



# KANSAS WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

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## **REGIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS**

**March 1, 2007**

The Spring KWGA's Board of Directors' Meetings were conducted at three regions:

- Flint Hills – Shawnee Country Club in Topeka
- Little Balkans – Reflection Ridge Golf Club in Wichita
- Western Prairie – Dodge City Country Club in Dodge City

The KWGA Executive Board and Staff members facilitated the meetings. The agendas and reports for each meeting were essentially identical, thus the minutes are a compilation of the three meetings. Significant exceptions among the three meetings will be noted at the end of the minutes.

For the morning session, each region held the following seminars:

- Golf Tips for Women which was led by the club's golf professional
- Handicap/GHIN/Course Rating
- President's Seminar
- Tournament Director's Seminar on Adult Championships and Special Events

### **HANDICAP/GHIN/COURSE RATING SEMINAR**

The delegates were thanked for attending the regional meeting, and were assured that the information they received would be beneficial. They were told that everything discussed and presented today was designed to contribute to a successful golf season.

KWGA begins the 2007 golf season with 5196 golfers on the KWGA GHIN Handicap Service. KWGA welcomes Stagg Hill Golf Course as our newest club. Stagg Hill has been a KGA club for many years. There are:

- 429 men on an 18-hole service
- 2855 women on an 18-hole service
- 1912 women on a 9-hole service

GHIN fees have increased this year:

- R** Regular GHIN fee                      \$9.00
- S** Second GHIN number                \$7.00 (i.e. 9-hole member also has an 18-hole number, or vice versa)
- O** Other - Member who pays Regular GHIN fee at another club but also belongs to your club. Fee is \$7.00
- J** Junior golfer (under 18 years of age) No charge

Important items:

- 1) If you have changed your email address since last year, go to GHIN.com and click on Update Email Address and type in your new one.
- 2) You can Post-On-Line as many times as you want. GHIN eliminated keeping your internet scores under 50%



So, the Handicap System is the procedure one adheres to in order to acquire a Handicap Index and **GHIN** takes the procedures (scores) and computes the scores into the Handicap Index.

The course rating ladies currently on the teams were thanked for their time and energy: Pat Bruenger, Pat Schroeder, Jean Domann, Terry Chesnut, Rosalie Goebel, Marilyn Linn and Marcia Roets.

Acknowledgements

were also given to the Ladies Golf Associations and the clubs for the wonderful reception the teams receive when they do the course ratings. The clubs being rated provided the teams with golf carts and the Ladies Golf Association provided lunch.

#### PRESIDENT'S SEMINAR

The presenters of this seminar explained the 2007 KWGA Information Sources for Club Presidents. This document was in each President's packet. It details what information could be found on the website, in the *Golfbag* or in the packet that President's were given at the meeting.

Attendees were reminded to tell the Junior golfers that the Natasha Matson Fife Scholarship applications are due March 15. Applicants can be in college, and they do not have to play golf while in college. Information about the scholarship can be found on the KWGA.org website.

The presenters informed the audience that KWGA head covers would be added to the supplies inventory this year.

Club Presidents were reminded to submit their membership list to Pat Schroeder, Membership Chair, to ensure that members can play in the Senior/Super Senior Tournament in May.

#### TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S SEMINAR ON ADULT TOURNAMENTS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

1. KWGA has elected to adopt USGA Local Rule (14-3/0.5), which allows a Committee to permit the use of distance measuring devices. This rule will be adopted for a one-year trial period. It will be re-evaluated after that period. This applies to devices that measure distance only, not other conditions that might affect a player's play (e.g., wind or gradient)

2. Women's Amateur Championship – KWGA will be changing the structure to include two divisions, a **Championship Division and an Open Division**. The Open Division will be for participants with a USGA Handicap Index of 15.0 or higher, but having the option to declare up to the Championship Division. If the USGA Handicap Index is 14.9 or lower, the competitor will be in the Championship Division, with the Champion coming from this division. Flights will be pre-flighted by USGA Handicap Index and by the number of entries within each division. The Open Division will play from shorter yardage than the Championship Division.

3. The Match Play Championship will add a qualifying round. The low 16 USGA Handicap Indexes, plus ties, qualify for 8 spots to be seated in the **Championship Flight** and the next 8 would be seated in the **President's Flight**. The others would be seated in flights according to their USGA Handicap Indexes. The qualifying round would be 18 holes of stroke play, being played the same time as the practice round for the others (the day prior to the start of matches.) Championship and President's Flights will play from a longer yardage than the other flights.

4. On-line entries will go to a new permanent e-mail address, [kwgatl@kwga.org](mailto:kwgatl@kwga.org). Correspondence for the Tournament Director may also be sent to this address.

These changes should encourage players of all calibers to enjoy participation in KWGA Championships.

The 2007 Special Events were presented. They are:

1-Day Tournament	May 5	Hidden Lakes GC, Derby
1-Day Tournament	June 3	Alvamar Public GC, Lawrence
Women’s Golf Week Event	June 9	Stagg Hill GC, Manhattan
Women’s Golf Week Event	June 9	Hidden Lakes GC, Derby
1-Day Tournament	June 23	Sand Creek Station GC, Newton
1-Day Tournament	August 5	Dodge City CC, Dodge City
Fore State Championship	August 14-16	Hardscrabble CC, Ft. Smith, AR
Partner Tournament	Sept 15-16	Hesston Golf Park, Hesston
Charity Tournament	October 4	Sand Creek Station GC, Newton
USGA Women’s State Team Championship	Sept 18-20	The Club at Carlton Woods, The Woodlands, TX

Attendees were informed that Deb Richard, former Amateur Champion and LPGA retiree, is scheduled to be the guest speaker

at the Junior State Championship. Club presidents were encouraged to inform their Junior golfers of this event.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at the three regions. The golf professionals were thanked for their presentations, and for allowing KWGA to utilize their clubs for the Spring meeting. Club Presidents’ were applauded for their attendance. Past Presidents and special guests were recognized at each site:

- Wichita – Natasha Fife, Past President; Pam Baldwin, President of Reflection Ridge GC; and Donna Roth, Site Chair for the Amateur
- Topeka - Cindy Cooper, Past Treasurer and Donna Stubenhofer, Past Scholarship Chair

It was reported that the number of attendees at all three sites totaled 103. This number constituted a quorum so that business could be conducted. Minutes of the 2006 Fall Board of Directors meeting were approved as written.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

This report was made during the President’s Seminar.

**VICE-PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

KWGA has awarded 9 hole-in-one awards to:

7/24/2006	Barb Allen	Cherry Oaks	7	96	P wedge
8/7/2006	Audrey Yowell	Turkey Creek GC	2	175	5 Iron
9/27/2006	Joyce Olbeding	Western Hills GC	8	74	Sand Wedge
9/29/2006	Joy Pierson	Lake Perry CC	7	151	3 Wood
10/13/2006	Maurine Gaddis	Turkey Creek GC	12	111	8 Iron
10/17/2006	Betty Mai	Willowbend G C	4	123	5 Iron

10/17/2006	Paula Stevens	Stagg Hill GC	14	113	9 wood
10/19/2006	Sandra Preston	Colbert Hills GC	8	138	8 Iron
11/26/2006	Kathy Kopfman	Rock Hill CC	8	107	8 Iron

One honorary membership was awarded to Connie Bowen of Reflection Ridge. KWGA is fortunate to have not lost any of our members due to death since November 1, 2006.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Our fiscal year 11/1/2005 through 10/31/2006 ended with our balance sheet showing \$40,415.30 in total assets. We reported \$135,268.68 in revenue and \$143,655.97 in expenses, for a net loss \$8,387.29, on our income tax return, as planned by the KWGA Board of Directors. On October 31, 2002, our assets were \$71,537.27. We have reduced our assets by \$31,121.97 since that date.

As of February 24, 2007, the KWGA balance sheet showed \$30,185.18 in assets, equaling liabilities and equity. The profit and loss statement reflected \$5,893.91 in income and \$16,124.03 in expenses, for a current net loss or \$10,230.12, which is usual for this time of year. With the current budget that is in place and the raise in dues effective this year, it is projected that income and expenses will more closely match each other.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR’S REPORT

This report was given during the morning seminars.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

At the end of 2006, the total paid membership was 157 clubs and 3,478 individual members. The individual members included 354 honorary members and 33 associates. There are 160 clubs on our roster. Three clubs did not pay club dues in 2006: Paola Country Club, Kansas City-Deer Creek and Garnett Country Club. One-hundred and one clubs have paid their club dues, leaving 59 clubs who have not yet paid in 2007. Individual memberships have not yet begun to come in. Income thus far is \$1010.00 for club dues.

COURSE RATING REPORT

This report was given during the morning seminars.

GOLFBAG EDITOR REPORT

The *Golfbag* will be undergoing a facelift for the Spring 2007 issue. The reconstruction of Lawrence Country Club, the site for the 2007 Tee-Fore-Two, will be featured in this issue. Efforts will be made to sell fewer ads for more money, and to generally target advertisers related to lodging, restaurants, golf facilities, and golf equipment or apparel.

JUNIOR GOLF REPORT

Deb Richard, past KWGA member and recently retired from the LPGA, will be coming this summer to speak at our 47<sup>th</sup> Junior State Championship. This tournament will be held at Manhattan Country Club. She was secured at no charge because she is a past KWGA Junior State Champion and Amateur Champion, and she agreed to speak to the girls in the state. Deb won the 1979 KWGA Junior State Championship. In 1982 & 1983 she won the Amateur Championship. It is hoped that this will help bring some excitement to our dwindling program.

It was noted that when Juniors become 18 years old, they are no longer Juniors. The GHIN computer automatically deletes them from the Junior category.

SPECIAL EVENTS

This report was given during the morning seminar.

STATE SPONSORSHIP

MaryLee Evans and Natasha Fife have developed a state sponsorship brochure and have begun soliciting funds. To date, \$800.00 has been received.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

Our championship dates are as follows:

Sr/Super Sr: May 21,22,23 @ Lake Shawnee GC, Topeka, Entries open April 10 – close May 8,  
Ginni Lewis-site chair

Amateur: July 9,10,11 @ Reflection Ridge GC, Wichita, Entries open May 29 – close June 25,  
Donna Roth-site chair

Tee-Fore-Two: Aug 14,15,16 @ Lawrence CC, Lawrence, Entries open July 3 – close July 31,  
Bobette Puderbaugh-site chair

Match Play: September 6,7,8,9 @ Terradyne CC, Andover, Entries close Aug 23, no site chair-Greg  
Bray, Head Golf Professional-contact

KWGA/GHIN ADMINISTRATOR

This report was covered during the morning seminar.

LONG RANGE COMMITTEELong Range Committee

The Long Range Committee communicated via e-mail and addressed the following:

- I. Development of a Business Strategy for KWGA
  - A. Define our goals for 2007 and the future
    1. LRC agreed most that the most important goals were communication with our members and clubs, and promotion of KWGA
    2. Membership growth
- II. Promotional Strategy for KWGA
  - A. Develop ways to market KWGA
  - B. Seek corporate sponsorship and marketing ideas
- III. Recruit New Members
  - A. Develop a brochure-type invitation to distribute to Kansas Ladies Golf Associations that are not current members
- IV. Do we continue with the office of a Parliamentarian?
  - A. LRC agreed that we could eliminate this
- V. Development of an Editorial Board for reviewing our media releases, publications, website and forms
  - A. LRC agreed that this is a good idea and we need to consider it. Perhaps we could utilize our membership at large to help fill this board. The *Golfbag* Editor could chair it and select KWGA members who have skills in publications.
- VI. Sponsorship and Partners
  - A. LRC agreed this is something we need to investigate
- VII. Development of an e-mail database for notification of events and information to our membership
  - A. The database has started with our website mailbox
  - B. Add the e-mail addresses for the registrations from our Spring meeting to the Mailbox database
  - C. Add the e-mail addresses we receive from our 2007 tournament entries

to the database.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. Eliminate the staff position of Parliamentarian
- B. Add the e-mail addresses received from the registrations of our 2007 Spring meeting and future e-mail address received from our 2007 tournaments to our mailbox database. Have the website coordinator state on our news updates "If you do not wish to receive further messages from KWGA, please contact the KWGA Website Coordinator at [mtaunton@cablone.net](mailto:mtaunton@cablone.net)."

#### Tournament Committee

The KWGA Tournament Committee Meeting was called to order on February 26, 2007. Attendees were: Donna McDaniel, Karen Exon, Denise Desilet, Joyce McCabe, Sara Lomax Penny Hickman, Bev Hickey, and Velvet Shogren. The topics discussed were:

- The question of whether our Championship Contract is adequate was discussed. It was decided that Donna McDaniel would reword the contract and submit it for editorial review.
- Cutting entry fees was discussed. It was decided that due to rising costs, entry fees should not be cut. It was recommended that each course be evaluated to determine fees for each tournament.
- The cost of awards was reviewed. The current awards are the least expensive in the catalog that is used to purchase them. These awards are of high quality and the decision was made to continue using them.
- How to better utilize the tournament assistants was discussed. The assistants will be in charge of publicity for the tournaments. They will also distribute the schedules and communicate with each club as the tournaments near.

Keeping permanent records of all tournament data was discussed. It was decided to back-up and save the tournaments on a floppy disc or CD. It was also decided to update the site chair manuals. Maps will no longer be published because of copyright issues. Information for the manuals needs to be in Microsoft Word or PDF format. Scans will not be accepted. Site chairs will no longer sell ads, but will suggest where substantial ads might be procured. McDaniel and McCabe will update the manuals.

Automatic berths for the host clubs are not included in the Tournament Director's manual and the Site Chair information. It was decided that each tournament should have eight automatic berths for their own tournament. This means Tee-Fore-Two would have four teams.

The changes to the Amateur were reviewed. It was suggested that a Perpetual Trophy be awarded in the Open Division and Morris will investigate if one is available.

#### Tournament Committee Meeting (Online January and February 2007)

All members of the Tournament Committee were involved in these email discussions: Donna McDaniel, Bev Hickey, Denise Desilet, Joyce McCabe, Sara Lomax, Penny Hickman, Barb Gourlay, Judy Morris, & Velvet Shogren. Items discussed included:

Awards:

- Do we stay with the same award we used for 2006? Change

- Do we stay with Sterling Cut Glass? Yes
- Awards were selected within our price range and were voted on.  
The Hampton Pitcher will be the award for 2007.

#### Online Entry Fees:

- Should we charge the entries for the Tee-For-Two a \$10 administrative fee instead of the \$5 fee we charged in 2006 and lost money on? Yes
- Should we separate online entry fees from the tournament entry fees? No, it is not legal to separate these fees.
- Should we stay with PayPal as a credit vendor? Myrna Taunton investigated other options and it was decided to continue using PayPal.

#### Tee-Fore-Two:

- Discussion was held in regard to decreasing the prices for Tee-Fore-Two. The only answer was to try to reduce the food prices.

#### Audit Committee

The Audit Committee reviewed the books of the KWGA Treasurer and KWGA Scholarship Chairs at the home of Bobette Puderbaugh. The committee found the books to be in order. The Audit Committee was comprised of Myrna Taunton, Chair, Winky Busy of Emporia Municipal, and Brenda Shaw of Emporia Country Club.

The recommendation of the committee is that KWGA review the administrative fees and service charges of the Topeka Community Foundation.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- The appointment of the 2007 Nominating Committee was announced: Chair, Priscilla Lunkenheimer, Derby Golf and Country Club; Linda Riley, Liberal Country Club; and Di Akins, Topeka-Western Hills Golf Club.
- Newly appointed Staff Members are Darlene Allen, Photography Chair and Betty Cooper, Scholarship Chair.
- **The positions for Secretary, Treasurer and Handicap Director are up for re-election this year and will be voted on at the Fall Meeting.**
- A workshop on the 2007 Rules of Golf will be at Rolling Hills Country Club on March 15, 2007.
- The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held at Rolling Hills Country Club on October 4, 2007. Registration will be at 8:00 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 8:30. This earlier start is so that attendees can participate in the Susan G. Komen Charity Tournament that will be held at Newton's Sand Creek Course at 1:00 p.m..
- **Recommendation: Recommend the deletion of Bylaw "Article VII. Staff Section 10: The Parliamentarian shall be the parliamentarian at all Executive Board and Board of Director's meetings. She shall chair the Bylaws Committee," and renumber the sections that follow in that Article.** This item will be voted on at the Fall Meeting.

#### INFORMATION FROM DODGE CITY MEETING

- The content and availability of information on the website is appreciated.
- Can the Membership Add-on Form be put on the website?
- It was suggested that the state meetings be held on Saturdays to accommodate women who work outside the home.

- Does KWGA offer an 18-hole low net winner? If so, can an a.m. 9-hole and a p.m. 9-hole scores be combined?
- A discussion was held on whether Junior golfers should be able to play in Adult tournaments.
- It was suggested that attendees introduce themselves at these meetings.
- Another suggestion was to put Golfbag on the web and let people opt out of the paper copy.
- It was announced by Debbie King of Liberal that their Eskimo tournament would be held on March 10.

The meetings were adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise O'Hare Desilet, KWGA President

Jan Davis, KWGA Secretary