2018 VSWGA Fall Board Meeting

**Meeting: Fall Board Meeting**

**Date/Time: October 9, 2018 9:00 AM**

**Place: Lake Morey Resort**

**Board Members Present:**

Chris Johnson, Peg McBride, Kathy Sikora, Lauri Brown, Cathy Neff, Sue Fox, Jo Allsopp, Dee Macey, Linda Jane Parson, Dana Cassidy, Elizabeth Walker, Sis Capeless, Mary Ann Athanas, Nancy Myers

**Call To Order 9:00 AM**

**Appointment of Officers:**

President: Sis Capeless

Vice President: Peg McBride

Secretary: Jo Allsopp

Treasurer: Chris Johnson

Director North: Mary Ann Athanas

Director Central: Sue Fox

Director South: Dee Macey

NW Liaison: Mary Ann Athanas

NE Liaison: Chris Johnson

Central W Liaison: Sue Fox

Central E Liaison: Jo Allsopp

South Liaison: Linda Jane Parson

Pace of Play: Nancy Myers

Rules: Cathy Neff

State Days: Dana Cassidy

Major Tournaments: Jen Steck

Tournaments: Jen Steck

NEWGA: Cathy Neff

Junior Golf: Lauri Brown

Communications: Kathy Sikora

USGA Regulations  
and Assoc. Reps: Els Walker

Rep NE Region: Els Walker

Els Walker updated us on women’s issues in the USGA and VSWGA participation at USGA meetings. President Sis Capeless will inquire for information regarding representative at USGA meeting.

**Dee Macey moved to approve new list of officers. Cathy Neff seconded. Approved.**

**Proposal: Adding age 50-54 participants to Senior Tournament**

Discussed adding 50-54 on wait list to be added if field not full. Allow 50-54 to sign up as wait list after field deadline. Deadline should be same in book as online. Discussion if lower participation due to monetary concerns, course, dates. Vote and further discussion tabled until next Board Meeting.

**Proposal: Allow forward tee play on State Days**

Forward tees at certain State Day clubs are rated to allow even field. Forward tees would be separate flight. Decided not to have handicap requirements but to let women self select. Further planning necessary.

**Jo Allsopp moved to try pilot program in 2019. Sue Fox seconded. Approved.**

**Proposal: Make $2 Closest to the Pin mandatory - $10 inclusive for all.**

Some people feel strongly to keep optional. Feel wording on form with ability to opt out acceptable.

**Sue Fox moved to make fee $10 unless you choose to opt out. Dana Cassidy seconded.** Dee Macey amended to add wording to mention $1 from each goes toward Junior Golf. Lauri will work with Jen and Jena to work out details. **Approved.**

*At our November 29th telecom Board Meeting: Discussed the mandatory CTP charge as agreed at October 9, 2018 meeting. With regard to sales and usetax may have to separate fees again and retract mandatory motion. Chris will look into the taxation issueand the item will be revisited by email and amended as needed.*

Tournament software training to continue instruction for reps. Liaisons helped reps at the clubs for State Days in 2018. There were some difficulties with login info for reps. They will be given new instruction to allow them to add and delete. Discussed having call-in instruction the month before their State Day. They will be given better access to their own event only. If possible Jen Farrington will set up a Test Tournament for reps to work with ahead of time. Tee sheets should be reviewed to add information for pace of play. Reporting forms should be revisited to make easily read. Peg McBride stated she and Jen Farrington were meeting to review instructions and amending for 2019.

**Proposal: New website**

Meg McCarthy – our bookkeeper – has a web design business. She has given us a proposal to build on the site WordPress. Estimated to cost $2500 to design by Meg and $1500 for Pam Boyd to transfer existing content to new site. Our monthly fees will be less. The new site will provide a better marketing tool, easier signup for tournaments, and communications among members.

Mary Ann Athanas and Dee Macey expressed interest in assisting Pam and Meg with testing the site. Board members are encouraged to review areas of interest on existing website to see what should transfer or change. Kathy Sikora will review member club info. Phone conference call with Pam Boyd to discuss plans and timing for new site.

**Sis Capeless made motion to approve proposal for new website with expenditures up to $4500. Peg seconded. Approved.**

Bring a friend to State Day:

Discussed extending to all State Days that don’t regularly reach capacity. There may need to be further info in Golf Genius to allow them to sign up and not be a member. To be limited to two times as a guest before required to become a member. No friends from outside Vermont. Must have VT GHIN and be a possible new member.

**Jo moved. Sue Fox seconded. Amendments approved.**

**New Business:**

**\***Women participating in rating – instead of a committee it was decided we would be getting a coordinator for course raters to keep in touch with VGA raters. Changed the policy to no longer reimburse raters for mileage when they travel to other clubs. **Mary Ann moved to approve changes. Chris seconded. Approved.**

**\***VSWGA share of GHIN money collected by VGA to increase from $12.50 to $13.00 as agreed last year. Discussed keeping close alliance to keep tabs on our financial agreements.

\*Cathy Neff will attend NEWGA meeting on behalf of VSWGA.

\*First new USGA Golf Rules seminar will be held October 26, 2018 9:00 am at Vermont National. Cathy Neff, Kathy Allbright, and Jen Steck will be attending rules school. More seminars will be planned closer to spring and the start of the golf season. **Sis moved $400 limit to be used for rules seminars. Jo seconded. Approved.**

\*Tri-States Policy and Procedures: Currently VP chairs Tri-States committee. Three members vote at Maine meeting. Propose 6 years maximum time on committee and in training to become captain of Vermont team. Must have Tri-States experience to be on committee. Necessary to get new players who will eventually be captain.

**Changes:**  Three year term with a max of 6 years. Applications for tournament will be accepted in March postmarked by April 20. Team will be chosen after May 1 revision. **Jo moved to accept changes. Sis seconded. Approved.**

\*Discussed Member Handbook revisions. Jen Steck will put together.

\*Chris brought up planning for 90th Anniversary in 2020. Decided to reach out for committees among members. Will discuss some history with long time members and former members. Discussed possibility of changing logo.

**Old Business:**

\*Discussed collection of outstanding dues. Letter to be sent by Chris.

\*Sis as President will answer [info@vswga.org](mailto:info@vswga.org)

\*Blurb needed twice monthly for VGA revision page.

\*Decided to cancel StartMeeting account and meet through GoToMeeting available through Jen Farrington. We will have Board meeting approximately every 6 weeks through the winter.

\*Lauri Brown reported on promoting Junior Golf events. Suggested going out as a volunteer for Junior events near you and possibly starting a program at your own course if one does not exist.

**Cathy Neff moved to adjourn. Sue Fox seconded.**

**Meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM.**