

# VSWGGA Board Meeting Minutes

## September 9, 2024

**Meeting:** Video Board Meeting  
**Date/Time:** Sept 9th, 2024 4:00 PM  
**Place:** Video

**Board and Committee Members Present via Video:** Linda Jane Parson, Amy Butcher, Kate Mitchell, Dana Cassidy, Fran McCune, Ellen Grimes, Nathalie Lascelles, Sis Capeless, Sarah Lee, Jen Farrington (VSWGGA Operations Manager), Jen Steck (Majors)

**Board and Committee Members Absent:** Jayne Magnant

### Call To Order 4:00 PM

#### August 16th, 2024, Meeting Minutes Approval

Sarah Lee moved to approve. Fran McCune seconded. **Approved.**

#### Jayne Magnant Treasurer's Report (via email post meeting):

- More club dues have been received but they are not posted yet. Approximately 7 clubs still owe.
- Jayne is working on a report for the annual rep meeting which will include YTD through September vs the approved budget. No GHIN funds have been received for 2024 yet.
- Jayne estimates that we will come in at the projected breakeven at the end of the year (12/31/24).

#### Fall Awards Classic September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024:

- Jen Farrington – Awards have been calculated for the various awards.
  - \$3 per point was approved for individual points, via email, by the Board.
  - Three hole in one awards.
  - Handicap improvement \$25/person per division will be awarded.
- Awards will be awarded at the event by Linda Jane Parson & Jen Farrington. Jen Steck will be working on the scoring. Jen Farrington will create an awards brochure listing all the winners. One per table.
- Green Mountain Challenge pins will be presented by Sis Capeless
- Dana Cassidy will take pictures at the event.
- Golf is limited to 100 players this year. Shamble format. No strokes on par threes.

#### Club Rep Meeting October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, Preparation:

- Jayne Magnant - Finance
- Dana Cassidy-State Days
- Ellen Grimes – Survey – as of today just over 54 responses. Last year over 100. Jen Farrington will send out a reminder. Ellen will summarize and present.
- Amy Butcher and Kate Mitchell will work on the 10-day warning needed to update the bylaws to be more flexible with the Annual Rep and Annual Board meeting dates. This will need to be voted on by the Reps at the annual meeting.

- Linda Jane Parson will discuss how hard it is to schedule the State Days. It is very important for members to understand how hard it is to schedule and to be courteous to the clubs (for example trying to schedule practice rounds for majors).
  - Jen Farrington, Dana Cassidy and Nathalie Lascelles created a draft 2025 schedule and sent it out to the Reps, and they tried to incorporate some of the member asks such as trying to schedule two state days per week. Some of the changes came back as yes from the clubs and many others came back as no. It is not as easy as it may appear to the members to create the schedule.
- Jen Farrington will share the facts regarding lotteries.

### State Day Topics:

- Min number of players to hold a state day? ***Future board meeting discussion needed.***
- 2024 Lotteries were Burlington, VNCC, Stowe and Rutland.
  - For 2025 we will not include Stowe, Rutland and Burlington.
  - For 2025 tentatively will include:
    - VNCC
    - Manchester
    - Fox Run
    - Proctor-Pittsford
    - Dorset
    - Woodstock
- Issues/Concerns with lottery process?
  - Can sign up as single or twosome. Either way is weighted the same way so same chance of getting in.
  - Three lottery events had waitlists (VNCC had 30). For the other lottery events all members got in that registered either initially or moved up from waitlist.
- Club rep – should there be a limit to the number of tee times they can reserve?
  - Jen will add to the Club Rep presentation for 2025. Max of 2 tee times for rep and helpers.
- Guest fee clarification for Jen. Book says to charge double. ***Future board meeting discussion needed.***
- Schedule two state days per week on different days? ***Future board meeting discussion needed.***
- Stratton Contract – run as a State Day or as a separate type of event? Sign current proposal?
  - Linda Jane Parson and Jen Farrington discussed holding a state day at Stratton. They spoke with Tom at the course. Stratton requires a signed contract. Date given is Monday June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
  - Stratton requires the final sheet and payment a week in advance.
    - All the players would need to call the course in advance to make payment directly to the course a week in advance.
    - If a player cancels, they will issue a rain check, not a refund.
    - VSWGGA cannot charge the player upon registration for anything other than the registration fee (greens fee and cart) and then pass through to Stratton because we would then need to collect sales tax.
  - The Board does not feel comfortable with running a state day this way since none of the other state days are handled this way. Linda Jane will go back to Stratton to see if they could change their approach.

- Another option is to run it as another type of event such as a scramble and on another day than a Tuesday vs as a state day. Linda Jane will discuss this with Tom as well.
- Stratton is not a member club of VSWGGA so they would need to pay us that fee.

**Live Scoring Recap:**

- VNCC went well. All the foursomes did live scoring except one group.
- We will not be using it in the Mid-Am this year. More discussion on this for future years regarding Majors.

**Green Mountain Challenge – *Future board meeting discussion needed.***

- Some State Days always conflict with majors and Tri-states.
- Because of this if you play in those you will never be able to play all 50 courses.
- What type of award should we give to anyone that reaches 50?
  - Potentially like the ball marker received at the VGA scholarship scramble but with VSWGGA on one side and a big 50 on the other?

**Open Time:**

- Club fees that are still not paid. Follow-ups are in process by the Liaisons. Many of the clubs are asking for the invoice again.

Next Board Meeting: October 1, 2024, Club Rep Meeting at Lake Morey Country Club starting at 9:30am.

Adjourned 5:35 PM.