Everyone agreed that we should and will discuss this more with the city.

The next part of the meeting dealt with the Greens Fees for a Year (excluding cart) passes that the city has generously donated to the league. Roz was able to get four of these certificates. The discussion basically centered around how to award them. Curtis suggested that they could be awarded on a points system (as is done with the men's league). A discussion on the criteria

for the points ensued with ideas such as participation, weekly winners, and/or extra points for the tournaments. Lynn suggested that we need to determine this before the league starts. Deborah suggested that we might follow the Central KY Women's league criteria this year. Roz added that higher flight winners may be better advantaged to win based on the consistency of their play and participation, so did not want to support the flight winner criteria. Donna added that the participation criteria also had drawbacks because some of the ladies' refusal to play certain courses. Lynn thought that a combination of achievement and participation should be considered. Donna agreed with Kathy's recommendation that the tournament winners should also get extra points. Olive suggested participation and par 3 scores. Roz reminded us that there will be extra work for whoever is designated to keep the points. Judy suggested another possibility of acquiring points would be through volunteering at the city courses throughout the season. Deborah suggested that we put our ideas into an email. The decision was made to let Olive and Greer decide this year but would welcome ideas.

Kathy moved on to the new World Handicap System. Equitable Stroke Control has been replaced by net double bogey. Hole by hole scores are encouraged but Kathy is going to clarify with Kentucky Golf House as to the input of total score vs. hole by hole scores. Another new item was that every time a score is entered by midnight, a new handicap will be available the next day. The new handicapping system will put weather and course playing conditions into play to determine net score. Par is determined by distance unless there is some unique feature on the hole that says it should be otherwise. We can ask local pros about hole adjustments. Also, holes can be adjusted if say, on a day, the hole is playing particularly easy on average for the group, it may be lowered or if seems particularly hard, may be raised.

Roz then raised the question of net double bogey for a hole which is the new standard. She asked how we were going to be able to do that if we just entered total scores. Kathy explained that the move is trying to encourage players to enter their hole by hole scores rather than total score. Previously, recording scores has been done on a total score basis but Kathy will now have to enter each player's score hole by hole. Roz commented that if we were to use Golf Genius and enter our scores hole by hole, the system would adjust for us which may create more work for Kathy. Roz suggested that we may need to have a club rule so as not to have to do hole by hole entry. Kathy thinks it will be less work but will confer with Golf House Kentucky to determine a solution. Deborah added that the GHIN app does let you enter hole by hole and that Kathy would have access to that. Roz suggested that players should enter their own scores and Kathy could be the "auditor". Kathy's opinion is that she would be quicker at entering the scores. Timing of entering personal scores was discussed. Double scorecards (Donna) and taking snapshots of your scorecard (Diane) were discussed. Greer felt a backup scorecard be recommended. Olive suggested asking a couple of people each week to help Kathy with scoring. Olive suggested that more research was needed before the spring meeting. All board members agreed that Kathy will determine which method of scoring would be most feasible for her and league members.

The next agenda item, reducing the number of players need to designate play as an official league day with prizes awarded, was discussed. It was decided that if 20% of the total league membership played on league day, those players would be divided into two flights and prizes would be awarded. This change will be put forth to be voted on at the Spring Meeting. Coleen, our By-Laws Chair, will be responsible for drawing up a proposal for the members to vote on at the Spring Meeting, with regard to changing the language in the by-laws, to reflect above, and Olive will assist her with the secretarial of this.

Provisional membership will be changed from establishing a handicap after five plays with the league to a combination of scores for or at a minimum of 54 holes; those scores posted from a combination of 18-hole or 9-hole rounds. Rounds do not have to be played within the league but must be attested to by someone in the league. Players will play under "provisional" status in the league. If a 54-hole handicap is not established, membership fees will be returned. Kathy also noted that the current standard for posting if a complete 9 or 18 hole round is not completed would be:

a minimum of 14 holes played would post as an 18-hole score and between 7-13 holes would post as a 9-hole score. Provisional players would post a nine-hole score regardless of the actual numbers of holes played. These changes will be put forth to be voted on at the general meeting. Coleen, our By-Laws chair, will be responsible for drawing up a Proposal for the members to vote on at the Spring Meeting, with regard to changing the language in the by-laws, to reflect above, and Olive with assist her with the secretarial of this.

Discussion progressed to reformatting the Hawthorne and the Wides tournaments. Roz informed us that the Tournament Chair and Historian positions were eliminated a few years ago. Kathy shared her ideas for reformatting the Wides tournament and changing the Hawthorne into another "putting" tournament. Donna questioned the future of the Ruby Campbell noting that Roberta Watts would no longer be able to participate. A suggestion by Roz was made to eliminate both the Hawthorne and the Wides since they were both low net tournaments, with the Wides being age restricted, and keep the Ruby Campbell but to rename it, as suggested by Greer. Donna was concerned that there would not be any special tournaments left and that the league would then just be playing week to week. Roz did mention that the tournament winner would be the same as the weekly winner. Kathy noted that last year there were 36 participants in the Hawthorne. After much discussion, it was decided to keep the Hawthorne as a low net tournament and the Ruby Campbell as a low putts tournament and retire the Wides with the trophy to be retired to Tates Creek Clubhouse. Sponsorship for the Ruby Campbell will go away and the funds from Wides will transfer to the Ruby Campbell.

Donna asked about fees for this year. The fees will remain the same as last year. Judy questioned the bonus days and noted that many conflicted with regional tournaments that

were already scheduled. Because this is a bonus day, those wanting to play have the option to participate. No prizes or points will be awarded and guests are permitted.

The agenda for the spring meeting was approved with the addition of adding the new handicap system items.

Kathy brought up the question of notifying the membership about the spring meeting. It was decided that we would not make a decision until April 7th whether to hold the meeting or postpone to a later date. We can notify members via the web site.

Roz mentioned that some of the Central Kentucky members were asking the tough questions regarding play during the Coronus Virus outbreak. As most cancellations and postponements are day to day, none of this can be answered with any authority until we get closer to opening day.

The meeting concluded at 2:27 P.M. from a motion from Kathy.

Respectfully submitted by Lexi Calabrese