

2025 VSWGGA March 12th Board Meeting

Meeting: Video Board Meeting
Date/Time: March 12th, 2025 4:00 PM
Place: Video

Board and Committee Members Present via Video: Amy Butcher, Fran McCune, Jayne Magnant, Kate Mitchell, Nathalie Lascelles, Jill Appel, Dixie Mercier, Linda Jane Parson (Past President), Jen Farrington (VSWGGA Operations Manager), Pam Boyd (Operations).

Board and Committee Members Absent: Sarah Lee, Susan Rand, Jen Steck (Majors)

Call To Order 4:02 PM

February 12th, 2025, Meeting Minutes Approval

Jill Appel moved to approve. Dixie Mercier seconded. **Approved.**

State Day Lottery Clarification and Agreement on Procedures – Jen:

- Fox Run, Woodstock, Manchester, Dorset, VNCC are lotteries for 2025.
- 1, 2, 4 teams are allowed. There was concern that lottery teams of 4 would make the odds less favorable for others to win a slot in the lottery. Jen assured us that this is not the case as each type of entry (1, 2, or 4 players) is treated as its own entity. A team of 4 does not mean they have a 4 times better chance to win a slot in the lottery.
- We will hold the first lottery (Dorset) and then monitor the number of 4's signing up and revisit after the event.
- Discussed the fine tuning of Tiers for the lottery. Jen had proposed 5 tiers to follow the way Golf Genius handles lotteries. After much discussion we have reduced to two tiers. This is easier for Admin and fairer for all players. The lottery for each course is specific and unique. Player outcomes at other lottery courses have no impact (e.g., if you 'win' a spot at Fox Run it will have no impact on whether or not you could 'win' a lottery spot at Dorset).
 - Tier 1 is for players who were wait-listed or did not get in last year at that specific course.
 - Tier 2 is for everyone else.
- The next newsletter will have a clear explanation of the new lottery system, specifically explaining the two-tier system and tier assignments.
- Jen will manually assign tee times.
- In the weeks leading up to the lottery events, Jen monitors the number of registrants. If we are getting close to full field size, she checks with the club to see if more tee times can be added in hopes of avoiding the need for a lottery all together.

Finance Budget Review/Approval of Refined Budget -Jayne/Jill/Fran:

- Moved \$120,000 cash into a 7-month CD earning 4%
- Lots of work by the finance subcommittee to fine tune the budget.

Jill Appel moved to approve. Fran McCune seconded. **Approved.**

Amateur Flighting – Jen Farrington/Jen Steck:

- Jen and Pam will research and fix the 2024 gross score typos in the 2025 handbook on the Amateur page.
- Discussed the NEGA format changes for 2025.
- The board wants to have two different yardage amounts as originally approved.
- Williston Golf Club reviewed the 2025 Amateur information posted to the VSWGGA website and provided feedback regarding the 2025 Amateur flighting plan. We discussed the pros and cons and appreciate their thoughtful initiative. Amy and Jen F will circle back with them to communicate our thinking. After the 2025 Amateur we will form a subcommittee of interested parties (board, club reps, players) to review and plan for 2026 Amateur.
 - Those that get cut before the 3rd day should be encouraged to stay and volunteer and support their club and the rest of the field.
 - We feel that we will get more participation with the format that we have in place.
 - Would we have this conversation if the event was not being held at Ekwanok? In normal years we struggle to fill the field.
 - The cost will be the same for 2 days and 3 days. This follows NEGA. The choice is made by the player to stay over or not if they get cut. This follows other states' formats as well.

Website/Membership Update - Pam:

- Meg is starting to build our website now. The committee has been meeting weekly since January.
- The new design will be shared with the Board soon.
- Hoping to launch by the end of March or early April.
- Membership is up to 250. Reps are being contacted to reach out to those that have not renewed yet. Membership is down by about 40 YTD compared to last year at this time.

Green Mountain Challenge – Nathalie:

- “First to 50” ball marker hat clips were approved and qty 25 will be ordered, \$270.

Committee Chair Updates – Various:

- Club rep’s posters are being worked on per Jill, and tag line and comments are tremendous and heart-warming that were received on our recent survey. Those comments should be used for future social media postings and/or sprinkled in newsletters.
- Meredith is having to move for work so we will need to replace her for our social media maven.
 - This will be added to a newsletter as a volunteer position.

New Member Feedback – Kate:

- Wonderful feedback from new members on their welcome email that I sent out.

Club Rep Training – Confirm Dates:

- April 10th at 5pm confirmed. Jen F and Nathalie will present training.

Open time:

- Jen asked if Liaison Golf Genius training would work for after our next board meeting on 4/9/25. The Liaisons at the meeting said that would work.

Future not addressed at this meeting:

- N/A

Next Board Meeting: April 9th, 2025, Zoom, 4pm
Adjourned 510 PM.