VSWGA Board Meeting

Video conference 11/2/2022

**Meeting: Videoconference Board Meeting**

**Date/Time: November 2, 2022 5:00 PM**

**Board and Committee Members Present:**

Jo Allsopp, Jen Farrington, Linda Jane Parson, Ellen Grimes, Jayne Magnant, Amy Mason, Amy Butcher, Fran McCune, Sis Capeless, Jen Steck **Absent:** Sarah Lee, Dana Cassidy

**Call To Order 5:05 PM**

**Review and approval of Amy Mason’s proposals**

* Chits can be split into a minimum of $100. They must be returned to Amy Mason by mail with a deadline of February 28th. **Approved**
* State Day registration to be opened 3 weeks prior to the event so participants can make plans for travel and staying if they choose. **Approved**

Jen Farrington commented on blocked tee times. Players are blocking tee times in anticipation of MAYBE playing and it prevents players from being able to make tee times for themselves. They then cancel when they can’t make it. Amy M will put verbiage into the next Bulletin regarding this practice and it will be monitored so we can take some action if it is seen to be egregious.

* State day pricing to the clubs will increase by $5 to make it $25 at an 18-hole club and $20 at a 9-hole club. **Approved**

Linda Jane’s message to the clubs when they are sent a copy of the handbook will notify them of the change. Club reps will be reminded when they get their state day information.

* Refund changes for cancellations will be $5 at any time until day of event which is no refund. **Approved**

Several club dues still outstanding. Amy and club representatives will continue to work on collecting.

There are 95 members signed up for 2023 already – only 10 had signed up last year at this time.

New member orientation zoom will be April 4th from 5:30-6:30.

Discussion on length of courses with and without forward tees. Links at Lang Farm will only be using forward tees as the regular tees. Some courses have forward tees with longer yardage. Champlain, Quechee Highland and Quechee Lakeland. Fran McCune suggested we try to maintain a standard for regular tee length as between 4,800 and 5,000 yards. After discussion it was decided that the Quechee courses would be played from the Green/Gold combo as it’s regular tee.

Fran and Amy B are reviewing the handbook to see if there are any suggested changes. There was discussion about making the handbook solely electronic. It could be sent as a PDF for members who don’t want a paper book. Amy Mason will mention choice of electronic copy in the new bulletin.

Jen Steck refined the wording of the eligibility for playing in the Major Tournaments as follows:

***The following are required to participate in a VSWGA Major Tournament:***

 *• Player must be a member in good standing of the VSWGA.*

*• Player must either be a member of a VSWGA Member Club or a member of Vermont’s Lakeside Golf Club. A list of the VSWGA member clubs can be found on the VSWGA website.*

*• Player must have an active Vermont GHIN handicap.*

*• Player must have a handicap index of 36.0 or less (at the close of registration) for all tournaments except the NEGA Women’s Championship. The handicap limit for the NEGA Championship is currently 18.0.*

***In addition to the above requirements, a player must meet ONE of the following criteria to be eligible:***

*• A resident of the state of Vermont.*

*• A member of a VSWGA Member Club (real estate club).*

*• Have been a member of the VSWGA for the previous three (3) years, and have posted a minimum of ten (10) rounds of golf at a VSWGA Member Club in the past twelve (12) months outside of major tournament play. (VSWGA member clubs are listed on the inside cover of the member handbook or on our website, vswga.org*

There was board discussion. Jen Farrington did not agree that our current eligibility qualifications should be changed. Jen Steck felt there are a lot of changes going on with our aging membership and we will monitor how this change is manifesting itself with our tournaments.

Amy B made a motion to approve the change. Jayne seconded. **Approved**

Jen Steck hopes to send out a handbook draft by the end of the year.

Next meetings: January 11, 2023, February 15, 2023, March 15, 2023

Adjourned 6:27