DATE:	January 8, 200	)9	<u>TIME:</u>	5:00PM
PLACE:		c Country Club c, Rhode Island		
<u>PRESENT:</u>	Trudy Dufault Jackie Booth Liz Duguay Luanne Goog Kathy Chorne	ins	Co-Founder/Tournam President Corresponding Secre Treasurer Recording Secretary	
<u>GUESTS:</u>	Chris Trenhol	me	Handicap Chairperso	n
<u>ABSENT:</u>	Carolyn Brow JoAnn Bourqu		Vice President Tournament Chair	
CALL TO OF	<u>RDER:</u>	The President welcom meeting to order at 5:	ned everyone in attend 17PM.	ance and called the
MINUTES:		Minutes of the Decen	nber 11, 2008 Board M	feeting were reviewed.
			and unanimously can the December 11, 200 proved as submitted.	
TREASURER'S REPORT:		Monthly financial summaries from December 1 through December 31, 2008, along with year-to-date figures, were distributed and reviewed.		
		received the bill), the	ed from savings to pay Annual Banquet and C transferred to the Scho	Carnegie Abbey.
			budget, we need to mo ittle short at year end.	ore frugal going

#### TREASURER'S REPORT CONTINUED:

Every couple of years we are able to use credit card reward points to pay for gifts for the Annual Banquet and it looks like we will be able to do so again this coming year.

### A motion was made and unanimously carried. VOTED: to approve the Treasurer's report

#### CHAIRPERSONS' REPORTS:

<u>Tournament Chair:</u> <u>Tournament:</u> <u>Statistician:</u> <u>Handicap:</u> <u>Rules:</u> <u>Scholarship:</u> <u>Publicity:</u> <u>Nominating:</u> <u>Website:</u> <u>By-Laws:</u>	Nothing to report. Nothing to report.
<u>TOURNAMENT</u> <u>DIRECTOR'S REPORT:</u>	The new 2009 OSWGA Handbooks are in progress. The Board will review and edit the draft copy from the printer. The cover will be blue and white with a small blue binder.
	A motion was made and unanimously carried. VOTED: to approve the Tournament Director's report
OLD BUSINESS:	•
OLD BUSINESS: NEW BUSINESS:	<i>VOTED: to approve the Tournament Director's report</i> The President will ask the ByLaws Chairperson to submit a draft of recommended changes for the Board to review. After the

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A letter to all members will be mailed updating everyone on what's new for the coming year. The mailing will include the 2009 OSWGA Membership Application along with information for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Skills Challenge & Rules Clinic. Also included is the addition of new courses added to the upcoming season.

According to the present ByLaws, free tournaments are given to Board Members for the work they perform to make the organization successful. With the 2009 schedule being 32 tournaments, the Board has agreed they would receive a maximum of 25 free tournaments and will address changing the ByLaws to state as such. This would affect all Board Members with the exception of the Co-Founder.

The Rules Chairperson will be putting a committee in place and any questions regarding rules during a tournament will be directed to a committee member. If no committee member is present, questions will be directed to the Tournament Director or Tournament Chairperson.

The 2009 tournament schedule has been posted on the website.

The President has contacted all Chairpersons who will remain in place. The only exception is the new Nominating Chairperson.

### A motion was made and unanimously carried. VOTED: to approve all 2009 Chairpersons

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

DATE:	March 19, 20	09	<u>TIME:</u>	5:00PM
PLACE:	Green Valley Country Club Portsmouth, Rhode Island			
<u>PRESENT:</u>	Trudy Dufaul Jackie Booth Carolyn Brow Liz Duguay Luanne Goog JoAnn Bourq	vn ins	Co-Founder/Tournam President Vice-President Corresponding Secret Treasurer Tournament Chair	
<u>GUESTS:</u>	Chris Trenhol	me	Handicap Chairperso	n
ABSENT:	Kathy Chorne	ey.	Recording Secretary	
CALL TO OF	RDER:	meeting to order at 5:	ned everyone in attend :08 PM. ry 8, 2009 Board Meet	
			and unanimously car the January 8, 2009 n ed as submitted.	
TREASURER'S REPORT:		Monthly financial summaries for January and February 2009 were distributed and reviewed. Membership received to date was approximately 208 applications which are somewhat less this year in comparison to this time last year. However, there are 50 new members that sent in their applications this year which is an increase in comparison to last year.		
		Board members have	cussion as to how to tra agreed to pay for this least seven of the tourn	year. Board members

#### TREASURER'S REPORT CONTINUED:

It was agreed that Board members will be responsible for tracking their own in addition to the Treasurer.

### A motion was made and unanimously carried. VOTED: to approve the Treasurer's report

#### CHAIRPERSONS' REPORTS:

Tournament Chair:	Nothing to report.
Tournament:	Nothing to report.
Statistician:	Nothing to report.
<u>Rules</u> :	Nothing to report.
Scholarship:	Nothing to report.
Publicity:	Nothing to report.
Nominating:	Nothing to report.
Website:	Nothing to report.
By-Laws:	Nothing to report.
Handicap:	The Chairperson and other Board members attended the Handicap
	Meeting held on March 12 at Potowomut Golf Club. It was
	suggested that since the OSWGA receives complimentary
	membership in the GHIN system, anyone who no longer is a
	member of a golf course or whose handicap is no longer active or
	valid, their handicap should also be inactivated with the OSWGA
	since anyone can continue to post their scores through the
	OSWGA, even though they are no longer a member of a golf
	course or paying for their scores to be posted on the GHIN system.
	It was also mentioned that currently there are six golf courses
	within the state that still do not allow their members to post scores
	online. Other items that were discussed related to the TPP program
	and handicap issues.
	and handleup issues.
TOURNAMENT	
DIRECTOR'S REPORT:	The Rules Chairperson is preparing material to hand out during the
DIALCTOR DIAL ORT.	Rules Clinic after the Skills Challenge. The Tournament Director
	also heard from the Publicity Chair and indicated that she is
	working on publishing some of the more important tournaments
	including the State Amateurs, Four Ball and others.
	including the State Amateurs, Four Dan and Otters.
	A motion was made and upanimously carried

A motion was made and unanimously carried. VOTED: to approve the Tournament Director's report

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OLD BUSINESS:	The President mentioned that the Bylaws Chairperson is still working on the draft. A recommendation was to have a draft ready for the April meeting and to send copies to all Board members prior to the meeting so they had time to review it.
	Final preparation for the Skills Challenge was also discussed. Donated Food Baskets will be raffled off and the Skills Challenge will take place indoors due to inclement weather.
<u>NEW BUSINESS:</u>	It was suggested that the Board review all written policies that have been developed over the years and determine which policies may need updating, revising or dropping.
	Also it was suggested again to have volunteers assist in keeping members from interfering with the volunteers during scoring at tournaments. Not only will it help in speeding up the scoring, but will help to eliminate mistakes that could occur as a result of interference.
	Rule sheets have been completed for the first six tournaments.
	According to the present ByLaws, free tournaments are given to Board Members for the work they perform to make the organization successful. With the 2009 schedule being 32 tournaments, the Board has agreed they would receive a maximum of 25 free tournaments and will address changing the ByLaws to state as such. This would affect all Board Members with the exception of the Co-Founder.
	Banquet preparations are ongoing. A down payment has been sent to the West Valley Inn and copies of their menus have been sent to the OSWGA Vice-President.
ADJOURNMENT:	The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Liz Duguay Corresponding Secretary

DATE:	April 30, 2009	9	TIME:	5:00PM
PLACE:	West Warwick Country Club West Warwick, Rhode Island			
<u>PRESENT:</u>	Trudy Dufault Jackie Booth Carolyn Brown Liz Duguay Kathy Chorney Luanne Googins JoAnn Bourque		Co-Founder/T President Vice-Presiden Correspondin Recording Sec Treasurer Tournament C	g Secretary cretary
<u>GUESTS:</u>	Chris Trenhol Donna DeBla		Handicap Cha Website Chain	
CALL TO ORDER:		The President welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.		
MINUTES:		Minutes of the March 19, 2009 Board Meeting were reviewed.		
TREASURER'S REPORT:		<ul> <li>A motion was made and unanimously carried.</li> <li><i>VOTED: to approve the March 19, 2009 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved as submitted.</i></li> <li>Monthly financial summaries for March 1 through March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 1 through April 30<sup>th</sup>, along with year-to-date figures, were distributed and reviewed. Because this meeting is being held on the last day of the month, the Treasurer will need to run the final</li> </ul>		
		summary for the mon		
		A motion was made and unanimously carried. VOTED: to approve the Treasurer's report		•

# CHAIRPERSONS' REPORTS:

Tournament Chairperson:	Reports were submitted detailing recent tournaments – Pawtucket Country Club on April 6 <sup>th</sup> , Rhode Island Country Club on April 13 <sup>th</sup> , Kirkbrae Country Club on April 20 <sup>th</sup> and Fall River Country Club on April 27, 2009.
	At Pawtucket Country Club, one team withdrew and one team was disqualified for playing a scramble rather than best ball which was the format of the tournament. An error was made in scoring for the Championship Division but
	was found right away and the correct winners were mailed their certificate.
	At Kirkbrae Country Club, there was one late addition to the tournament and two very late replacements.
	All other events ran smoothly.
	The Tournament Chair also reported on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Skills Challenge held at Green Valley Country Club on March 29, 2009. Due to inclement weather, the event was held inside. There was an informative Rules Clinic and baskets were raffled off. Once again, this event was a huge success.
Handicap Chairperson:	It was reported that GHIN numbers are good for one year. In order to acquire a USGA GHIN handicap index, a fee must be paid at a club of choice. To keep a handicap index up-to-date, membership dues need to be paid along with the GHIN fee. Handicap indexes are mandatory or players will play at scratch. All scores should be posted to keep an index current.
	Eleven (11) OSWGA members do not have updated GHIN numbers and they will be advised by letter.
Rules Chairperson:	The Rules Chairperson has put a Committee in place which has been approved by the Board.

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<u>Website Chairperson:</u>	A change has been made by putting the winners' pictures of each tournament on the results page and they will remain there throughout the year. Also, completed tournaments have been moved to the bottom of the schedule page. This will result in current tournaments always being at the top of the page and making it easier for members to find tee time/hole assignment, etc.
	It was discussed if divisions could be added to the schedule information. Although it results in additional work, the Board is looking to see if this can be done.
	The website has been running smoothly and members are saying it is user-friendly. We are still looking for someone to help with major problems, if needed.
Appeals:	An Appeals Committee has been put in place which has been approved by the Board.
<u>By-Laws:</u>	The By-Laws Chairperson submitted a draft copy of recommended changes to the current By-Laws. They were reviewed in detail with discussion as to why certain changes were made. The Board will review, make their changes and resubmit their proposal to the By-Laws Chairperson. The final version should be completed by the November Annual Meeting.
	A motion was made and unanimously carried. VOTED: to approve all Chairperson reports
<u>Statistician:</u> <u>Scholarship:</u> <u>Publicity:</u> <u>Nominating:</u>	Nothing to report. Nothing to report. Nothing to report. Nothing to report.
<u>TOURNAMENT</u> <u>DIRECTOR'S REPORT:</u>	The Tournament Director's Report was submitted detailing recent tournaments – Pawtucket Country Club on April 6 <sup>th</sup> , Rhode Island Country Club on April 13 <sup>th</sup> , Kirkbrae Country Club on April 20 <sup>th</sup> and Fall River Country Club on April 27, 2009.

Rather than turn someone away, a twosome was allowed to play alone at Pawtucket Country Club.

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<u>Tournament Director's</u> <u>Report (Continued):</u>	For the OSWGA Shamble held at Fall River Country Club, the team handicap could not be less than 25. One team was below that and the mistake was not caught beforehand. This team won a prize. The Board is discussing on how to handle and will refer the problem to the Rules Committee.
	This year, the cost of food and carts are up and, when running a tournament, sometimes there are unforeseen charges such as tax on carts, service charge, etc. For the most part, we can determine beforehand what the profit amount will be. Application fees will remain as is.
	The RI Women's State Four-Ball is to be held at North Kingstown Golf Course June 8 through June 10 <sup>th</sup> . They are putting in a new irrigation system which was to be completed by June 1. However, the work has been delayed and won't be completed by the date of the tournament. It was decided to go ahead as scheduled as it will be a fair playing field for everyone.
	Last minute replacements at tournaments was discussed. It was determined that wording addressing this situation in the OSWGA Handbook needs to be reviewed.
	A motion was made and unanimously carried. VOTED: to approve the Tournament Director's report
OLD BUSINESS:	By-Laws were reviewed – see above.
<u>NEW BUSINESS:</u>	2009 Banquet, free tournament review and Tournament of Champions discussions have been postponed until the next meeting.
ADJOURNMENT:	The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

DATE:	May 21, 2009		TIME:	5:00PM
PLACE:	Green Valley Portsmouth, F	•		
<u>PRESENT:</u>	Jackie Booth Carolyn Brown Liz Duguay Kathy Chorney Luanne Googins JoAnn Bourque		President Vice-President Corresponding Secretary Recording Secretary Treasurer Tournament Chairperson	
<u>GUESTS:</u>	Chris Trenholme		Handicap Cha	airperson
ABSENT:	Trudy Dufaul	t	Co-Founder/T	Cournament Director
CALL TO OF	<u>RDER:</u>	The President welcom meeting to order at 5:	•	n attendance and called the
MINUTES:		Minutes of the April 30, 2009 Board Meeting were reviewed.		
		A motion was made VOTED: to approve minutes were approv	the April 30, 2	009 meeting minutes. The
TREASURER'S REPORT:		Monthly financial summaries for April 1 through April 30 <sup>th</sup> , along with year-to-date figures, were distributed and reviewed.		
		The membership total is down a little from last year.		
like to have the OSW		at Valley Country, the Pro stated they would /GA back again next year. We need to book ent within the next month.		
I		If a member enters a male/female event, the cost for the male partner is the same as the member fee and not the fee of a non-member.		

### A motion was made and unanimously carried. VOTED: to approve the Treasurer's report

#### CHAIRPERSONS' REPORTS:

Tournament Chairperson:	Reports were submitted detailing recent tournaments – Quidnessett Country Club on May 4 <sup>th</sup> and Valley Country Club on May 18 <sup>th</sup> .
	At Quidnessett Country Club, a player teed off from the wrong hole. This was presented to the Rules Committee who decided that since the player did not use her score on that hole, there is no penalty as it was a "best ball" tournament. The Tournament Chair will respond to the parties involved in this matter. When there is a question about any issue, a rules official should be notified immediately after play.
	The Rules Committee will now wear badges at each tournament so they may be easily recognized for any questions from the players. If any committee member is asked a rules question, they should confer with another committee member before answering.
	After the Fall River Country Club tournament, a player contested the winners of that tournament saying the team did not meet the eligibility requirements as described in the OSWGA Handbook – <b>"Team handicap cannot be less than 25".</b>
	The Tournament Chair attended a Rules Committee meeting that was held on May 18 <sup>th</sup> where this was discussed. Since the winning team handicap total was 23, the Rules Committee voted to strip the winning team of title and points as they had not met eligibility requirements as stipulated in the Handbook. It was further recommended that tournament winners in all categories be rechecked to see if placing and points would change as a result of this. If so, the appropriate team placing, prizes and points would be awarded. The Handicap Chair will check this and report her findings.
	Furthermore, the Rules Committee would ask that the Board adopt a policy that says "it is the player's responsibility to abide by eligibility requirements. Any breach discovered even after the

Furthermore, the Rules Committee would ask that the Board adopt a policy that says "it is the player's responsibility to abide by eligibility requirements. Any breach discovered even after the close of the competition will result in the player(s) not being eligible for prizes, points, etc."

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Tournament Chairperson Report (continued):	The Rules Committee feels a player should have some culpability in these matters and, in this situation, should have been aware they did not meet the eligibility criteria.
	The Rules Committee presented their recommendations to the Board. After discussion, the Board determined the winners would be stripped of their title and points and the actual winners of that tournament would be advised they had won. Everyone would be notified via a formal letter.
	Since it was not noticed before the end of the tournament, those players should keep the gift certificates that had been awarded them. Other players who have moved into winning positions will be mailed gift certificates to Golfer's Warehouse.
	It was determined that the Tournament Chair and other scoring members should be placed at holes near the clubhouse to be able to come in as soon as possible so they are prepared for scoring. It was also determined that scorers need to be a little more separated from everyone. Mistakes can happen when too many interruptions occur.
	It was discussed to have a scoring board at each tournament for players review posting winners and their scores. If a discrepancy exits, it can be addressed before prizes are handed out. No decision has been made on this suggestion.
	When a dispute occurs, the Board needs to be more diligent in getting issues resolved in a timely manner. If a problem is recognized, the Board should be notified as soon as possible. If needed, an emergency meeting can be held.
	It was also determined that all emails should be reviewed by another Board member(s) before they are sent.
Handicap Chairperson:	A couple of members were not affiliated with any club. It was found they had been mistakenly deactivated and the problem was resolved. At Fall River Country Club, a player who played at scratch was found to have a GHIN and the handicap was then changed.

Handicap Chairperson's	
Report (continued):	Also at Fall River, the Pro who did the scoring had made an error; players signed an incorrect score card.
	The Handicap Chair will be checking tournaments at Quidnessett and Valley to make sure posting is up-to-date.
	The OSWGA is now having players post their own individual scores after tournament play when posting is needed. The Handicap Chair has proposed that she now posts all players' scores after those tournaments. With internet posting it is easier to post all scores rather than go in and check and then recheck again to make sure scores have been posted. An announcement can be made and also put on the rules sheet not to post. If a score does happen to be posted twice, the second posting can be removed. The next few tournaments are "do not post".
	There is a TPP program that lists members with their index. The Handicap Chair is requesting to get a copy of that report every two weeks when GHIN updates.
	At Fenner Hill, the men are playing from the white tees and not the blue as the OSWGA Handbook states.
	It was discussed allowing GPS devices at all tournaments. This will be brought up again at the next meeting.
	A motion was made and unanimously carried that the President will draft a letter for Board review regarding the Fall River Country Club issue; the Tournament Chairperson will draft a letter regarding the issue at Quidnessett Country Club. Once approved, these letters will be mailed to the appropriate players. <i>VOTED: to approve all Chairperson reports</i>
<u>Rules:</u> <u>Statistician:</u> <u>Scholarship:</u> <u>Publicity:</u> <u>Nominating:</u>	See above Nothing to report Nothing to report Nothing to report Nothing to report
<u>Appeals:</u> <u>Website:</u>	Nothing to report Nothing to report

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TOURNAMENT	
DIRECTOR'S REPORT:	The Tournament Director sent a report stating there was a good turnout at Quidnessett Country Club. One player was seen hitting from the wrong tees. This was forwarded to the Rules Committee for a decision. (See above.)
	After the Fall River Country Club tournament, a player contested the winners saying the team did not meet the eligibility requirements as described in the OSWGA Handbook. (see above).
	A motion was made and unanimously carried. VOTED: to approve the Tournament Director's report
OLD BUSINESS:	By-Laws review will be in the August timeframe.
<u>NEW BUSINESS:</u>	Tournament of Champions applications are low. We need to check with the Tournament Director to see how many she has received. A decision will be made by June 6 <sup>th</sup> whether to hold the tournament. The Board may need to follow up with golf courses to make sure their Club Champions have received the application.
	A deposit has been sent to West Valley Inn for the 2009 Annual Banquet. We need to verify that the cost is at last year's prices.
	A discussion regarding free tournaments for the Board took place. It was also discussed that Board members not receive the 25 points awarded for entering a tournament if not paying for it.
ADJOURNMENT:	The meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

DATE:	June 1, 2009		TIME:	1:50PM
PLACE:	Potowomut G East Greenwi	olf Club ch, Rhode Island		
<u>PRESENT:</u>	Trudy Dufault Jackie Booth Carolyn Brown Kathy Chorney Luanne Googins JoAnn Bourque		Co-Founder/Tournament Director President Vice-President Recording Secretary Treasurer Tournament Chairperson	
<u>GUESTS:</u>	Chris Trenholme Kris Kennedy Kathy Mis Valerie Tessier		Handicap Chairperson Rules Chairperson Rules Committee Rules Committee	
CALL TO ORDER:		The President welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 1:50 PM.		
C		Letters were approved to be sent to the players at Quidnessett Country Club who teed off from the wrong hole stating that no error had been made since it was a "best ball" tournament and her score wasn't used on that hole.		
Fall River Country C points due to the team were letters to be sen Tournament Chairper		lub stating they n handicap bein t to those winne son will pick u	t to the players who won at were stripped of their title and g less than 25. Also approved ers now in place. The p Gift Certificates at either ll to be included in the mailing.	

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<u>NEW BUSINESS:</u>	Scorers and players are responsible for hole by hole accuracy on score cards and also for making sure cards are legible. The scoring committee is responsible for addition on players' cards. Since there have recently been scoring errors, every card needs to be added after every tournament for to assure accuracy. There will be a committee in place to the do the scoring so that mistakes can be eliminated.
<u>TOURNAMENT OF</u> <u>CHAMPIONS:</u>	Since applications for this tournament are so low, it was decided to wait until the June 7 <sup>th</sup> cutoff date to determine if this needs to be cancelled/postponed. We need to notify Lincoln Country Club and entrants as soon as possible. It was discussed to hold this tournament every other year and have two year champions from each course.

# ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

DATE:	June 18, 2009		TIME:	5:00PM
PLACE:	West Warwick Country Club West Warwick, Rhode Island			
<u>PRESENT:</u>	Trudy Dufault Jackie Booth Carolyn Brown Liz Duguay Kathy Chorney Luanne Googins JoAnn Bourque		Co-Founder/T President Vice-Presiden Corresponding Recording Sec Treasurer Tournament C	g Secretary cretary
CALL TO ORDER:		The President welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 4:59 PM.		
MINUTES:		Minutes of the May 21, 2009 and June 1, 2009 Board Meetings were reviewed.		
		A motion was made VOTED: to approve The minutes were ap	the May 21 <sup>st</sup> a	nd June 1 <sup>st</sup> meeting minutes.
TREASURER'S REPORT:		Monthly financial summaries for May 1 through May 31 <sup>st</sup> , along with year-to-date figures, were distributed and reviewed.		
		A motion was made and unanimously carried. VOTED: to approve the Treasurer's report		
<u>CHAIRPERS</u>	ONS' REPORT	<u></u>		
-		Reports were submitted detailing recent tournaments – Potomomut		

<u>urnament Chairperson:</u> Reports were submitted detailing recent tournaments – Potomomut Golf Club on June 1<sup>st</sup>, North Kingstown Golf Course on June 8<sup>th</sup> and Richmond Country Club on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

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	At Potomomut Golf Club, it was reported that a player had teed off from the wrong hole. After review, it was found that the score taken for that particular hole was from the other team player; therefore, no rule was broken. A letter was sent stating no rule had been broken.
	At the RI Women's State Four-Ball played at North Kingstown Golf Course, the weather was cold and wet. On the second day, play had to be suspended for approximately one hour due to heavy rain and thunder storms.
	At both North Kingstown Golf Course and Richmond Country Club, there were rules questions which were addressed.
<u>Handicap Chairperson:</u>	Scores were checked in the GHIN system for both Quidnessett Country Club and Valley Country Club. Approximately 26 players had not posted their scores. The Handicap Chair sent an email to these members. To date, one player still had not posted her score and this member will be reduced in the next tournament she plays.
	As was decided at the last Board meeting, the Handicap Chair will continue to post all scores into the GHIN system for the remaining of the season.
	There was a discussion on cutting and moving players to another division due to exceptional tournament play. Two players are being cut until the GHIN system updates to the correct index.
Website Chairperson:	All is running smoothly. There has been positive feedback regarding members liking the divisions listed with the pairings and also that the current tournament is listed on top of the schedule.
Appeals:	Nothing to Report
By-Laws:	Nothing to Report
Statistician:	Nothing to report.
Scholarship:	Nothing to report.
Publicity:	Nothing to report.
Nominating:	Nothing to report.
	A motion was made and unanimously carried.

A motion was made and unanimously carried. VOTED: to approve all Chairperson reports

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<u>TOURNAMENT</u> <u>DIRECTOR'S REPORT:</u>	Nothing to report.		
	A motion was made and unanimously carried. VOTED: to approve the Tournament Director's report		
OLD BUSINESS:	The Board is reviewing the drafted By-Laws and will send any questions or comments to the By-Laws Chairperson.		
	There have been no complaints or any problems regarding the Handicap Chairperson posting all scores into the GHIN system for the remaining season.		
<u>NEW BUSINESS:</u>	Due to the low number of entrants in the "Tournament of Champions" this event has been postponed until 2010. Lincoln Country Club and all applicants were notified. Green Valley Country Club was approached to hold this tournament next year. We are waiting to hear back from them.		
	Regarding refunds/credits: one player asked to be cancelled from a tournament the day before the close of that tournament which meets the cancellation requirement as indicated in the OSWGA Handbook. Another member said they could not play in a tournament due to an injury and asked if their money could be used for a later tournament. The OSWGA Handbook specifically states no refunds or credits. The President will inform the member.		
	It was discussed that the Scholarship Chairperson mail OSWGA Applications to all school Guidance Counselors around the state.		
	The Tournament Director has been having problems with her computer. It keeps freezing and stress tests are now being done. This computer is about five years old and, depending on the cost for it to be fixed, the Board agreed that she should get a new computer if necessary.		
	The use of Electronic Measuring Devices being added to additional tournaments this year was discussed. To be consistent and fair to everyone, it was decided to leave the courses they are now allowed at. Next year the policy could be changed allowing EMDs at more tournaments.		

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

DATE:	August 27, 20	09	TIME:	5:00PM
PLACE:	•	een Valley Country Club rtsmouth, Rhode Island		
<u>PRESENT:</u>	Trudy Dufault Jackie Booth Carolyn Brow Liz Duguay Kathy Chorne Luanne Goog JoAnn Bourqu	yn yy ins	Co-Founder/Tournan President Vice-President Corresponding Secre Recording Secretary Treasurer Tournament Chairper	tary
<u>GUEST:</u>	Chris Trenholme		Handicap Chairperson	
CALL TO OR	<u>RDER:</u>	The President welcom meeting to order at 5:	ned everyone in attend 09 PM.	lance and called the
MINUTES:		Minutes of the June 18, 2009 Board Meeting were reviewed.		g were reviewed.
			and unanimously can the June 18, 2009 me ed as submitted.	
TREASUREF	<u>A'S REPORT:</u>	Monthly financial summaries for June 1 through June 30, 2009 and July 1 through July 31 <sup>st</sup> , along with year-to-date figures, were distributed and reviewed. The Treasurer also distributed the 2009 Tournament Report.		
		Louisquisett Golf Clu proceeds to her favor	E the OSWGA Memori b on July 6 <sup>th</sup> donates a ite charity. A "thank y organization regarding	a portion of the ou" letter was received
TREASURES (continued)	<u>R'S REPORT:</u>	Letters were sent to five Scholarships recipients who were awarded the amount of \$1,000 each. Copies of the recipients' names and where they are attending school were provided to the Providence Journal and the Ocean State Golf Magazine.		

Free tournaments to Board members were discussed. The first 25 tournaments are free to all Board members. If anyone plays more than that amount of tournaments, they are to incur the cost of the entry fee.

Some entry amounts are incorrect when members are submitting checks for male/female events. At Montaup Country Club, there were over twenty checks submitted incorrectly. The male player pays the same amount as the member fee and not the nonmember/guest fee. Next year's book will state such.

#### A motion was made and unanimously carried. VOTED: to approve the Treasurer's report

#### CHAIRPERSONS' REPORTS:

<u>Tournament Chairperson:</u>	Reports were submitted detailing recent tournaments – Laurel Lane Country Club held on June 22 <sup>nd</sup> , Crystal Lake Country Club held on June 29 <sup>th</sup> , Louisquisset Golf Club held on July 6 <sup>th</sup> , Cranston Country Club held on July 14 <sup>th</sup> , Exeter Country Club held on July 28 <sup>th</sup> , Montaup Country Club held on August 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Pinecrest Golf Club held on August 10 <sup>th</sup> , Green Valley Country Club held on August 17 <sup>th</sup> , and New England Country Club held on August 25 <sup>th</sup> .	
	At the OSWGA Mixed Event held at Cranston Country Club, we had one male player who played at scratch since we could not verify his handicap. Scoring was difficult due to the fact that many teams did not circle the scores they used. In the future, cards that are not scored properly will be given back to the players to be corrected.	
	At the RI Women's State Ryder Cup held at Montaup Country Club, one player was DQ'd for use of a cell phone while on the golf course and two couples were given a two stroke penalty for teeing off on the wrong hole. Sample score cards were given out and there were only a few cards that needed correcting. We will continue to provide sample scoring cards for complicated formats.	
<u>Tournament Chairperson:</u> (continued)		
	At the RI Women's State Amateur Championship held at Exeter Country Club, there was a change in tee times on Wednesday from what was posted at the golf course Tuesday afternoon. As a result, some players were late. Players who arrived early were allowed to tee off out of turn to allow for those players who were not aware of	

	the change of time. One of the players in the last group missed the $1^{st}$ hole and, unfortunately, lost that hole. Although the tee times were correct on the website, not everyone was aware of the time changes. In the future, if this happens again, we should telephone all players involved.
	Due to a change in date and day of the RI Women's State President's Cup held at Green Valley Country Club, only two teams withdrew prior to the tournament due to other commitments.
	At the RI Women's State Round Robin held at New England Country Club on August 25 <sup>th</sup> , some players took six hours to finish their round. This could have been due to having groups in front of them not related to our tournament. Play was slow due to the public and NECC members as they were allowed to tee off on holes 2 through 5 in between our event. Since we did not have a full field, this was an agreement made by the Tournament Director and the course management. Hopefully, next year we will have more participants. Also, many cards were calculated incorrectly. We will try and improve on the sample card next year. There were a few rules questions on the golf course that were handled.
Handicap Chairperson:	The Handicap Chairperson has been posting scores from all eligible tournaments and it seems to be working well. Some players had posted their own scores, but the Tournament Director was able to remove the duplicated score.
	Some players who question their handicap don't realize that tournaments are at 80%. Also, a handicap was questioned at one of the tournaments and the Handicap Chairperson explained that handicaps are established as of the closing date of each tournament. The issue was resolved.
<u>Handicap Chairperson:</u> (continued)	Pairings and divisions were discussed. Also discussed were single digit handicap players playing in the Championship Division no matter what their partner's handicap. This is due to the formats played in these events. Next year, the OSWGA Handbook will state as such.
<u>Scholarship:</u>	This position was discussed and it was determined that the position may not be needed. The Tournament Director receives the application that sends it to the Treasurer and then is brought to the Board for approval. The Treasurer has a list of high schools whose Guidance Departments should be notified which is not being done now. Guidance Counselors can be emailed to see what procedures

they have in place or what we need to provide them. If this position is eliminated, the change needs to be reflected in the By-Laws.

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Website:

<u>Appeals:</u> <u>By-Laws:</u>

Statistician:

Nominating:

Publicity:

#### A motion was made and unanimously carried. *VOTED: to approve all Chairperson reports*

<u>TOURNAMENT</u> DIRECTOR'S REPORT:	
DIRLETOR 5 REFORT.	Due to participation, the OSWGA Team Event–4 to be held at Midville Country Club will have only an 8:00am shotgun and not a double shotgun. Last year at this event, we ran out of food, so we have taken care to make sure there is enough for everyone.
	The Tournament Director received a call from the Pro at Agawam Hunt asking us to hold a tournament there this year. We have a really tight schedule, but the Tournament Director will look into this further.
	The Tournament Director has been working on next year's schedule and all courses are pretty much set.
TOURNAMENT	
DIRECTOR'S REPORT: (continued)	The RIGA has offered to help in running the "Tournament of Champions" tournament next year. The Board agreed this would be helpful.
	A motion was made and unanimously carried. VOTED: to approve the Tournament Director's report
OLD BUSINESS:	The Board decided to table the By-Laws revisions until the winter months.
<u>NEW BUSINESS:</u>	In the past, we have approved for \$500 to be awarded to the OSWGA representative for the USGA Women's State Team Championship event. The RIGA pays for hotel and airfare; however, this money is to help defray her cost. This amount was again approved by the Board.

Points need to be updated due to past scoring errors. This will be taken care of.

The Nominating Committee is working on upcoming elections for positions that will be open: Vice President, Recording Secretary and Correspondence Secretary. These positions are to be voted on at the Annual Banquet. The last day for response if any member is interested in running is September 26<sup>th</sup>. We will then need to do the letter to the membership and also meal choices. It was asked if the time of the Banquet could be held earlier than 6:30pm. We will check with West Valley Inn to see if this can be done.

The Publicity Chairperson has been sending out news to the media, but the OSWGA still hasn't received any coverage from the Providence Journal. Even the four day event for the RI Women's State Amateur Championship wasn't covered. Letters have been sent to the Providence Journal regarding this and some personal subscriptions cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT:	The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

DATE:	September 28, 2009		<u>TIME:</u>	4:00PM
PLACE:		c Country Club c, Rhode Island		
<u>PRESENT:</u>	Trudy Dufault Jackie Booth Carolyn Brow Liz Duguay Kathy Chorne JoAnn Bourqu	n Sy	Co-Founder/Tournan President Vice-President Corresponding Secre Recording Secretary Tournament Chairper	tary
ABSENT:	Luanne Goog	ins	Treasurer	
<u>GUEST:</u>	Chris Trenhol Donna DeBla		Handicap Chairperso Website Chairperson	
CALL TO OR	<u>RDER:</u>	The President welcon meeting to order at 4:	ned everyone in attend 45 PM.	lance and called the
MINUTES:		Minutes of the Augus	t 27, 2009 Board Mee	ting were reviewed.
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<u>TREASURER'S REPORT:</u> After each tournament, the Treasurer emails that Budget to a Board members. No monthly reports for this meeting.		-		
CHAIRPERS	ONS' REPORT	<u></u>		
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<u>ournament Chairperson:</u> Reports were submitted detailing recent tournaments – Back Nine Club held on August 31<sup>st</sup>, Midville Country Club held on September 9<sup>th</sup>, Foster Country Club held on September 14<sup>th</sup>, Segregansett Country Club held on September 16<sup>th</sup> and Wannamoisett Country Club held on September 21<sup>st</sup>. At the Back Nine Club, the course was in good shape although some of the greens were not in very good condition.

At Midville Country Club one team had to be disqualified for playing the wrong format. Also, there was an error made in scoring and, although it didn't affect the gift certificate, points were different; the point adjustment was made.

At Foster Country Club, some groups took 4½ hours to complete their round – others took 5 hours and three/four groups took 5½ hours. This did cause a problem for the kitchen. The Pro made an announcement that the scoring committee were waiting for all cards to be turned in and all but one team turned in their scorecard. After the tournament, the President received an email from that group stating they had forgotten to turn in their card. On Page 9 of the OSWGA Handbook, it states that it is the responsibility of the player to turn in their scorecard. Also, the tournament had closed and nothing can be done about making changes.

There were a few replacements for play at Segregansett Country Club with one team canceling. One couple withdrew due to hitting out of turn. Scoring took a little longer than usual as it always does at male/female. Which also contributed to the delay was so many matching cards and people coming to the scoring table asking questions.

Part of the field at Wannamoisett Country Club finished the round in about  $5\frac{1}{2}$  hours. We feel this was due to the difficulty of the course.

Handicap: Website: Appeals: Scholarship: By-Laws: Statistician: Publicity: Nominating: Nothing to report Nothing to report Nothing to report Nothing to report Nothing to report. Nothing to report. Nothing to report. Nothing to report.

	A motion was made and unanimously carried. VOTED: to approve all Chairperson reports
<u>TOURNAMENT</u> <u>DIRECTOR'S REPORT:</u>	The white tees at Foster Country Club weren't where they normally are. Next year, the white tees will be brought forward and not be so far back.
	The Tournament Director has secured the venue for "Player of the Year" Tournament to be held on October 18 <sup>th</sup> . This will be announced at a later date. She is still working on the menu and other particulars. The President will send an email to those in contention to notify them of the date.
	A motion was made and unanimously carried. VOTED: to approve the Tournament Director's report
OLD BUSINESS:	Nothing to report
<u>NEW BUSINESS:</u>	Elections for open positions for Vice President, Recording Secretary and Correspondence Secretary are to be held at the Annual Banquet on November 8. Candidates are now in place and those names will be posted on the website. Prior to the vote taking place, each candidate will introduce herself to the membership. The Correspondence Secretary will prepare the ballots for voting. The earlier time of 5:00pm for cocktails will be posted on the website.
	Three weeks prior to the Banquet, an invitation will be mailed along with candidate names and dinner choices. An RSVP will be requested for a count to be provided to the West Valley Inn.
	The Board discussed having more than two people from the same golf course on the Board at the same time. Having different people from different sectors with different viewpoints might be better for the organization. Also discussed was having club association under the picture and name of each Board member posted on the website.

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We are still working on "going green". To that end, a new email address has been established – <u>www.oswga\_news@cox.net</u>. During the winter months, the President will send an email to members asking them to reply back to this new email address.

An additional discussion ensued regarding the missing scorecard at Foster Country Club. Although it is the player's responsibility to turn in their card immediately after play, the Board has taken steps to hopefully correct this from happening in the future.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

DATE:	October 15, 2	009	TIME:	5:00PM
PLACE:	•	een Valley Country Club rtsmouth, Rhode Island		
<u>PRESENT:</u>	Trudy Dufault Jackie Booth Carolyn Brown Luanne Googins Liz Duguay Kathy Chorney JoAnn Bourque		Co-Founder/Tournan President Vice-President Treasurer Corresponding Secre Recording Secretary Tournament Chairper	tary
CALL TO ORDER:		The President welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 5:23 PM.		
MINUTES:		Minutes of the September 28, 2009 Board Meeting were reviewed.		
		VOTED: to approve	and unanimously can the September 28, 20 proved as submitted.	
TREASURER'S REPORT:		Monthly financial summaries from August 1 through August 31 and September 1 through September 30, 2009 were distributed and reviewed. Also distributed was the year-to-date 2009 Tournament Report.		
		The August report sh Fund.	ows \$5,000 being paid	into the Scholarship
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### CHAIRPERSONS' REPORTS:

Tournament Chairperson:	Reports were submitted detailing recent tournaments – Alpine Country Club held on September 28 <sup>th</sup> , Acoaxet Club held on October 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Wanumetonomy Country Club held on October 5 <sup>th</sup> and Carnegie Abbey held on October 13 <sup>th</sup> .
	At Alpine Country Club, three players withdrew. The course was in great shape.
	There is no strict USGA formula for a Nassau. This year, to be fair and equitable to the entire field, the Team Nassau event played at the Acoaxet Club allowed only one team to receive a prize. After the tournament, three players questioned why teams received front and back prizes before overall prizes. It was explained that the format was stated on the website, in the OSWGA Handbook and also on the Rules Sheet. All prizes and points were the same for front, back and overall.
	At Wanumetonomy Country Club, the golf club made the score cards incorrectly, so there was a slight delay in the start time for this to be corrected. There were three withdrawals – two were replaced and one team played as a threesome. One group teed off from the wrong hole and were assessed a two stroke penalty.
	At the Carnegie Abbey Club, two players withdrew, one before the event and the other during the round. Ocean views were spectacular.
Handicap: Website: Appeals: Scholarship: By-Laws: Statistician: Publicity: Nominating:	Nothing to report Nothing to report Nothing to report Nothing to report Nothing to report. Nothing to report. Nothing to report.

A motion was made and unanimously carried. VOTED: to approve all Chairperson reports

TOURNAMENT	
DIRECTOR'S REPORT:	Because there is no revenue generated from the tournament at Carnegie Abbey, most Board members have paid for that tournament. Previously, it had been decided Board members would receive the first 25 tournaments free and then pay for any other tournament played. A discussion ensued regarding this being equitable for all. As the By-Laws state that Board members get all tournaments free, it was then determined that each would pay for tournaments on a volunteer basis.
	A motion was made and unanimously carried. <i>VOTED: to approve the Tournament Director's report</i>
OLD BUSINESS:	Nothing to report
<u>NEW BUSINESS:</u>	Details were discussed for the upcoming Annual Banquet to be held on November 8, 2009 at the West Valley Inn. Cocktail hour is between 5:00 and 6:00 when dinner will then be served.
	The Vice President presented banquet arrangements for approval of dinners, drink tickets, etc. She has arranged for a check-in table, raffle table, microphone and podium, etc. It was determined that the election voting will be done the same as last year - table by table. The Nominating Committee will take care of ballots for election votes. The Tournament Director has prizes for those who have volunteered over the past year. Baskets are all set for the raffle.
	Reviewing the 2010 Handbook was discussed. Because there are so many emails going back and forth between Board members making corrections to the book, next year there should be a committee of two people to edit the book before it is presented to the rest of the Board.
	A vote was taken and approved that next year, GPS devices will be allowed at all tournaments (excluding those devices that show windspeed and direction). It will be stated on the Rules Sheets to please share GPS information with your foursome which is USGA etiquette.

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The "Player of the Year" tournament is scheduled for October 18<sup>th</sup> with the weather forecast showing torrential rains. If the course cancels, the players will still need to eat on Sunday and play the tournament another day.

The "Player of the Year" tournament is the top 12 players and ties who have earned the most points. If someone cancels, the next person in line moves up.

Not all Board members are getting all emails. From now on, the email recipients will be checked and then forwarded to those who did not receive the email.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

#### OCEAN STATE WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION, INC. ANNUAL BANQUET AND MEETING WEST VALLEY INN WARWICK, RI

Date:	November 8, 2009
Time:	5:00 PM
Board Members Present:	Trudy Dufault, Co-Founder Jackie Booth, President Carolyn Brown, Vice-President Luanne Googins, Treasurer Liz Duguay, Corresponding Secretary JoAnn Bourque, Tournament Chairperson
Absent:	Kathy Chorney, Recording Secretary
Members/Guests:	122 Members in attendance (could we include the number of no shows?)
Call to Order:	OSWGA President, Jackie Booth called the meeting to order at 5:40 PM.
	President Booth welcomed everyone and gave an update as to what took place throughout the year. Think it's important enough to add that the Board has unanimously agreed to allow GPS for all tournaments starting 2010 Carolyn Brown, outgoing Vice-president then spoke and explained the gifts that would be raffled off and when they would take place. President booth gave a report as to the elections and the candidates listed on the ballots. The following Board positions were up for election: Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary. The only position that had at least two people seeking nominations was the Vice- president position, the other two positions were unopposed. She also mentioned that copies of the 2009 applications along with Volunteer sign up sheets for 2008 were placed on all the tables for the members. Candidates were given the opportunity to speak before the membership and present their reasons for seeking the position and qualifications. Candidates running for the Vice-president position, namely Pat Dickson and Chris Trenholme did take the opportunity to speak before the membership and Liz Duguay running unopposed for the Corresponding secretary position also spoke.
Minutes:	No minutes to approve.
Treasurer's Report:	The President mentioned that copies of the year-end financial report were placed on every table and asked members if they had any questions regarding the report. Since no one had any questions, a motion was made and seconded to accept the financial report as presented.
NO REPORT:	Rules Committee Membership Committee

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	Publicity Committee Website Consultant By-Laws Committee		
Tournament Directors Report :	The President then introduced Trudy Dufault, Co-Founder and Tournament Director who then presented committee chairs, committee members and all volunteers for the 2009 season with a gift. She also thanked everyone for their help and continued support. Approximately 90 members volunteered to assist with the tournaments as well as serve on the many committees within the organization. Gifts were given to the 10 Committee Chairs and to approximately 30 Volunteers. Drink Tickets, which were handed out during check-in, were given as favors.		
Nominating Committee Report:	Nominating Committee Chairperson Carol Wilson along with her committee Robin Parella Parish and Jackie Morgan (Janina McCloskey as well?) handled the check-in at the door as well as the voting for the elections . At approximately 6:30 PM during dinner President Booth opened the elections and instructed each table to come forward to vote. As members were was handed a ballot, the nominating committee checked their names off. The ballot included the names of candidates. After all the members had the opportunity to vote, President Booth Kelly closed the voting around 7:00. During dinner, the nominating committee counted the ballots and any absentee ballots and recorded the votes for each office. Nominating Chairperson Carol Wilson announced the winners as follows:		
	RESULTS:		
Vice- <i>President:</i> (elected)	: 122 votes cast       Unopposed:         d) Pat Dickson – 88 votes       Corresponding Secretary- Liz Duguay:         Chris Trenholme – 44 votes       Recording Secretary- Kathy Chorney		

The meeting concluded with Carolyn Brown pulling raffle tickets for gifts and a few words from President Booth .

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted: Liz Duguay Corresponding Secretary

DATE:	December 3, 2009		TIME:	6:00PM
PLACE:	West Warwick Country Club West Warwick, Rhode Island			
<u>PRESENT:</u>	Trudy Dufault Jackie Booth Pat Dickson Luanne Googins Liz Duguay Kathy Chorney JoAnn Bourque		Co-Founder/Tournament Director President Vice-President Treasurer Corresponding Secretary Recording Secretary Tournament Chairperson	
ABSENT:	Carolyn Brow	/n	Vice President	
<u>GUEST:</u>	Chris Trenholme		Handicap Chairperson	
<u>CALL TO ORDER:</u> <u>MINUTES:</u>		<ul> <li>The President welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.</li> <li>The President offered congratulations to newly-appointed Vice President, Pat Dickson, also to Liz Dugay, Correspondence Secretary and Kathy Chorney, Recording Secretary for being elected to serve on the Board. The election took place at the 2009 Annual Banquet Meeting.</li> <li>Minutes of the October 15, 2009 Board Meeting were reviewed and approved via email. The Board discussed changes to the minutes of the November 8, 2009 Annual Meeting and agreed that</li> </ul>		
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TREASURER'S REPORT:We received "thank you" notes from some of the scholarship<br/>recipients. It was discussed that both high schools and junior high<br/>schools be made aware that scholarship applications are available.<br/>The Scholarship Chairperson should send letters and applications<br/>to the Department of Schools for distribution to all Guidance<br/>Counselors in the state.Financial summaries from October 1 through October 31<sup>st</sup> and

Financial summaries from October 1 through October 31<sup>st</sup> and November 1 through November 30<sup>th</sup> were distributed and reviewed. Also distributed was the year-end 2009 Tournament Financial Report.

We received \$750 from credit card points.

A motion was made and unanimously carried. VOTED: to approve the Treasurer's financial report.

### CHAIRPERSONS' REPORTS:

<u>Tournament Chairperson:</u>	Reports were submitted detailing year-end tournaments – the RI Women's Fall Classic held at Warwick Country Club on October 19 <sup>th</sup> , the OSWGA Player of the Year Championship held at Agawam Hunt Country Club on October 21 <sup>st</sup> and the RI Women's State Club Challenge held at Ledgemont Country Club on October 26 <sup>th</sup> .
	The Player of the Year Tournament was originally scheduled for October 18 <sup>th</sup> but was rained out; however, the dinner celebration was held on that day. The event took place on October 21 <sup>st</sup> where 14 players participated. There was one rules question during the round and one player was penalized two strokes.

Handicap: Website: Appeals: Scholarship: By-Laws: Statistician: Publicity: Nominating: Nothing to report Nothing to report

### A motion was made and unanimously carried. *VOTED: to approve all Chairperson reports*

# TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The Tournament Director has been working on the 2010 schedule which is near completion. The Board discussed the upcoming schedule. Once completed, the Tournament Director will email the Board for approval and work on getting the scheduling page onto the website. At time, the Handicap Chair has problems at the beginning of the year when players have not paid for GHIN and are deactivated in the system. She will have a record of GHIN numbers in case someone is not active. For the upcoming season, there will be a single shotgun at all nine hole courses and not double shotguns. The Tournament of Champions event was discussed. The Tournament Director received a call from the RIGA regarding a joint venture for this event with the RIGA / OSWGA / RIWGA. After discussion, the Tournament Director will see about setting up a meeting with the three Directors for a discussion on how this would be handled. A motion was made and unanimously carried. **VOTED:** to approve the Tournament Director's report OLD BUSINESS: A draft of the By-Law revisions will be provided at the next meeting for Board review. We feel this can be finalized by the summertime and presented to the membership for approval at the 2010 Annual Banquet meeting. **NEW BUSINESS:** The President is currently working on the 2010 OSWGA Handbook. When ready, two Board members will review for changes or corrections and then it will be presented to the rest of the Board for any further revisions.

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News coverage (or lack there-of) was discussed. The Publicity Chairperson has had problems with getting newspapers to publish our events. The Board agreed this needs to be face-to-face contact and not through emails.

The use of GPS devices being allowed for the upcoming season was discussed. Sharing information is allowed and approved by the USGA. The new handbook will state that *only manufactured GPS devices will be allowed* - cell phones with GPS's are not allowed.

We will be looking to fill the vacant Website Chairperson position. One member has come forward saying she is willing to help. Also discussed was creating our own website from scratch so we can manage it better ourselves.

The 2010 Membership letter will be emailed to members and the application attached. Letters will be mailed to those members with no email addresses. Information will also be posted on the website.

The newly-appointed Vice President will work on scheduling next year's Annual Banquet.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,