

2025 VSWGGA August 16th Board Meeting

Meeting: Video Board Meeting
Date/Time: August 16th, 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, Susan Rand, Jen Farrington (Operations Manager)

Board and Committee Members Absent: Dixie Mercier, Jill Appel, Linda Jane Parson (Past President), Pam Boyd (Operations), Jen Steck (Majors)

Call To Order 9:03 AM

July 12th, 2025, Meeting Minutes Approval

Fran McCune moved to approve. Susan Rand seconded. **Approved.**

Amateur: Gather the data (plus/minus/delta/surprise?)

- Overall was great. Ekwanok was welcoming. Tournament was well run.
- Kudos to Jen Steck & Jen Farrington and all the volunteers.
- Ekwanok had requested that the two-day tournament be on day one and two. Going forward if we continue doing the two-day tournament and three-day championship, would want all to end on day three.
- Jen Farrington was so thankful to all the volunteers.
- Feedback on the course was that the greens were extremely hard.
 - If the course that is hosting decides to do that, the full field is all playing the same conditions and it's the Amateur and meant to be hard.
- Juniors' feedback was positive. Loved the cut and the live scoring.
- Box lunches could be improved. Possibly BBQ or buffet.
- About 5 players needed to be asked to make a wardrobe change due to the wardrobe dress code. The dress code was given to all players so it should not have been a surprise.
- Media coverage was great. WCAX evening news and social media. VGA Braedon Fox managed this so well.
- VGA presence was so amazing. Huge thanks to John Goodchild and Braedon Fox

Future Majors:

- Jen has a spreadsheet of all the locations for where all the majors have been held in the past and future site options. Most of the time a course gives the VSWGGA a 3-year commitment.
- We try to rotate between Northern, Central, and Southern parts of state.
- We will be making the selection process more transparent, so that members understand the selection process.
- Right now, the tournament committee consists of Jen Farrington and Jen Steck and we will be adding this to our next board meeting as a longer discussion to make it an official board committee with board member presence. **Future action needed.**

- Also, the need to add a Handicap committee to ensure that players are posting **all** their scores to reflect an accurate handicap for tournaments. Most clubs do not monitor their members GHIN's. **Future action needed.**
 - Example: If No Card on a state day, the score should still be posted to GHIN. This is on page 16 of the Member Handbook.
- 2026 Amateur at Haystack is set.
- 2026 Mid-Am: Williston, Cedar Knoll are options.
- 2026 Seniors: Orleans is option
- 2026 Tri-States: Lake Morey, Quechee?
- Jen Steck stipend discussion for 2025. An amount was agreed upon for 2025. Jayne Magnant moved to approve. Sarah Lee seconded. **Approved.**
 - In 2025 Jen Steck took the lead and Jen Farrington helped.
 - In 2026 Jen Farrington will take the lead and Jen Steck will be stepping back.

State Day Logistics/Questions:

- Forward Tee issues.
 - Handicap Index vs Course Handicap
 - Currently based upon HI and this is what Tee Sheet reflects.
 - Jen double checks HI at noon the day before the event to ensure it is 25.0+
 - Recently, one player's handicap dropped to 24.6 overnight but neither Jen nor the player noticed that she was no longer qualified for forward tees—and she went on to win that flight that day.
 - Consider widening the window of when the eligibility is established, perhaps to when the initial tee sheet is sent out.
 - Net prizes only if there are 1-5 players for the forward tees. We will address this again to revisit how prizes are awarded and how many for small forward tee fields. **Future action needed at Club Rep meeting.**
- C vs A vs H update...The USGA Advises?
 - Per USGA, there is no list of requirements.
 - Each code is weighed the same, so it does not affect GHIN differently.
 - We will leave as A so we can distinguish majors from State Days.
- VNCC Lottery: Allowing players to pick tee time?
 - Golf Genius makes it possible to do this.
 - Jen feels it will be chaotic because you may have won the slot in the lottery as single, twosome, or foursome but might have trouble fitting into the tee sheet.
 - It is much more efficient for Jen to manage the tee times on the admin side and the board recommends we continue that way, at least for this year.

Preparing for Club Rep Meeting

- Gathering the headcount information (attendance, golf, etc.)
- Membership survey (review past survey, craft new, send, summarize). No decision was made if a survey was going out.
- Board Recruitment update from Linda Jane (in absentia).
 - Some great candidates.

- A club rep letter will be sent out for recruitment
- Jayne has been trying to recruit an accountant but is not having any luck.
- Roll call format – Kate asked if it could be done alpha by club name to make it easier to track. We will track headcount by club, not rep names.

Open time:

- Remember to mark your calendars:
 - Club Rep meeting Oct 7th @ Lake Morey
 - Board Retreat Oct 15 in Burlington (downtown)

Future items not addressed at this meeting

- N/A

Major Decisions for Secretary to track

1. N/A

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday September 10th, 2025, Zoom, 4pm (2 hours)
Adjourned 10:15 AM.