2021 VSWGA Fall Board Meeting

**Meeting: Fall Board Meeting**

**Date/Time: October 12, 2021 9:30 AM**

**Place: Quechee Club**

**Board and Committee Members Present:**

Jo Allsopp, Linda Jane Parson, Sis Capeless, Jayne Magnant, Sarah Lee, Peg McBride, Jen Steck, Cathy Neff, Jayne Magnant, Amy Mason **Present via video:** Patty Shirk, Jen Farrington, Ellen Grimes, Lauri Brown, Kathy Sikora, Judith Wine

**Board and Committee Members Absent:** Dana Cassidy

**Call To Order 9:33 AM**

**Minutes from 2020 Fall Board Meeting**

Reviewed and corrected Kathy Sikora’s name as seconding motion. Sarah Lee moved to approve. Peg
seconded. **Approved**

**Results of Special Election**

A special election was held via email to fill a vacancy for a 3-year term on the Board of Directors. Ellen Grimes had requested to run for the seat. Email information was sent on 10/8 with a requested return date of 10/11. 39 clubs responded with a yes vote. There were no objections. This was over the 50% response required so Ellen Grimes has been elected to the VSWGA Board of Directors.

**Appointment of Officers:**

President: Linda Jane Parson

Vice President: Peg McBride

Secretary: Jo Allsopp

Treasurer: Jayne Magnant

Director North: Jen Farrington

Director Central: Ellen Grimes

Director South: Sarah Lee

Director at Large: Dana Cassidy-State Day Chair

Director at Large: Patty Shirk-Northeast Liaison

NW Liaison: Jen Farrington

NE Liaison: Patty Shirk

Central W Liaison: Ellen Grimes

Central E Liaison: Jo Allsopp

South Liaison: Sarah Lee

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

**Action:** Peg suggested send results of board selection in next bulletin.

**Committee Reports**

**State Days**

Sis Capeless reported for Dana Cassidy:

2022 Calendar is near confirmation.

At Annual Meeting there began a discussion of the use of Forward Tees in 2021 and its problems and advantages. Several representatives expressed proposal to limit the use to those individuals whose handicap index exceeded 25. Sis did an analysis of play during 2021. After discussion it was decided to limit play in forward tees to over 25 index and score net only with provisions.

Jo moved that in 2022 the handicap index for forward tee play would be limited to 25 and over. If less than 5 players, 1 place net awarded. 6-10 players, 2 places net awarded, 11 and over, 2 gross and 2 net awarded. Sarah seconded. **Approved**

**Action:** Suggested forward tees noted by color on tee sheets for each club.

Discussion: Should we offer 9-hole or non-competitive options on State Days?

Our mission is friendly competition and these options may go against the feeling of State Day play. Peg moved no official sanction of 9-hole and non-competitive play in both State Day and Major tournaments. Jayne seconded. **Approved**

Amy suggested State Day registration cut off Thursday noon prior to event.

Friends playing: 13 out of 20 who played in 2020 joined in 2021. 18 friends played in 2021. Reps can contact friends who played and encourage joining.

Most improved player calculations will go from 9/1 to 9/1 each year.

**Treasurer**’**s Report**

Jayne went over explanation of the budget for the upcoming year. Our funds support our mission, education, junior golf and support of volunteers.

Discussed club dues. Stratton Mountain chooses not to participate in club membership with VSWGA.

Club Representatives will receive free membership in 2022.

Jayne will find a date for budget meeting prior to finalizing to send to the board in February and meantime will work with Amy, Linda Jane, Peg and Jen Steck on the budget assumptions.

**Junior Golf**

Judith Wine has agreed to help Lauri Brown on Junior Golf committee. VSWGA donating 5 sets of golf clubs to juniors through VGA. We hope for a greater VSWGA presence. Tournaments have various formats and dates. Donation criteria for clubs should involve continued participation over years. Judith has started a First Tee program. Lauri challenged to keep contact with juniors through the schools. Criteria to be determined for the donations of clubs – who and by when?

**Communication**

Kathy Sikora works mostly with keeping communication open with representatives of all the clubs. Julie Dale will be assisting her in updating the social media sites.

**Pace of Play**

We will continue to report to Ellen McAndrew after each event. Individual clubs need to address the issues with the help of the club reps. Local rules can be implemented on State Days to assist in speed of play. Responsibility ultimately lies with individual players.

**Tri-States**

In 2022 the tournament will be held at Campbell’s Scottish Highlands in Salem NH. June 14-15, 2022.

NEGA may be June 20, 2022 in Vermont. Course TBD.

**Major Tournaments**

2022 venues:

Seniors – Mt. Anthony

Amateurs – Neshobe

Mid-Ams – Champlain

Jen is interested in organizing a match-play tournament. She is working with the schedule and the clubs. Planning is in the early states right now.

Future venues under discussion. Williston would like a on-time tournament, probably Seniors 2023.

All responses to play at venues should be positive.

Some trophies need to be updated. Amy and Jen working on plan for new and/or updated trophies.

Discussed Fall Awards Classic problems and future. 2021 had many players and a wait list. Venue(s) and formats discussed.

**Golf Genius and Roles of Reps**

Amy, Peg, and Jayne working though training and issues. Jayne to work on finance and integration through Harbour Touch and Golf Genius. Pam Boyd wants to set up videos for training before State Days.

**New Business**

**Chits** – expanded dates worked out. Amy presented issue with split chits. **Action:** Make sure clubs know and note in bold on chits that should be spent at only one club. 2021 chits must be used by September 2022.

**New trophy**

Patty Haas had suggested new team trophies – possibly geographically divisional – for clubs that have few players. After discussion the board decided the possibility is there but requires further discussion.

**Bookkeeper**

Jayne requested hiring of a new bookkeeper with skills to meet our financial recording reconciliation of POS(Golf Genius/Harbortouch/Quickbooks). Discussed problems this year and agreed to pursue

**Lakeside Club Rep**

Discussed that criteria for being a “club” not the same as real estate based club. Invitationals and info can be sent through the admin to Lakeside members. A liaison to Lakeside members could fill the same purpose. Further discussion required.

**Visionary Committee**

Linda Jane had proposed a committee maintaining and encouraging support of women golfers into the future. The committee is to decide the essence of the VSWGA. Jeanne Morrissey and Jen Farrington working together to keep our purpose in line to progress into the future. It was determined that the Board of Directors develop a very clear charter under which the committee will work. Jayne moved the Executive Board make a charter for the Visionary Committee. Sarah seconded. **Approved**

Jeanne Morrissey proposed the creation of a Lifetime Achievement Award. **Action:** Table for future discussion.

**Handbook**

Jen Steck accepting all submissions for 2022 handbook.

Jo moved to adjourn at 3:13 PM. Sarah seconded. **Approved**