

2026 VSWGGA March 11th Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting: Video Board Meeting
Date/Time: March 11th, 2026 4:00 PM
Place: Video

Board and Committee Members Present via Video: Trish Wade, Barb Masterson, Jayne Magnant, Kate Mitchell, Susan Rand, Dixie Mercier, Becky Monty, Jeanne Chenoweth, Jen Farrington (Operations Manager).

Board and Committee Members Absent: Nathalie Lascelles, Amy Butcher (Past President).
Call To Order 4:00 PM

February 11th, 2026 Meeting Minutes Approval

Jayne Magnant moved to approve. Barb Masterson seconded. **Approved.**

Welcome Jeanne Chenoweth to Board

VT State High School Champions (Juniors) Donation Discussion for PGA National Tournament:

- There are juniors who have qualified for this year's PGA Golf National Invitational.
- The total cost for each of the juniors is roughly \$3,500 (\$600 registration, \$1,500 lodging, \$200 for practice rounds, with the remaining funds going toward travel and meals).
- The board donates \$1,500 annually to the VGA Scholarship Fund.
- We have not done any individual donations in the past.
- The VGA is donating \$150/player.

- The board discussed donating \$200/player - there are 15 junior players (boy/girl).
- We would get the names from the VGA and the \$200 would offset registration.
- Each year we would reevaluate if we donate or not, and if so how much.

Barb Masterson moved to approve. Jayne Magnant seconded. **Approved.**

Board Meeting Day/Time Change for May-August, 2026

- Due to summer golf leagues, etc., we need to agree upon a new day/time of the week for our monthly board meeting since the 2nd Wed of the month at 4pm is a conflict.
- We discussed moving the meeting for those months to Thursday at 6pm.

Committee Reports:

- Committee Meeting Minutes:
 - A central location on the VSWGGA Google Drive is needed.

- Possibly under Board Meeting Docs in a sub folder in the current Committee folder. This is where the charters are stored.
- Junior Golf Committee. Susan Rand
 - Junior golf portion on website is live
 - The budget is in the works. Susan needs more information from the LPGA.
 - Working on mentors.
 - More info will be in the next newsletter.
- Majors-Jen Farrington
 - All have been created in Golf Genius.
 - On April 3rd all majors will be live for registration.
 - Most of the contracts are signed. A few are in works but will be signed soon.
- Communications - Jeanne Chenoweth
 - Newsletter process
 - Will be taking over doing thank you's for those that donate from Trish.
 - Survey with our members regarding merger/integration and what our members value the most and what would they like to see change.
 - We will continue to monitor if this is needed or if we have the information we need from last year's survey. No timing is set yet if we do go ahead with another survey this year.
 - Coordinate with the VGA on messaging.
- Volunteers-Dixie Mercier
 - Spring Four-Ball support May 2-3, 2026
 - The VGA needs:
 - 2 volunteers that are comfortable with Golf Genius
 - 6-10 volunteers for spotters, etc.
- State Days - Jen Farrington
 - VGA is going to open up Montague 5/27 & Orleans 6/11 to women.
 - Women will need to create a VGA Golf Genius profile to enter (if they don't already have one).
 - VSWGGA is going to open up Stratton 6/15 & Killington 8/25 to men.
 - Women's registration is open on two Fridays before as usual.
 - Men's registration will be the following Monday so women get priority.
 - Club Rep video meetings will be on Monday April 6th and Tuesday April 21st.
 - Lotteries will open on Friday 4/17/26 (Manchester, Fox Run, Woodstock, VNCC).
 - Liaison Golf Genius training the week of 4/27/26.

- VGA/VSWGGA discussion on upcoming changes-Trish Wade, Barb Masterson, Jen Farrington
 - The Committee met with the VGA yesterday.
 - Continues to be a work in progress.
 - The VGA feels the merger is in the best interest for all of VT golf.
 - Rather than pursue merger with the VGA at this point, the VSWGGA has instead proposed a road map to integrate some of the VGA and VSWGGA operations. Some of the proposed integration includes:
 - The VGA Spring Four Ball will now include women
 - Two VSWGGA state days will be open to men this year, with others added based on interest and any challenges with registration/implementation
 - Formation of a Majors committee
 - VGA/VSWGGA working together in Year 1 on the Amateur, adding in Year 2 the Senior, etc.
 - Possibly gather some metrics for what we provide to women golfers in VT and what the VGA provides for the men.
 - We also discussed developing talking points regarding the potential integration for the Club Rep meetings happening in April.

- Finance-Jayne Magnant
 - Jayne reviewed the finance reports.

Sponsorship and Potential Financial Changes

- Any money donated to us is not tax deductible due to our IRS status.
- Banners/posters would still provide advertising.
- Becky Monty knows of a company that would like to be a sponsor.

Open time:

- N/A

Future items not addressed at this meeting

- N/A

Major Decisions for Secretary to track

1. N/A

Next Video Board Meeting: Friday April 3rd, 2026, 6:00pm

Dixie Mercier moved to adjourn. Jeanne Chenoweth seconded. **Approved.**

Adjourned 5:17 PM