

2024 VSWGGA March 13th Board Meeting

Meeting: Video Board Meeting
Date/Time: March 13th, 2024 4:00 PM
Place: Video

Board and Committee Members Present via Video: Linda Jane Parson, Amy Butcher, Jayne Magnant, Kate Mitchell, Dana Cassidy, Fran McCune, Ellen Grimes, Jen Farrington (VSWGGA Operations Manager), Pam Boyd (VSWGGA Operations), Jen Steck (Majors).

Board and Committee Members Absent: Nathalie Lascelles, Sarah Lee, Sis Capeless, Lauri Brown (Juniors).

Call To Order 4:10 PM

February 15th, 2024, Meeting Minutes Approval

Jayne Magnant moved to approve. Fran McCune seconded. **Approved.**

Welcome Back Jen Farrington!

- Jen greatly missed being a part of the VSWGGA and is excited to be back.
- Amy Butcher will add a welcome back section in the next newsletter as well as a farewell to Karen Bowser.

Jayne Magnant Treasurer's Report

- 241 returning members, 13 new members, 54 Club Reps and 18 Seniors = 320. We are down YTD from 2023. But moneywise we are about the same YTD as last year due to no discount for renewing early.
- Club Reps should contact those who have not renewed. Jen Farrington and Pam Boyd will send the information needed to the club reps.
- Jayne mentioned it is important to note that Karen Bowser came to her stating that the position was not working out for her, and she gave notice. We had the opportunity to hire Jen Farrington and we are thrilled that she's agreed to a long-term contract relationship with the VSWGGA.

Lottery Process/Clarification/Communication-Final

- Burlington, VNCC, Stowe, Rutland
- Per Pam Boyd, there is a test event set up for the lottery.
- Soft wording will be sent out in a newsletter explaining how the lottery will work, opening date, pairings, and if there are openings, it can be reopened, and players added. BCC is the first one. The tee sheet will go out the Friday before the event. Tee sheet opens on 12th, closes on 22nd and Admin would have up until the 26th to do the pairings and add players from the pending registration list if there are openings. Those on the pending registration list would be notified. Tee sheet will be finalized by 4/29.

Jen Steck – Handbook

- There was an error in the printed handbook on the dates for May. Those that received the printed handbook had a separate sheet inserted for May.
- We will not be posting the handbook PDF to the handbook due to potential spam issues that can arise.

- We will email the handbook to everyone on the list, whether they have renewed or not and that could maybe get more to join.
- Per Jayne, on the back of the handbook is the PO box. For now, we will keep the PO box as is in Stowe. The PO box belongs to the Association (same as the phone). This keeps it separate from personal vs Association.

Survey Results-How should we move ahead?

- Excellent info and work by Ellen Grimes and Sis Capeless.
- The results will be added to the website as a link. Amy will direct people to the link in her next newsletter.
- Do we want to do another survey in the future? We can see how the season goes and see if needed.

Nathalie Lascelles – New to Board and as Liaison – who will mentor/train?

- Per Linda Jane, Dana Cassidy will be training Nathalie.

Membership Down YTD - Liaison/Club Rep Involvement Needed

- How do we implement stronger connections between Liaisons and Club Reps.
- Need Liaisons to be proactive in contacting each of their reps.
- Build membership and get the club questionnaire/local rules ready ASAP. When emailing the Rep also cc the Liaison just in case they need any help.
- Pam is sending the membership email reminder soon to hopefully get more members to renew soon.

Current Dates...Pam Boyd and Jen Farrington will coordinate to confirm these dates.

- New Member training April 2nd, 5:30-7:00pm
- Club Rep Meeting April 11th, 5-6:30pm, who will be attending? Might be too early in the year?
- Scoring Training May 1st, 5:30-6:30pm
- May Calendar in the handbook – Incorrect Dates – Jen sent note, remind everyone of changes.

Open Time

- Dana Cassidy noted that the tee listed in the handbook (page 8) for Kwiniaska is incorrect. Should be white (4,400), not gold. Kwini has added a new combo White/Gold tee box (4,850) and we agreed we would like to use that for the state day. Dana will contact Ashley Bond, who is the Rep, to see if that is possible and if so, we will change the info in the event setup.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday 4/17/24, 4:00pm-5:30pm via Zoom

Adjourned 5:15 PM.