

2023 VSWGGA Annual Fall Board Meeting

Meeting: Fall Board Meeting

Date/Time: October 10, 2023 9:30 AM

Place: Quechee Club

Board and Committee Members Present: Linda Jane Parson, Jayne Magnant, Kate Mitchell, Dana Cassidy, Fran McCune, Sis Capeless, Nathalie Lascelles, Jen Steck

Present via video: Amy Butcher, Ellen Grimes

Board and Committee Members Absent: Sarah Lee

Call To Order 9:30 AM

Minutes from 2022 Fall Board Meeting

Amy Butcher moved to approve. Linda Jane Parson seconded. **Approved**

Welcome of new board members and appointment of Officers:

		<u>Term Expiration Year</u>
President:	Linda Jane Parson	2024 (2nd Term)
Vice President:	Amy Butcher	2025
Secretary:	Kate Mitchell	2026
Treasurer:	Jayne Magnant	2026 (2nd Term)
Director North:	Fran McCune	2025
Director Central:	Ellen Grimes	2024
Director South:	Sarah Lee	2025 (2nd Term)
Director at Large:	Dana Cassidy-State Day Chair	2024 (2nd Term)
Director at Large:	Nathalie Lascelles	2026
NW Liaison :	Amy Butcher	2025
NE Liaison :	Fran McCune	2025
Central W Liaison:	Ellen Grimes	2024
Central E Liaison:	Nathalie Lascelles	2026
South Liaison:	Sarah Lee	2025 (2nd Term)

Dana Cassidy moved to approve officers. Fran McCune seconded. **Approved**

The Board cross checked the term expiration dates noted above on the web vs handbook and updates will be made to both with any errors or discrepancies.

VSWGGA Google Drive:

- Discussed Google Drive current access and who should be removed, added and when added if only view or also edit permissions.
- Jayne will work with Karen Bowser, VSWGGA Admin on this. *Action needed.*

Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report

- Jayne submitted her reports.
- Noted that the first check has been received from the VGA and 2nd payment will be coming.
- Budget work for next year begins in November. Committees should submit in this time frame.
- Several clubs still owe us money and Jayne is working on contacting those clubs.
- 2023 Stipends discussed and further discussion in works for 2024.
- Chits being broken up into smaller amounts discussed again. With Admin feedback it is not easy to split them up. A better solution is for clubs to accept the chits for more than just pro shop items.
 - Sis is polling clubs to find out how many offers extended use of chits. *Action needed.*

Tri-States

- Jen Steck presented her report.
- In 2024 the tournament will be held in VT at Brattleboro Country Club.
- See Majors section for new eligibility policy to participate.

Major Tournaments

- Jen Steck presented her report including new a Major Tournament Eligibility Policy. The Board reviewed and made a few changes.
- Jayne Magnant moved to approve the new Major Tournament Eligibility Policy with changes. Fran McCune seconded. **Approved**

2024 tournament venues:

- Seniors – Jen still at work to confirm. *Action needed.*
- Amateurs – Champlain Country Club
- Mid-Ams – Haystack
- Jen is working on revamping the Major team committee members so that there are sub committees to help as well such as Rules & POP, Communications/Press Releases, Food, Trophies, Prizes.
Action needed.
 - Volunteer Coordinator: Fran McCune volunteered to fill this role.
- Trophies need some maintenance work. Sis stores them. Discussion regarding plaques vs trophies.
Action needed.

State Day

- Dana Cassidy presented.
- 2024 Calendar is almost finalized.
- The Board reviewed how the club divisions are selected to be sure it is fair.

- The divisions will remain as they are unless we decide to change them at our December 2023 meeting after more discussions. Once finalized the info will be published on the website and in the handbook. *Action needed.*
 - 1st Division = 20+ VSWGGA members at club
 - 2nd Division = 9-19
 - 3rd Division = 8 and under.

Junior Golf

- Working on vision. *Action needed.*

Communication

- Amy Butcher presented her report.
- Marketing plan in works
- In the newsletter add a section “get to know” and highlight a VSWGGA member.
- Newsletter frequency is once per month.
- Get the word out for Invitationals.

Visionary Committee

No Presentation.

Pace of Play

- Linda Jane and Sis to check with Ellen McAndrews regarding flow for State Day Reps and who to email the pace of play reports to since Kate Mitchell has joined the committee. *Action Needed.*
 - Pace of Play reports email update.
 - Club Rep documents update.
- Susan Rand is working on coordinating with some players to create fun videos to help speed up play.

Handbook

Jen Steck is ready for all submissions for 2024 handbook by December.

Other:

New Business

- **Rules initiative.** Need some accountability for those that take the rules course, and the expectation is that this knowledge will be used to help at VSWGGA Majors and VGA events. Linda Jane, Susan Rice, Diane Stowell, Josie Herrera, Ellen Grimes, Amy Butcher, Jen Steck have expressed interest.
- **COVID Policy.** Jayne will work on a COVID policy for the handbook. The Board will review at a future meeting. *Action needed.*
- **Lakeside Rep.** Linda Jane will send out an email to all Lakeside members to get a volunteer rep. *Action needed.*
- **Survey.** Ellen Grimes reviewed the survey results (they were presented at the Club Rep meeting at Lake Morey as well).

- Registration opens currently at 6am 3 weeks prior. Looking at opening at either 6, 6:30 or 7am, depending on when Karen Bowser is available should there be any issues, and shorten to 2 weeks out. **Action needed.**
 - Discussed change for popular events (VNCC, BCC, Dorset)
 - Jayne Magnant made motion to change to 1-2-3 time slots vs actual tee times, Nathalie Lascelles seconded. **Approved.**
 - We discussed checking with Admin and then if there are other ideas that work better, we will update this at our December meeting. **Action needed.**
 - Club Reps need to be comfortable with Golf Genius. If they are a new rep, they need to be sure to do one of the trainings that are offered.
 - Forward Tees. Pay only net and must have 22 or higher handicap (down from 25). Nathalie Lascelles made motion. Jayne Magnant seconded. **Approved**
 - Survey info results back to Membership so they understand why certain things are done the way they are and not changed. Sis & Ellen to work on this. **Action needed.**
 - “Turtles” now called “slow play” and the Board is working on updating the handbook so clearer on what is expected including number of minutes behind group ahead of you and what number is considered slow play. **Action needed.**
- **Course Ratings.** Nathalie, Liz Fothergill, Amy Mason, and Sandy Carpenter have expressed interest. Training to start in January.
 - **Sarah Hunter Tournament.** Linda Jane to send out a video promoting the tournament and get a save the date on the calendar.
 - **Mission Statement.** The board is reviewing. Linda Jane & Amy Butcher are working on this. **Action needed.**

Old Business

- **Green Mountain Challenge.** New names will be added to the book with * to denote reached milestone in 2023. It will take quite some time for members to play all the clubs so still time to work on what that milestone gift will be.
- **Board Bonding.** Sis proposes again to have an in-person meeting in May or June in conjunction with one of the state days for board bonding.
- **VGA.** Linda Jane reported continued great relations with VGA.
- **Website.** Work continuing to be sure it is up to date. Fran and others. **Action needed.**

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday 11/8/23, 2pm-4pm via Zoom

Adjourned 2:50 PM.