

VSWGGA Minutes

April 21, 2021

Submitted by: Peg McBride

Call to Order & Roll Call

Present: Linda Jane Parson, Jen Farrington, Sis Capeless, Sarah Lee, Jen Steck, Jayne Magnet, Pam Boyd, Patty Shirk, Pam Boyd, Lauri Brown, Kathy Sikora, Peg McBride, Dana Cassidy, Cathy Neff, Trish Wade

Absent: Jo Allsopp

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Approved.

Treasurer Report - Jayne Magnant

VSWGGA treasurer reports good financial position, despite COVID 19 last year; our organization has recovered very well from critical financial solvency concerns of a few years ago. Due to the hard work and fiscal responsibility of the officers and the board of directors of the past 4+ years, the VSWGGA now has a solid financial footing and cash to carry out our mission to support Women's Golf in Vermont for now and the future; we continue to work to involve more women, young and old, in our State Days, our major tournaments, and in Junior Golf.

Tri-States Budget Report - Trish Wade, Tri-State Captain

The Tri-State Budget was reviewed and approved.

Burlington State Day - Jen Farrington

So many players have registered for Burlington State Day that Jen has capped the registration at 100 people. Some of those registered have been guests. Jen clarified with the Board that VSWGGA members get priority over guests for the event. The Board agreed.

Rakes are in the bunkers at Burlington. The Board discussed this issue in the light of Covid and the fact that some people are still not comfortable touching rakes. It was suggested that we continue with last year's local rule that allows a player to move a ball that is in a foot print or unusually rough conditions in a sand bunker. Jen F. and Jen S. will come up with the proper wording for the rule.

Club Rep Training - Kathy Sikora

The Zoom training for the Club Reps was very successful and had great attendance. Kathy was present for most of the presentations. Jen Farrington, and Linda Jane hosted at all of the meetings.

Posters, rules, and other information for clubs to display will be distributed to each club to help the Club Reps recruit more members. Kathy and Sis will bring this information to Burlington at the May 4 State Day to give to as many Club Reps as possible.

Business cards will also be supplied to the Club Reps. Jen Steck has designed the business cards and sent them out for review. She will resend the card to get a final verification before sending it to the printers. It was agreed that 1000 business cards would be ordered at a cost of \$60.

Kathy Sikora raised the issue that the Club Reps do not always know which members from their club have joined the VSWGGA. It was decided that the Liaisons will compile a list of the VSWGGA members for the clubs that they are responsible for and mail each of their Club Reps the members of her club June 1.

9-Hole Division for State Days - Kathy Sikora

Some VSWGGA members are having trouble playing 18 holes of golf, but would still like to be a part of the competition. These players may have an illness, an injury, or just getting older. There was a discussion regarding a 9-hole division that included how many players would be interested, how much work would need to be done to support it, etc. There would probably need to be about 12 people to make this a viable option. It was decided that Kathy Sikora and Sis would put together a survey to get more information and determine if there is enough interest to pursue this idea.

Club Invoices - Linda Jane Parson

Linda Jane has the President's letter to send to our clubs whenever the invoices are ready. The club fees have returned to the full price rather than last year's discounted price. Jayne will work with our bookkeeper Meg to get the invoices to Jen Farrington by May 1.

Green Mountain Challenge Pins - Kathy Sikora

Kathy has hand written a card and attached a pin for each of the players receiving the 15-clubs-played pin. It makes a very attractive presentation. She proposed that we could use

the same pin for each of the levels achieved, but the pin would get progressively larger as you reach each milestone. No decision was made regarding the future pins.

Junior League - Laurie Brown

This year the VGA and PGA combined their junior golf event schedule. Laurie plans to attend as many of the events as possible. VSWGGA members who belong to the clubs hosting these events should be encouraged to get involved with these events to encourage young girls. They could also hang posters advertising that young girls can play VSWGGA state days. The Junior events are co-ed unless they are for high school-age, when they are split into boys and girls divisions.

Laurie is focusing on expanding communications. Some of her ideas are: posters on bulletin boards in schools, attending junior events to make contacts, and developing relationships where junior golf activities are already happening (calendar items in papers, get events advertised in park & rec events).

Golf & Ski has donated clubs. It is important that juniors know how to apply to get these. Laurie would like to get posters on bulletin boards in schools.

Flowers - Jen Farrington

Jen sent flowers to Mary Ann Athanas on behalf of the VSWGGA board. Mary Ann has begun hospice at home.

It was also noted that Jean Witcekowski passed away. Pam Boyd will try to find an obituary to post on the VSWGGA website.