

2026 VSWGGA January 14th Board Meeting

Meeting: Video Board Meeting
Date/Time: January 14th, 2026 4:00 PM
Place: Video

Board and Committee Members Present via Video: Trish Wade, Barb Masterson, Jayne Magnant, Kate Mitchell, Nathalie Lascelles, Susan Rand, Dixie Mercier, Jill Appel, Amy Butcher (Past President), Jen Farrington (Operations Manager), Pam Boyd (Operations).

Board and Committee Members Absent: Becky Monty

Call To Order 4:00 PM

December 10th, 2025, Meeting Minutes Approval.

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

Update on Handbook changes

- Discuss and vote on changes to the cost of Majors.
- Jen Farrington reviewed budgets for all of the majors and FAC and in order to not lose money we need to increase the fees.
 - Seniors reg fee: \$170 (formerly \$165)
 - Amateur reg fee: \$210 (it was \$210 in 2025 for the three day tournament)
 - MidAm reg fee: \$170 (formerly \$165)
 - FAC reg fee: \$110/person (formerly \$100 per person). Will be at Quechee.
 - Increase gratuity at our Majors to \$500/Day (previously \$250/day). The gratuity includes tips for everyone at the club, including golf staff and the kitchen and waitstaff.

Barb Masterson moved to approve. Dixie Mercier seconded. **Approved.**

- Jen will list only the committee chairs vs all members in the 2026 book.
- Discuss and vote on possible changes to eligibility.
 - Current is ten VT rounds within twelve month period posted to GHIN
 - No changes.
 - No vote needed.

Committee Reports

- **VGA/VSWGGA discussion on upcoming changes**
 - Prepare for the meeting with Erin from the USGA.
 - What are the items that we feel are the biggest parts that we want to hold:
 - We are aging out as an organization. How to attract the younger players?
 - Continue to have an inexpensive way to play around the state.
 - Keeping a sense of community.
 - To work together and fairly split the financial award.
 - Board membership.
 - Bylaws establish a women's division.
 - Change can be hard, but change can be good. The VSWGGA can be even better by joining.
 - How long is the USGA going to give to the VGA to address some of the KPI's that are not being done? Two of which are course ratings and women's golf in VT (since they cannot claim VSWGGA).
 - Communications: Survey the club reps - what is the most important thing that the VSWGGA provides? Including info regarding possible merger. Dixie will work on the survey.
 - Jen Farrington will put together a nice talking point package of known info.
 - Trish requested that the board email her prior to Wednesday 1/24/26 with any questions for Erin.
- **Junior Committee report. Susan Rand**
 - The clinic will be May 30th, with a rain date of May 31st.
 - Three female Vermont LPGA Pros are currently committed to provide instruction.
 - Will start advertising soon and reaching out for volunteers via the Volunteer Committee.
 - Ages 12-18 and hoping to get 40 girls.
 - There will be a small fee for participants. Fee waived for those in need.

GHIN Fees from VGA:

- Trish reached out to the VGA to see if we could get an increase on the GHIN fee. This was not approved by the VGA. Currently we receive \$14/GHIN. The VGA just increased their GHIN fees from \$25 to \$28.

VSWGGA Gold Sponsorship to the VGA Scholarship Fund

- We received the annual letter from the VGA regarding this sponsorship. \$1,500.
- 100% of the sponsorship goes directly to scholarships for Vermont graduating seniors.
- Sponsorship includes one foursome at the VGA annual golf scramble, plus a banner, and advertising on the VGA and VGASF websites.

- We pay this each year.

Open time: N/A

Future items not addressed at this meeting

- N/A

Major Decisions for Secretary to track

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Special Video Board Meeting: Tuesday January 27th, 2026, 12:00pm

Next Regular Video Board Meeting: Wednesday February 11th, 2026, 4:00pm

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

Adjourned 5:21 PM