

## VSWG Board November Meeting

November 13, 2024

### Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Amy Butcher, Fran McCune, Jayne Magnant, Susan Rand, Nathalie Lascelles, Jill Appel; Dixie Mercier, Linda Jane Parson, Jen Farrington, Jen Steck, Pam Boyd (Missing – Kate Mitchell, Sarah Lee)

Approve the minutes from the October 8<sup>th</sup> annual board meeting with the following changes:

1. Typo in 10/28/24 Executive meeting minutes on page 2 “Hand” substitute “Has”.
2. Discussed how best to help Jen Steck with tournaments

Jill approved / Nathalie seconded

Price Changes – Jayne presented the 2025 budget

1. Renewing Membership/New Member – increase to \$45
2. Juniors and 80+ - Free
3. Club Reps – increase to \$25
4. All State Day Fees at \$15
5. FAC – increase to \$100
6. State Day course fee stays at \$25 to course
7. Budget Worksheet –
  - a. Need to delete the \$50 general membership fee note (it will be \$45)
  - b. Majors – Jayne made some assumptions about Majors
    - i. Subsidize practice round for Amateur - \$50 per person. Also, price increase in Amateur may be needed due to location once finalized.
    - ii. Tri-States – Pricing may go up as NH had not finalized with Mt Washington - players pay for own lodging. Subsidize practice round for TriStates \$55.
  - c. Is there a CTP expense? It’s included in the net revenue number.
  - d. Change Net Income to Revenue
  - e. Donations – conservative approach is to assume \$0 donations
  - f. Printing - \$2000 for handbooks
  - g. Tournament Income – Should we be having tournaments that are a net loss, specifically the Amateur and Tri-States? Our goal is to break even in tournaments. Jen Steck says we have not ever lost money on tournaments.
    - i. ACTION ITEM: HAVE A FURTHER DISCUSSION ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT BUDGETS (JAYNE, JEN S, JEN F)
  - h. Should we be thinking more about the VGA merger and our monetary strategic approach?
  - i. Website – Pam will be working on a slight revamp of the website, i.e. style revamp. Will bump up the number from \$3000 to \$4000.
    - i. ACTION ITEM: Include the price increases in December email
  - j. Approved (Dixie) / Seconded (Susan)
8. State Day Point Allocation

- i. ACTION ITEM: come back to the board with some more information about how this would work to not pay out for ties. How much money would it save?
- ii. Dixie, Nat, Dana, Jen F to discuss and bring forward.

#### Committee Roles

Gain clarity around the committees and who is on them:

Dixie – contacted people to discuss who is on which committees.

ACTION ITEM: Dixie will get the information out to the board.

Discussion about Who is the head of each committee/ Who is on the committee / What is their charge:

- Volunteer: Dixie (lead), Jen F, Fran
  - Work with other committees
- State Day: Nathalie (lead), Jen F, Dana,
  - Helpers (with SD results): Alicia Field, Sherryl Libardoni, Dee Lamberton, Marion Pickielnok, Ellen Grimes
- Junior: Susan Rand (lead), Holly Reynolds, Jazz Bruce, Jennifer Papillo, Judith Wine, Tracy Sloan, Laurie Brown
  - Susan will start by contacting John Goodchild from VGA about their programs and a possible merger of the Junior Committees.
- POP: Kate Mitchell (lead), Sis Capeless
- Majors: Jen Steck (co-lead), Jen Farrington (co-lead)
- Communications: Jill Appell (lead), Meredith Parker, Amy Butcher, Pam Boyd,
  - Needs more of a plan for 2025
- Rules: Amy Butcher (lead), Linda Jane, Susan Rice
- Non-competition options: Fran (lead)
  - Does this need to be a committee or just a strategic initiative?
- Do we have restricted funds for committees? Yes, we have \$12K reserved for the Junior committee.

#### Forward Tees

Fran will bring this to the board through an email. Discuss “Rule of 90” and USGA’s approach.

#### Miscellaneous:

End of year Meetings – Club rep meeting October 7. Board Meeting is usually the next Tuesday but suggest having the board meeting on the Wed after Columbus Day, i.e. on Oct 15, 2025.

Next Board Meeting – 12/11 at 4pm and if we don’t need it then cancel

ACTION ITEM: Develop the 2025 annual operations calendar – Amy/Jayne started building one and Jen F/Jayne will work on this. Voted and seconded.

The meeting ended at 5:01pm.