VSWGA Board Meeting

Video conference 8/30/2023

**Meeting: Videoconference Board Meeting**

**Date/Time: August 30, 2023 6:00 PM**

**Board and Committee Members Present:**

Linda Jane Parson, Jayne Magnant, Amy Butcher, Ellen Grimes, Frances McCune, Jen Steck,Sarah Lee, Sis Capeless, Dana Cassidy, Jo Allsopp, Jen Farrington, Karen Bowser

**Call To Order 6:10 PM**

**Notes of July Video Meeting**

There was discussion about the notes of the June meeting. There were not enough members present in July to approve the notes. Did we approve them at the same time as July’s?? Amy B moved to approve July minutes. Sarah seconded. **Approved**

**Mission of the BOD**

Linda Jane wants to get strong mission statement out to members and all women golfers in Vermont. Along the lines of: provide members with the best experience while being fiscally responsible. Follow the rules of the USGA. Maintain the handicap system and course ratings. Support Junior golf in the state.

**Action:** Develop mission statement at fall board meeting.

**Welcome Karen Bowser** – as Amy Mason’s replacement as VSWGA administrator.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Jayne presented Statement through August 2023. $3100 from Ruth Schamback Tournament to be used for Junior golf. **Action:**  find ways to spend on Junior golf/scholarships? Equipment?

Jayne suggested points for this year valued at $3.50. Could go to $4.00 depending on end of year numbers in points and money. Jayne moved to value points at $3.50 but if budget warrants, to go to $4.00. Sarah seconded. **Approved**

**Board Elections**

Sis is chair of nominating committee. Three (3) board positions are open. Two members, Jayne and Jennifer Farrington are running again. Jo Allsopp has completed two terms. Sis and Amy will send out forms for interested members to complete if interested in running.

**By-Law changes**

The current By-Laws state the exact dates that annual meetings should be held. Sis would like to present changes to allow for more flexibility but still in October. Will present and vote at meeting.

**Action:** Present proposed By-Law changes ahead of voting as per current law.

**Forward Tees**

Suggested discuss on forward tee changes with regard to points and eligibility. Currently pay out only net points decided by number of players.

**Board Member questions:**

**Amy B**

Wants to discuss process of seeking out new board members and confirmation of terms and term limits.

How is the current relationship with the VGA? Sis and Linda Jane met with Pres. John Goodchild to discuss. VGA to cover first year of new Golf Genius contract continuation. Future collaboration: to stay status quo of at least 3 years in the future. Discussed need for Rules Officials from both organizations.

**Ellen G**

Should liaisons be in charge of State Days instead of reps? \*Decided should be sent out to reps prior to meeting and discussed at the Annual Rep meeting.

How should popular State Days be handled? Some fill up too quickly for others trying to sign up and they are blocked out. How can it be made fair? \*Send out to reps prior to meeting.

**Fran M**

Wants to make sure website is up to date. Possible committee to review and keep information current on the website. **Action:** Fran will meet with Pam Boyd and review what content needs to be updated.

Linda Jane brought up the question of Guest Days. How are they working out? Should they be continued? We had 8 guests in 2023 season, but there were many cancellations due to rain. \*Send out in question to reps.

**Pace of Play**

Kate Mitchell helping Ellen McAndrew with committee.

There are three members interested in joining the Junior Golf committee: Holly Reynolds, Jazz Bruce and Jennifer Papillo. Discussed having a zoom meeting with Lauri Brown and interested board members. Possible Doodle request to set up a mutually agreed upon time.

**Major Tournaments**

Eligibility for major tournaments is again in question. There is a player registered who fits most but not all criteria. The field is not full. Ellen moved that Patty Ryan can play in the Mid-Am tournament this year with only two years with VSWGA due to playing enough rounds in Vermont and member of Lakeside. Amy B seconded. **Approved**

**Action:** Jen Steck will present her proposal for eligibility requirements to be discussed at the Board Meeting.

It was noted that some members are currently going through tough medical issues. Jo will send cards from the board to those members.

Next meeting: Wednesday September 27, 2023 5:00 PM

Adjourned meeting 8:15 PM