

2024 VSWGGA August 16th Board Meeting

Meeting: Video Board Meeting
Date/Time: Aug 16th, 2024 3:00 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, Nathalie Lascelles, Sis Capeless, Sarah Lee, Jen Farrington (VSWGGA Operations Manager)

Board and Committee Members Absent:

Call To Order 3:02 PM

May 15th, 2024, Meeting Minutes Approval

Jayne Magnant moved to approve. Dana Cassidy seconded. **Approved.**

Live Scoring:

- Can we test it at Mid-Am (Haystack)? Per Linda Jane, Johnny (Pro) said it would be fine to use at this event.
- Can we test it at a remaining State Day with good cell service (e.g. Vermont National)?
- Copley is a small group, and we discussed possibly using it as test run but it's been determined that this is not an ideal one to try this year. Instead, we will try it at Vermont National since they are using it already at their events. GGID needs to be issued one per group. Jen Farrington will research how to operate it on the admin side. She will reach out to John Goodchild for info as well.

Pace of Play:

- For 2025 handbook we will be updating the POP section to state 20 min or more behind (right now it states 15-20 min behind).
- Educated the Reps to ask players who are behind 20 min or more about the circumstances to help us determine if a letter is warranted. Write it on the POP report or add it to the email that is sent to us.
- Should we add this as a survey item? No.

Kwiniaska rating and handicaps:

- Several players have inquired about Kwiniaska rating/slope and if it is on the list to be re-rated. The slope is low 111 and very hard for members to keep their handicaps down. Several Kwini ladies have won net this year. Sis Capeless will reach out to the VGA to see when it is on the list to be redone.

Jayne Magnant Treasurer's Report:

- Outstanding club dues. Each Liaison should reach out to the Club Rep at any club listed. Invoices will be sent again to the outstanding clubs.
- Income Statement to date (as of 8-7-24 GG receipts)
- Balance Sheet review

Approve the shortening of the season:

- The Fall Classic was tentatively on the calendar for 9/24/24 but it was moved a week earlier to 9/17/24. To be ready for the Fall Classic (i.e., do all the calculations noted below) the Board decided to shorten the season to include state day points only up to 9/3/24.
 - Per Jen, she has the Chits all automated.
 - Lowest Handicap will need to be calculated. It runs Sept 1-Sept 1, so Jen will start on that early September.
 - Division Trophy/Club points will need to be calculated.
 - St Johnsbury and Essex will be held on 9/11 so those State Day points will be deemed part of 2025 season calculations.

Ellen Grimes moved to approve the motion to end state day points after Sept 3rd and include St. Johnsbury and Essex for 2025 points. Sarah Lee seconded. **Approved.**

In preparation for Oct 1st, 2024, Rep Meeting:

- Identifying new board member candidates
(we will need 3 to run for election at Rep Meeting)
 - One should represent Central West (to replace Ellen). Ellen has volunteered to stay on if no one applies and is a good fit for the Liaison position.
 - Brainstorm possible candidates and who will contact/encourage them. There are two strong candidates already spoken to.
 - Focused email to membership regarding this and have the bio link added with the next steps to apply for the board. Amy volunteered to craft the email.
 - Board elections will take place at the Club Rep meeting in October. At the board meeting that follows that, a slate of candidates for the four executive committee roles will be presented and voted upon by the board.
- Nathalie Lascelles will reach out to all reps to get attendance headcounts for club rep meeting (suggest liaisons make the calls for their club reps). We need to let Lake Morey know the headcount by 9/1/24:
 - attending yes/no
 - playing golf yes/no
 - Reps get free membership, and it is important for them to attend the annual meeting.
- Develop pre-meeting survey: Amy Butcher, Ellen Grimes and Jayne Magnant will form a sub-committee to work on the survey. Possible topics to include:
 - Who will develop, send, present results?
 - What content do we want to include in survey (results to be presented at Rep Meeting on 10/1/24)
 - Mae Murray Jones Cup
 - At the Nov 23 board meeting we approved doing a survey regarding how it is awarded and the perceived unfairness of how it is calculated. Seems eliminating

only those that play majors was a big point of contention. Along with clubs discouraging players from joining the VSWGGA who will not earn them points so they can drop to a lower bracket. Some clubs give out their own awards because they know they will never win based upon the current system, no matter how well they perform.

- Feedback on:
 - lottery events (general process, open and closing dates, other best practices)
 - forward tees (should they be by age and/or handicap?)
 - what other items?
- Any other broad questions or pulse-checks of the members?
- Trophies
 - Jen Farrington and Sis Capeless have all the trophies.
 - Sis Capeless and Jen will meet to review the inventory and get an inventory list from Jen Steck.
 - Also discussed the trophies from the majors and where to get them engraved. The company that Sis had used in the past moved to St. Albans. Calls will be made to local companies to discuss possibly using one of them instead.

Open Time: N/A.

Next Board Meeting: September 9th 4pm, 2024 on Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86925486321?pwd=Za00nt9C4cgrWCP8jGoosVWbEx0n5W.1>

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Adjourned 4:20 PM.