2025 VSWGA July 12th Board Meeting

**Meeting: Video Board Meeting**

**Date/Time: July 12th, 2025 9:00 AM**

**Place: Video**

**Board and Committee Members Present via Video:** Amy Butcher, Fran McCune, Jayne Magnant, Kate Mitchell, Nathalie Lascelles, Sarah Lee, Dixie Mercier, Jill Appel, Susan Rand, Pam Boyd (Operations)

**Board and Committee Members Absent:** Linda Jane Parson (Past President), Jen Farrington (Operations Manager), Jen Steck (Majors)

**Call To Order 9:00 AM**

**June 21st, 2025, Meeting Minutes Approval**

Sarah Lee moved to approve. Jayne Magnant seconded. **Approved.**

**Finance Report -Jayne Magnant**

* Reviewed Financials. Jayne reported we are in good financial shape.
  + YTD balance sheet
    - At some point we need to discuss how to disburse Ruthie Jones and Closest to Pin accrued funds that are earmarked for junior golf.
  + Statement of Activity by Class
    - Jayne is now tracking contributions received by members by type of registration such as State Days, or specific major events, so the money could possibly be utilized for those events.
  + Statement of Activity Comparison
    - YTD income is higher
    - YTD Membership is up (38 new members this year)
    - YTD Tournament income/State Day income is up
    - YTD expenses are in line and as expected.
  + Budget Comparison YTD
    - Have not yet received the annual GHIN money from VGA, the bulk of which usually comes in August and the remaining balance in October.

**Website Revamp Update – Pam Boyd**

* Close to launching around July 21st.
* Pam encourages the board to look at the staging site and report back any comments.
* Pam is going to be sending out communication to the membership regarding the new site and helpful tips on navigating. She will be encouraging comments and feedback.
* The hope is to launch it on a weekend to give members time to review well before a Friday registration date.

**9-Hole Tournaments Policy and Options (re: Bakersfield)**

* The current policy is that 50% of the field must finish 18 holes for the State Day to count.
  + The Bakersfield course tried hard to allow the players to finish the 18 holes but the last 3 holes were underwater. All players had finished 13 holes.
* Discussion to see if it would be a good idea to change the policy so that a state day could be turned into a 9-hole tournament if all players had finished 9 holes before weather halted the event.
  + 100% of players would need to finish 9 holes.
  + Awards could be done based upon 50% of points.
  + Must be based upon weather conditions: the course becomes unplayable or there is persistent dangerous weather.
  + Club Rep and Liaison should be involved in the decision along with the course.
  + Would need to discuss with Jen Farrington regarding to ensure this is administratively feasible.
  + Propose that this policy be written and presented at the club rep meeting for a vote.

**Junior Golf Update-Susan Rand**

* Keeping up the momentum of the Junior Golf Committee is an on-going issue. Only about 50% of the committee is actively engaged.
* A survey of clinics and camps to the courses in VT was sent out and the plan is to have this info on the website by building a resource page on the VSWGA website.
* Still hoping to offer a half day clinic with female golf pro and female staff help.
  + Susan hopes that with the Junior budget it could be offered free of charge. Pro would still be paid. Staff would be on a volunteer basis.
  + Shooting for late summer/early fall.
* Hoping to get more juniors playing in the VGA Junior Tour next year.

**VSWGA/VGA Conversation Update-New Hampshire**

* Amy Butcher, Jen Farrington had a great conversation with a woman who had been involved in the NH merger to gather more insight in the pro/cons of their merger experience. Amy will write up a summary to share with the board.
* There are financial implications of any choice (merging or not) so we should revisit our budget going forward.

**Open time:**

* Board recruitment will be discussed at the next meeting when Linda Jane can attend, since she leads the recruitment committee as the former president.
* Amateurs have over 100 registered so there will be a cut. 81 is the max.
  + In the future we may want to have the registration deadline earlier to make it easier for players to plan lodging, etc. The new two-division format is likely drawing more registrations than in the past.
* Rating: Several VSWGA ladies have expressed interest in being a course raters. They have not heard back from John Goodchild. Amy Butcher will reach out to John again. Sarah Lee told us that the process has changed dramatically to become a rater, now requiring attendance at a training.

**Future items not addressed at this meeting**

* From May Meeting – Jen GHIN “C” or “A” for State Days. Jen Farrington will call the USGA.
  + As an aside, Fran mentioned that during Kathy Allbright’s term the USGA required the VSWGA to switch from “C” to “A” because they could not believe that we were holding that many true tournaments per week.

**Major Decisions for Secretary to track**

1. N/A

Next Board Meeting: August 9th, 2025, Zoom, 9am

Adjourned 10:12 AM.