

Summary of 2019 VSWGGA Fall Board Meeting

October 8, 2019

Quechee Club

Board and Committee Members Present:

Chris Johnson, Kathy Sikora, Cathy Neff, Sue Fox, Jo Allsopp, Linda Jane Parson, Dana Cassidy, Sis Capeless, Mary Ann Athanas, Nancy Myers, Jen Steck, Debbie Jensen

Absent: Sarah Lee, Lauri Brown - attending the Girls Junior Tournament

Call To Order 9:36 AM

The following officers were elected .

President: Sis Capeless
Vice President: Linda Jane Parson
Secretary: Jo Allsopp
Treasurer: Chris Johnson

Director North: Mary Ann Athanas
Director Central: Sue Fox
Director South: Sarah Lee
Director at Large: Dana Cassidy
Director at Large: Linda Jane Parson

NW Liaison: Mary Ann Athanas
NE Liaison: Debbie Jensen
Central W Liaison: Sue Fox
Central E Liaison: Jo Allsopp
South Liaison: Sarah Lee

Tri State Presentation

Peg McBride and Trish Wade presented a number of shirts for approval for Tri State Tournament to be held at Rutland in 2020. Options were presented for VSWGGA expenses.

Treasurer's Report

As presented at the Annual Meeting. Chris noted need to remain fiscally conservative and that a non-profit can make a profit. Accounts have turned around from seeing a deficit to maintaining a balance to cover short years should they arise. Discussed need for long term goal. Feels she needs to make a profit on all three majors no matter how small.

Committee Report

State Days

Dana working on confirming final calendar for 2020. Still some club issues. Question arose should all clubs be made to participate. Our bylaws state that dues are paid so members can play in State Days but board may waive rules for clubs holding State Days.

Rules

Cathy Neff stated players are not always following the Rules of Golf and are still winning points. Unclear how we can get all players to understand the rules. Recommendations were made to change and highlight section on rules in the handbook. Need to accent point #2 – “All players must hole out on each hole ...”

Jen Steck made a point about asking for rulings – pros not always right with but must accept their answers if no other means to be determined.

Sis Capeless reworked point #3 regarding proper behavior. See below:

#3 Proper behavior is expected of all players. In the event of improper behavior by a player during a State Day event, the club rep should be notified after play is completed. The club rep will then put the complaint in writing and submit to the VSWGGA for further investigation. All such complaints will be confidential. In the event of improper behavior by a player at a major tournament, the tournament director should be notified.

Nancy Myers recommended when refined, send info emails.

Action: Send out changes and reinforcements by email to all members.

Junior Golf

Approximately \$2000 is collected each year from CTP money to go toward junior golf. VGA will give free GHIN to juniors. VSWGGA agreed to extend free membership to juniors. For ages 19-25, reduced fee of \$20. Discussed various methods to get more participation by juniors.

Action: Poster made by Lauri Brown to be edited and given to clubs and schools for posting.

Action: Talk to VGA about how and if they manage the First Tee program in VT.

Communication

Kathy Sikora reported Facebook page is open to members to share photos. Summary of Annual Meeting minutes will be linked on the web page.

Pace of Play

Nancy Myers will remind players of Pace of Play rules and suggestions for speeding up play. This includes the play through option and will be listed in the member handbook. Slow play has been a problem with the final groups at majors and no penalties have been given.

Action: Jen Steck and rules committee will work on how to enforce slow play rules at majors.

Proposals

Review issues from 2019 Annual meeting

1. Agreed to table expanded redemption of chits at outside retail establishments. Will amend awards statement in handbook.
2. Lakeside players can be recognized as a non-real estate club. Debbie Jensen will contact other Lakeside members to identify a rep with voting privileges. Members can win individual points but not team points.
3. Proposed by Dayle Burditt: a form of golf course challenge. Sis recommended played during State Days. Play as many different courses as you can throughout the state. Kathy Sikora and Mary Ann Athanas will join Dayle on the committee to develop this plan.

New Business

Player behavior addressed again regarding alcohol abuse on and off course during State Days and Majors. As was discussed, new wording will be noted in handbook.

Jen Farrington and Peg McBride will contact Golf Genius to find out how to add “friend” indicator for State Days where outside friends are attending. Also a “member” indicator for those players who have renewed their membership in any given year to identify them from the overall master roster. Also will add forward tee notifications for those clubs added this year.

Negotiations with VGA: Sis explained GHIN money breakdown at this time. VGA collects GHIN money, pays for Golf Genius, handles the course rating with VSWGGA assistance. Sis will attend the VGA Annual meeting.

Reviewed Member Handbook – any editing or comments should be sent to Jen Steck for review for the 2020 handbook.

2020 Plans

In preparation for the VSWGGA 20th Anniversary and Tri States Tournament being held in Vermont:

1. Patti Haas has agreed to upgrade the video she presented at the 80th Anniversary
2. Sis requested: VSWGGA memento to be given to all members to celebrate; new flag with our new logo to be hung at all events; celebratory cake at all majors; FAC celebration including inviting past members of VSWGGA. After discussion, **Sue Fox moved to budget \$5000 to 2020 events. Mary Ann Athanas seconded. Approved.**
3. Debbie Jensen will contact the USGA to notify them of our 90th Anniversary.
4. Tri States shirts were discussed. Option selected – New Horizons Kelly green shirt. #2 proviso – VSWGGA will purchase, but players will buy their own shirts. Expect to break even as to monies spent within 3 years.

Next meeting will be by phone late November or early December. TBD

Summary prepared by Sis Capeless