2022 VSWGA Fall Board Meeting

**Meeting: Fall Board Meeting**

**Date/Time: October 11, 2022 9:30 AM**

**Place: Quechee Club**

**Board and Committee Members Present:**

Jo Allsopp, Linda Jane Parson, Sis Capeless, Sarah Lee, Dana Cassidy, Jen Steck, Cathy Neff, Amy Mason, Jen Farrington, Amy Butcher, Fran McCune, Trish Wade **Present via video:** Jayne Magnant, Ellen Grimes

**Board and Committee Members Absent:** Lauri Brown

**Call To Order 9:33 AM**

Before official meeting began, Linda Jane introduced the President of the VGA, John Goodchild. He discussed with our Board, the operations of the VGA and how they work together with the VSWGA. Some points:

* Golf Genius in the upcoming years will come through the clubs at a greater expense to individual associations. VGA is working on budgeting for payments.
* VGA state days are run differently: all available for sign-up on one day. Costs for state day vary according to a club level and participation. CCVT is no longer participating in state days but VGA working on special tournaments to still include them.
* Rules officials are needed to help out at tournaments. VGA has approval to pay for rules school participants.
* Gender segregation among VGA and VSWGA due to handicap level disparity.

Much discussion between our board and Goodchild and how we can work together.

**Minutes from 2021 Fall Board Meeting**

Sarah Lee moved to approve. Dana seconded. **Approved**

**Welcome of new board members and appointment of Officers:**

President: Linda Jane Parson

Vice President: Jen Farrington

Secretary: Jo Allsopp

Treasurer: Jayne Magnant

Director North: Fran McCune

Director Central: Ellen Grimes

Director South: Sarah Lee

Director at Large: Dana Cassidy-State Day Chair

Director at Large: Amy Butcher-Northwest Liaison

NW Liaison: Amy Butcher

NE Liaison: Fran McCune

Central W Liaison: Ellen Grimes

Central E Liaison: Jo Allsopp

South Liaison: Sarah Lee

Jo Allsopp moved to approve officers. Sarah seconded. **Approved**

**Committee Reports**

**Tri-States**

In 2023 the tournament will be held in Maine with the course yet to be determined. Jen Farrington, as VP, will be chairperson of Tri-States and liaison to the board.

Trish requested a used computer and printer designated for use by the Tri-States committee with MJ Shomo as incoming chairperson. The board will search for used equipment. **Action:** Decide on whether to use existing Major Tournaments equipment and purchase newer for that committee or what route to take.

**Treasurer**’**s Report**

Jayne submitted her reports.

Discussed confidentiality and who should have access to our financial records. Linda Jane and Sis have seen some VGA records. Board discussion – reps and VSWGA members allowed access if they want to see our financials.

Budget discussion should start in January and February for 2023.

Some surplus funds could be used for rules school attendance. Expectation will be that the pay back in kind by acting as rules officials at majors.

Jayne requested budget requests from committees – especially Majors and Tri-States to incorporate in overall budget. All committees should submit what they need to be entered into 2023 budget.

Stipends as awarded in 2021 are approved for this year.

Chits: Members were requesting chits be split into smaller amounts so they could spend at different clubs. Over the winter members will be notified that they can send in their chits to be reprinted in some smaller amounts or they could donate their chits to the VSWGA.

Follow-up from discussion of liability insurance for Amy Mason as an independent contractor. Jen Farrington recommended we not get that due to VT laws.

**State Day**

2023 Calendar is confirmed.

Due to some rain cancellations or calling after some members finished, discussion as to how many players should finish to be awarded points for that day. Decision: In the event a State Day is called due to rain, if 50% of the registered players finish they will be eligible to be awarded player points. No club points will be awarded when all the players have not finished. **Approved**

2023 initiative will be on rules education. An attempt will be made to link the USGA rules to our website. Cathy will send out rules tips with bulletins.

Board discussed raising state day fees to clubs to $25. Also possibly increasing entry fees for major tournaments so we are more aligned with VGA. Sarah made a motion to increase state day charge to clubs to $25 and $20 to 9-hole clubs. Jo seconded. **Approved**

Additional motion to increase major fee by $5 per person per day to be reflected in the payment to the host club. **Approved**

**Major Tournaments**

Jen Steck presented her report.

Question of eligibility for major tournaments. After discussion, the suggestions are as follows:

1. Current member of a real estate club OR
2. Member of a combination of Lakeside and/or a real estate club and VSWGA for the past three (3) years AND have posted a minimum of 10 rounds on a Vermont member club course in the past twelve (12) months outside of major championships.

The vote was tabled until a later meeting.

There was suggestion of looking into a Boatwright Intern if there is one available.

Fees for major tournaments was as mentioned with fees for State Days. An increase of $5 per day per participant to the hosting club was approved. Jen will submit budget to Jayne.

2023 tournament venues:

Seniors – Williston

Amateurs – Mt. Anthony

Mid-Ams - TBD

**Junior Golf**

Lauri was working at a junior tournament and could not be there.

Sis suggested increasing our donation to the VGA scholarship fund to include the entire amount collected each year by closest-to-the-pin money. Sarah so moved. Fran seconded. **Approved**

**Communication**

Kathy Sikora is leaving the committee*.* Amy Butcher will be the board liaison to the communications committee. She will also work with club representatives. Kristen Mahoney has agreed to take over as club rep for Neshobe following Ellen Sheffer’s leaving.

**Amy Mason Proposals:**

* Convert “Bring a Friend” program to bring a guest. As was discussed at our annual rep meeting and as designated in Golf Genius. Guests would have to pay double but part of the payment would go toward membership if they decided to join. Also, this would allow out of state guests to join in a state day. Must be a guest of a member and registered by a member.
* Refund amount after state day registration will be $5 for all at any time.
* Increase registration time to three weeks ahead of the state day.

**Visionary Committee**

Jen Farrington reported that Jeannie Morrissey is working on a listening tour discussing with VSWGA members how they feel things are working out. Jen feels it should be more about future and where do we see ourselves. Jen will present that idea to the committee at the next committee meeting.

**Handbook**

Jen Steck accepting all submissions for 2023 handbook.

Adjourned 2:25 PM.