

**WSSGL Fall Board Meeting  
October 6, 2025  
Mattakeesett House, Duxbury Yacht Club**

**Attendance:**

**Cohasset:** Lynn Cotter, Karen Shusterman

**Duxbury:** Kristin Emerson, Anne Fleming, Catherine Goulet, Carolyn Loïselle  
ML Nichols

**Halifax:** Margo Masson

**Hatherly:** Kim Brooks, Susan Cronin, Amy Ferrie, Betsy Mitchell

**Marshfield:** Deb Annese, Maria Bonzagni, Mary Donovan

**Plymouth:** Karen Bandera, Patty Glynn

**Scituate:** Pam Winters

**Wollaston:** Patty Andresino, Ruth Mahoney

**Call to Order:** 5:30 pm

**Opening Remarks:** President Kristin Emerson welcomed all to the Fall Board Meeting at the Mattakeesett House/ Duxbury Yacht Club. All participants were introduced. In her opening remarks, Kristin reiterated that the mission of the WSSGL was to promote friendly competition. She acknowledged that the league faces many challenges which include fostering increased participation. She encouraged all to provide information to their members so “they will know and participate, if they so desire.” She stressed our appreciation to all the Clubs for their ongoing support.

**Secretary’s Report: Voted and Approved**

**Treasurer’s Report: Voted and Approved**

**Old Business:**

**2026 Schedule:** The tentative schedule for 2026 was presented and changes are expected. It was suggested that club chairpersons check their club schedules for conflicts. It was noted that most clubs have established annual tournaments that generally fall within the same time frame and that scheduling difficulties have increased since Covid due to the increased demand for club usage. Several clubs have specific ongoing annual scheduling difficulties. Mary Donovan stated that Marshfield’s schedule was complete.

**Centennial Celebration:** Deb Annese, Centennial Chairman, presented an update on the Centennial Celebration which included some changes from the initial plan. She specifically noted that the scholarship initiative would not go forward due to multiple complications. Two major events are planned. A golf clinic for 5-17 year old girls

tentatively entitled “Girls on Course” is planned for 6/24/2026 at Marshfield Country Club. The goal of the event is to have 100 girls participate, each one to represent the 100 years. Sources to generate publicity for this event were discussed. They included: reaching out to the First Tee Program at Franklin Park for any insights/suggestions they may have; contacting high school coaches, local recreation departments, local community television programs; and using social media. We will be seeking donations of junior golf clubs for use during the clinic. The other major event will be the Tournament and Celebration planned for September 9, 2026 at Wollaston Golf Club. The event will feature lunch and dinner, a round of golf (ABCD scramble) and guest speakers. All past presidents will be invited as well as special guests. League leaders will be recognized. Sign up will be two staged due to the limited number of available spots. Sign up will be conducted through the WSSGL website. Funding was discussed. To date, \$9,300 has been raised from raffle proceeds. Proceeds will go towards special prizes, framed flags gifted to each club commemorating the anniversary, centennial tournament flags, and commemorative pins. Raffles will continue throughout the 2026 season. It is estimated that the cost of the “Girls on Course” will be approximately \$100 per girl which will include swag bags and prizes. Golf professionals will be asked to donate their time for which they could earn professional continuing educational credits. In addition, it was suggested that we seek levels of “hole” sponsors. Betsy Mitchell, Treasurer, proposed that the WSSGL donate \$3,000.00 from the treasury toward the “Girls on Courses” centennial event. A discussion ensued and a motion was put forward and approved to guarantee the funds be allocated.

**\* Motion to allocate and to guarantee \$3000 from the WSSGL treasury to the “Girls on Course” centennial event was voted and approved.**

#### **Prize Committee:**

Amy Ferrie, Prize Chairman, spoke regarding the challenges of distributing chits following tournaments. She expressed how time consuming it was to fill out individual chits for winners. To eliminate this and be more expedient she proposed filling out pre-numbered chits which she would order in advance. All were in agreement with this proposal. She further addressed the idea of continuing to award pins for winners of Boros and league championship. After a group discussion, a motion was presented and accepted to eliminate pins in 2027. Special framed certificates were suggested as an alternative. For the 2026 season, commemorative centennial pins will be ordered.

**\*Motion to eliminate pins beginning in 2027 was voted and approved.**

Catherine Goulet was acknowledged for her talent and design of the the new centennial logo. The logo will be updated on the WSSGL website.

#### **Tournament Report:**

Pam Winters presented an accounting of tournament participation for the past three years. Most notable was that participation has remained static with little change

noted. All tournaments except the 4-ball this year were self supporting. The 4-ball lost money due to a "Hole-in-One" celebration. A lively discussion followed as to going forward with the current format of 4-Ball due to its low participation. Concerns were expressed that by changing to a one day event the tournament was losing its importance as a championship event. A motion to trial a one-day tournament next season was presented and passed.

**\*Motion to change the Four-Ball Tournament from two days to one day for the 2026 season was voted and approved.**

Closing Field Day will remain a Stableford format by general consensus.

**New Business:**

Golf Genius was discussed as a scoring option for tournaments. The advantage would be that it allows live scoring by providing an ongoing leaderboard simplifying and expediting the final results for the golf pro. The disadvantage to implementation was that not all clubs subscribe to the program.

Team match play scores between opponents were discussed. Match play scores during team matches should be attested for accuracy between opponents and should synchronize with posted scores.

Congratulations was extended to Cohasset for winning their Fall Cup.

**Adjourned: 6:40 pm**

Respectively submitted,

Ruth Mahoney  
Secretary