

2024 VSWGGA April 17th Board Meeting

Meeting: Video Board Meeting

Date/Time: April 17th, 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, Sis Capeless.

Board and Committee Members Absent: Nathalie Lascelles, Sarah Lee, Jen Farrington (VSWGGA Operations Manager), Jen Steck (Majors), Pam Boyd (VSWGGA Operations), Lauri Brown (Juniors).

Call To Order 4:15 PM

March 13th, 2024, Meeting Minutes Approval

Amy Butcher moved to approve. Dana Cassidy seconded. **Approved.**

Jayne Magnant Treasurer's Report

- Golf Genius reports vs Bank Reports.
- Jayne has a call into Golf Genius on how to fix where funds sometimes get coded on the reports which causes manual changes.
- Jen Farrington is a fabulous addition to VSWGGA and has taken a lot of pressure off the board.

Follow-up Suggestions from Kate Mitchell

- Mission Statement. Linda Jane Parson and Amy Butcher will work on.
- Chits – extended use. Sis Capeless will work with Nathalie Lascelles. Once compiled, Sis will send it to Amy Butcher to add it to a future newsletter.
- Amy suggested using a standard survey type form.
- Ellen Grimes offered to help with the form/survey creation if needed.

Jen Farrington & Pam Updates:

- Jen emailed the board her April Status Report updating us on the Operations tasks that she and Pam were working on and the status of each.
- Excellent report.

New Membership & Rep Meetings:

- Only one new member on the call. Jen recorded it and sent it out to the new members. The presentation was extremely helpful.
- Rep meeting – 22 attendees.
 - Price increase for the popular courses was a big topic. Jen explained the behind-the-scenes reasons, and all were ok.
 - Event registration – new criteria. The question was asked if someone who won a prior major would still be able to play even if they don't now qualify?

- We have never allowed someone to come back and play just because they won the prior year, and this is still the case.
- o The question was asked if person gets sick and can't play in a major (miss year of golf) would they have to start over with qualifying criteria.
 - The way to keep qualifying is to still maintain VSWGGA membership and VT member club (such as Lakeside) during the golf year off.

Liaisons Build Stronger Connections:

- Be sure posters are up at the clubs.
- Jayne Magnant was at the Rep meeting. Lots of good questions.
 - o Suggests club reps meet with their Liaison to ensure that Reps are encouraged to go to their Liaison with questions.
 - o Reps should encourage members to join the VSWGGA.
- Per Fran McCune - Any communications with the reps, it would be helpful to cc the Liaisons.
- Per Amy Butcher– Suggested adding a social aspect to VSWGGA outside of state days – possibly at the club level like 9 and dine to encourage membership to the VSWGGA.

Why should you join VSWGGA-Amy Butcher will compile and send out to membership.

- 1) Meet new people to play golf with and to build a player network.
- 2) Play different state day courses throughout the state of VT at reduced rate.
- 3) Play at majors to test ability.
- 4) Improve your play and learn more about the rules of this great lifetime sport.
- 5) Promote women's golf & support junior golf in VT.

Tri State Update-Amy Butcher

- Need more players to sign up. Only 28 have signed up.
- Ask for specific handicap needs for the team in an email blast.

Quechee State Day

- Vicki Goodrich questioned that the book says green/gold tees.
- This was decided several years ago because of the yardage.

Junior Golf

- Lauri Brown is stepping down as of June 30th.
- Linda Jane contacted Judith Wine who was enthusiastic about being on committee.
- Discussion with John Goodchild, VGA suggested that the VGA and VSWGGA merge Junior golf.
 - o VGA has girls and boys.
 - o VGA has sponsors.
 - o VGA has a coach.
- The Board liked this idea. Linda Jane will follow up more with John and Judith.

Course Raters-Help Find People

- Promote this need for Course Raters
- Courses self-study and on-line.

Rules Course Update:

- Amy Butcher passed, Susan Rice recently took the test, Linda Jane is studying and has not yet taken the test.

Stowe State Day Update

- Can only allow 48 people (playing 9 holes twice) – we are still doing lottery since there is only one other state day that day.

VGA Fourball Volunteers Needed 5/4 and 5/5

- John Goodchild contacted Linda Jane letting her know that volunteers are needed.
- Linda Jane emailed many of her contacts and asked that we spread the word about this volunteer ask.
- The courses are Manchester, Proctor, Equinox, Neshobe, Dorset and Rutland.

Open Time

- N/A

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday 5/15/24, 4:00pm-5:30pm via Zoom

Adjourned 5:17 PM.