2018 VSWGA Board Meeting

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**Meeting: Telecom Board Meeting**

**Date/Time: November 29, 2018 3:45 PM**

**Board and Committee Members Present:**

Chris Johnson, Peg McBride, Kathy Sikora, Cathy Neff, Sue Fox, Jo Allsopp, Dee Macey, Linda Jane Parson, Dana Cassidy, Sis Capeless, Mary Ann Athanas, Lauri Brown, Jen Farrington, Jen Steck

**Call To Order 3:45 PM**

**Minutes of Oct. 9 were approved pending suggested changes.**

Sis Capeless wants to put minutes on website. Discussed no financial information should be included. Committee reports would be ok. Sis will edit for website and will be Board Meeting Summary.

**Proposal of changing age limits in Senior and Mid-Am Tournaments**.

Jen Steck stated there are still members not on board with changes to Senior Tournament. Concerns that they want to speak about. Suggested tabling until next year 2020. We don’t want it to be tournament locations that run the decision to fill field. Sis suggested putting out early as a suggestion and let members send feedback. Peg agreed.

Jen Steck does think Mid Ams should go to age 30. It is rarely a full tournament and there are few members who would be affected by the age change. It is our intent to get more in line with USGA tournament age limits. **Peg moved to change Mid-Am Tournament age from 35 to 30. Sue seconded.**

**Fall Awards Classic**

Formats were discussed regarding pace of play and players who want to be playing their own ball. There was not a FAC in 2018 due to rain, but format was going to be 4-player team format. Decided to go back to 2-player teams and format TBD. Discussed should location be moved around. Chris stated should stay Central for the convenience of players. Could rotate between several central courses. Will stay with Quechee for 2019 and Jen Steck will contact other central courses to see if the rotation is feasible.

**Handbook Changes**

Jen Steck will be editing new handbook. People who have changes for 2019 should highlight changes from old handbook and send to Jen for editing. Deadline for corrections is January 31, 2019. Handbooks will be mailed early March. Membership application is now online and members can sign up any time. Early bird discount $30 by January 18, 2019. $40 after. New address: PO Box 4224, Burlington VT 05406.

Kathy Sikora reported that currently Green Mt. National and CC Barre do not have club reps for the directory part of the handbook.

**Rules Update**

Cathy Neff is sending bi-weekly new rules tips. In Spring 2019 she will start setting up seminars and hopes to have some in North, Central and South. Had one seminar already at Vermont National and 25 people attended and she felt it was well received.

**NEWGA changes**

Cathy Neff reported – letter sent to NEGA dissolving NEWGA and transfer of administration to NEGA. Tournament this year is July 8-11, 2019 at Great Horse in Hampden MA. Laura Nochta will run it through MassGolf. Our fee is $2000/year. Sis stated important to pay no additional fee because we are already members of VGA. There will be a new application system through Mass Golf – method TBD.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Chris Johnson sent out a preliminary Treasurer’s report that will be reviewed and amended. Jen Steck reported numbers stated with regard to major tournament income is erroneous and will be reviewed. Jen also stated she likes to clear 5% on major tournaments to compensate for any unforeseen expenses that might occur. Approval of Treasurer’s report pending changes.

Discussed the mandatory CTP charge as agreed at October 9, 2018 meeting. With regard to sales and use tax may have to separate fees again and retract mandatory motion. Chris will look into the taxation issue and the item will be revisited by email and amended as needed. It was discussed that the change would not solve the paperwork as since we needed an opt out provision. Women would still need to sign up at registration. . The inclusion would increase paperwork on the back end. A vote was taken via email and it was decided to continue to collect CTP separately.

**Final Sign-off on Members Handbook**

Sis is working on wording details of Forward Tees Program for handbook and how to add to Golf Genius. New handbook will have #sign next to courses that will have forward tees available for play. Discussed how slope and rating for those tees will be displayed in handbook and Jen Steck said she would work on those details.

There will also be details for “bring a friend” State Days and Sis is working on how scoring for those days will be entered in GG also.

**Tri-States**

Tournament is June 19-20, 2019 Brunswick ME. Peg is working with Phyllis Simon and Trish Wade to set up guidelines. VP will always be current chair of Vermont committee for Tri-States. Peg will be the contact with applications going to Jen Farrington in Burlington and then sent to Peg. Jen Steck and Peg are working together for 2020 Tri-State tournament which will be back in Vermont. VSWGA will purchase remaining merchandise currently held by Phyllis. There was a recommendation that 2 of the three committee members have prior tri-state committee experience with only one new person joining the committee each time the committee change. Everyone will be able to apply for Tri-States tournament. Information, criteria, and course info will be sent at a later date to VSWGA members by email.

**New website** Mary Ann and Dee are working with Pam Boyd reviewing workups for the new website design. Dee reports Pam and Meg are doing a great job. Rest of the board will be able to see workups when design is further along. Dee will be reviewing logo design and it was suggested she speak to Kathy Allbright who might have some insight to what the previous logo was intended to display.

**New Business**

1. VGA Scholarship – Sis wanted approval for a donation to the fund. 2017 donation was $1500 and Jo moved to approve same amount. Peg seconded.
2. Golf Genius has ability to send out emails. We currently use Mail Chimp program. Jen Farrington will speak to Pam Boyd about email limits on MC and benefits of using either. Also discussed how updated emails are entered in either program.
3. Reporting on death of VSWGA member. We had two incidents recently and they were reported inconsistently. Discussed best process. Chris suggested we get info from club rep and send out on Mail Chimp to all members.

**VGA Update** Sis reported there will be a new Executive Director in the coming year. We have signed a contract for 2019 and will receive $13 per member from GHIN.

**Next meeting will be late January or early February 2019**

**Adjourned 5:30 PM** I don’t know who moved and seconded. Phone too chaotic!