

2025 VSWGGA December 10th Board Meeting

Meeting: Video Board Meeting
Date/Time: December 10th, 2025 4:00 PM
Place: Video

Board and Committee Members Present via Video: Trish Wade, Jayne Magnant, Kate Mitchell, Nathalie Lascelles, Jill Appel, Becky Monty, Amy Butcher (Past President), Jen Farrington (Operations Manager).

Board and Committee Members Absent: Barb Masterson, Susan Rand, Dixie Mercier.

Call To Order 4:03 PM

November 12th, 2025, Meeting Minutes Approval.

Jayne Magnant moved to approve. Jill Appel seconded. **Approved.**

Review Finalized Contracts:

- Jen Farrington: Changing to hourly rate in off season.
- Pam Boyd: January through Sept, hourly.

Financials Update/Review Budget – Jayne Magnant

- Reviewed budget financials.
- Jayne suggested a membership survey regarding future increases to registration and fees.

Jayne Magnant moved to approve. Jill Appel seconded. **Approved.**

Votes Needed:

- 9 Hole Tournaments
 - 100-50% finish 18 holes. Treat as an 18-hole tournament (this will ensure our current policy, i.e. if 50% or more finish 18 it will be treated as an 18-hole event)

Nathalie Lascelles moved to approve. Jill Appel seconded. **Approved.**

- Junior Golf program - we have a large restricted amount of money. Should we suspend more money going into this program for 2026?
 - The board agrees to suspend for 2026.
 - We will revisit this annually.

Jill Appel moved to approve. Becky Monty seconded. **Approved.**

- Forward Tee Points
 - Change the point distribution in **both** flights (Regular and Forward Tee) to be the same.
 - 0-5 players. One net. 4 points.
 - 6-10 players. One gross/one net. 6 points each.
 - 11-16 players. Two gross/two net. 8 points/6 points each.
 - 17+ players. Three gross/three net. 8 points/6 points/4 points each.

Jayne Magnant moved to approve. Nathalie Lascelles seconded. **Approved.**

- Ties Resolved by Golf Genius
 - Review data of ties and potential cost savings of no longer awarding ties but instead letting Golf Genius resolve by match of cards.
 - We decided to table this for now until we can add it to a survey and also educate the membership on the financial impact of paying out ties in regards to Chits, etc.

Unused Chits Donate Back to VSWGA

- Discussed potentially asking members to donate unused chits back to the VSWGA this season. They could specify donating back to general coffers or majors (not to Junior Golf since that is restricted).
- Communication to the members will be done in early 2026.

Jayne Magnant moved to approve. Nathalie Lascelles seconded. **Approved.**

Code of Conduct

- Code of Conduct information is handed out at the majors.
- We would like to get it into the handbook as well so that if something happens at State Days or Tri-States we have a policy in place.

Nathalie Lascelles moved to approve. Jayne Magnant seconded. **Approved.**

Majors-The Amateur

- The majors committee met many times to discuss the 2025 Amateur and propose the following changes:
 - Back to the 3 day tournament only.
 - 100 players
 - Split Tees
 - Tee Length 5,200-5,600, striving around 5,500

Becky Monty moved to approve. Jayne Magnant seconded. **Approved.**

Sponsorship Ideas

- Barb Masterson is looking into this.
- VGA has sponsors.
- More to come on this at future meetings.

Becky volunteered to help with this, hoping one more member to also help

VGA Annual Meeting Summary

- VSWGA attendees were happy to be part of it.
- Both VSWGA and VGA have an aging population.
- Heard the USGA policy (Erin) and how other states have merged. There is no obligation to merge, but Erin strongly encourages the merge as there are resources that would benefit us.
- We need to have major buy-in from the board and members, and we want to ensure that the VSWGA traditions are held.
- We hope to have a board meeting with USGA rep Erin to ask more questions and hear more information. We need to make a decision one way or another so both the VSWGA and VGA can both move forward accordingly. This conversation has been going on for 7 years.
- Trish is working on getting a GHIN increase from the VGA. Currently we receive \$14/GHIN. The VGA just increased their GHIN fees from \$25 to \$28.
- VGA is opening up their spring 4-ball to VSWGA members.

Open time: N/A

- Rules:
 - Nathalie and Amy are working on a rules quiz and working on prizes and will come back to us with ideas.
 - We are looking to spark interest in rules.

Future items not addressed at this meeting

- N/A

Major Decisions for Secretary to track

1. 9-Hole Tournaments.
2. Suspend Junior Golf additional money from the closest to the pin money (\$1/per closest to pin) for 2026.
3. Forward Tee Points (and Regular Tee) changes.

Next Video Board Meeting: Wednesday January 14th, 2026, 4:00pm

Jayne Magnant moved to adjourn. Jill Appel seconded. **Approved.**

Adjourned 5:33 PM