

MINUTES: The December 28th minutes were reviewed and discussed. The board edited the minutes and represented for approval

A motion was made and unanimously carried.

VOTED: to approve December's minutes with the suggested edits.

PUBLICITY

President Kelly spoke with one of the sports journalists who indicated that the in general, coverage of golf events has been scaled back due to other sports events and the limited amount of space in the sports section. It was noted that the Journal usually covers the RI State events such as the Amateur and the Open. Discussion followed regarding the current vacant Publicity Chairperson. It was suggested to consider having Co-Chairs instead of one Chairperson to cover the Publicity Activities.

TOURNAMENT

DIRECTOR REPORT:

The Tournament Director handed out a camera-ready draft of the schedule book and stated she will be meeting with the printer within the week. The board reviewed the draft and provided comments and suggestions. A Skills Challenge is being scheduled and will most likely take place at the beginning of the season. Additionally, Wannamoisett has been confirmed and is scheduled for May 14th.

A motion was made and unanimously carried.

VOTED: to approve Tournament Director report.

TOURNAMENT

CHAIRPERSON

REPORT:

No Report

NEW BUSINESS:

President Kelly again welcomed Jackie Booth, Vice-President and Kathy Chorney, Recording Secretary to the Board.

WEBSITE

Website Consultant, Donna DeBlasio, stated that everything is running smoothly. The Board discussed the possibility of streamlining some of the links on the OSWGA website, however, it was suggested to review the website and compare our format with other sites and then provide feedback and suggestions on streamlining. The purpose of this exercise is to eventually make the OSWGA web site more user-friendly.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Liz Duguay
Corresponding Secretary

OCEAN STATE WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Director's Meeting

DATE: February 22, 2007 TIME: 4:51PM.

PLACE: Montaup Country Club
Portsmouth, RI 02871

PRESENT: Trudy Dufault Co-Founder/Tournament Director
Diane Kelly President
Jackie Booth Vice-President
Liz Duguay Corresponding Secretary
Luanne Googins Treasurer

ABSENT: Kathy Mis Tournament Chairperson
Kathy Chorney Recording Secretary

GUESTS: None

CALL TO ORDER: President Diane Kelly called the meeting to order at 4:51 PM.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The financial reports for the period ending January 31, 2007 were presented to the Board. It was noted that the only expenses in January were the rent, Director's honorarium and website services.

A motion was made and unanimously carried
Voted: to approve the treasurer's report

MINUTES: The January minutes were reviewed and discussed and there were no suggestions or changes.

A motion was made and unanimously carried.
VOTED: to approve January's minutes as written and presented.

PUBLICITY

The Board discussed the vacant Publicity Chairperson position and to date there have been no names submitted for consideration. The Board will handle the associations' publicity activities until the position is filled.

A motion was made and unanimously carried.

Voted: the Board will handle the publicity activities until a Chairperson is appointed.

TOURNAMENT
DIRECTOR REPORT:

The Tournament Director brought the schedule books to the Board meeting ready for mailing. In addition, tournament schedules and applications that will be sent to golf courses within RI and member clubs within surrounding areas were also prepared for mailing during this meeting. It was noted that there were several new members submitting applications for 2007. The Board discussed offering a complimentary membership to those who were instrumental in assisting the co-founders during the early stages of the association. The new By-Laws which were passed in November 2006 state that the Board is no longer obligated to continue honoring lifetime memberships.

A motion was made and unanimously carried.

VOTED: Approve Tournament Director report and provide complementary membership as noted above.

TOURNAMENT
CHAIRPERSON
REPORT:

No Report

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion continued regarding the skills challenge event being held at Green Valley on April 1st. Immediately following the skills challenge, there will be a rules clinic. An assortment of light appetizers will be served and there will be a small charge for participants to cover costs for food and prizes. The event will be held rain or shine.

A motion made and unanimously carried.

Voted: to host the Skills Challenge event at Green Valley on April 1, 2007.

WEBSITE

Website Consultant, Donna DeBlasio, submitted her report stating that the website continues to run smoothly.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Liz Duguay
Corresponding Secretary

OCEAN STATE WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Director's Meeting

DATE: March 21, 2007 TIME: 4:50PM.

PLACE: Green Valley Country Club
Portsmouth, RI 02871

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Trudy Dufault	Co-Founder/Tournament Director
	Diane Kelly	President
	Jackie Booth	Vice-President
	Liz Duguay	Corresponding Secretary
	Luanne Googins	Treasurer

<u>ABSENT:</u>	Kathy Mis	Tournament Chairperson
	Kathy Chorney	Recording Secretary

GUESTS: Carolyn Brown

CALL TO ORDER: President Diane Kelly called the meeting to order at 4:50 PM.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The financial reports for the period ending February 28, 2007 were presented to the Board. It was noted that the transactions were the same as the previous month, which included the rent, Director's honorarium and website services and outlines the current amounts in the checking, savings and scholarship accounts. In addition, this month transactions also included the printing costs of the book covers for the Players Handbook.

A request was made to track expenses incurred, from printing and mailing of the handbooks including postage, stationary, and what is percentage is expended from membership dues. It was also mentioned that the fees collected to date are pretty much in line with previous years. The association received a \$117 rebate check for the insurance premium.

A motion was made and unanimously carried
Voted: to approve the treasurer's report

MINUTES: The February's minutes were reviewed and edited.

A motion was made and unanimously carried.

VOTED: to approve February's minutes as edited.

PUBLICITY

The President mentioned that she spoke with a member she considered would be a good candidate for the Publicity Chairperson position, however the person declined the position. The Board will handle the associations' publicity activities until the position is filled.

A motion was made and unanimously carried.

Voted: the Board will handle the publicity activities until a Chairperson is appointed.

TOURNAMENT

DIRECTOR REPORT:

The Tournament Director prepared a draft Policies and Procedures handout. The Board discussed several options and concluded that since policies and procedures are currently listed either on the webpage or in the handbook, that it would only be duplicating these efforts. Another event has been added to the schedule and will be held at Acoaxet Golf Course, Westport, Ma.

The Skills Challenge scheduled to be held April 1, 2007 at Green Valley Country Club and the specific events was also discussed. The challenges include a putting station, bunker and chipping station and a full swing station. A Rules Clinic will immediately follow the Skills Challenge.

A motion was made and unanimously carried.

VOTED: Approve Tournament Director Report and to drop the idea of preparing another handout addressing policies and procedures since they are already listed either on the website or in the handbook.

TOURNAMENT

CHAIRPERSON

REPORT:

No Report

NEW BUSINESS:

Board members provided an update of a USGA GHIN Handicap meeting they attended at Potowomut CC sponsored by RIGA.

The Board then went into executive session.

WEBSITE

Website Consultant, Donna DeBlasio, submitted her report stating that the problems she has been experiencing regarding posting messages to the message board on the website. The Board discussed the problem and it was suggested to invite her to the next Board Meeting to further discuss the problem and possible solutions.

A motion was made and unanimously carried
VOTED: to approve report as is with additional information forthcoming

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Liz Duguay
Corresponding Secretary

OCEAN STATE WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Director's Meeting

DATE: May 3, 2007 TIME: 5:10 PM
PLACE: West Warwick Country Club

PRESENT: Trudy Dufault Co-Founder/Tournament Director
Diane Kelly President
Jackie Booth Vice President
Liz Duguay Corresponding Secretary
Luanne Googins Treasurer
Kathy Mis Tournament Chairperson
Kathy Chorney Recording Secretary

GUESTS: Donna DeBlasio (Website Consultant)

CALL TO ORDER: President Diane Kelly welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 5:10 PM.

MINUTES: Minutes of the March 21, 2007 Board Meeting were reviewed.

A motion was made and unanimously carried.
VOTED: to approve the minutes of March 21, 2007.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Financial reports for the periods ending March 31, 2007 and April 30, 2007 were presented to the Board and reviewed.

The Tax Report is due by May 15, 2007 and our accountant is asking for the names of the scholarship recipients.

It was noted that a copy of the budget from each tournament is sent to Board members for review. Membership in the OSWGA is up from last year.

A motion was made and unanimously carried
Voted: to approve the Treasurer's report

TOURNAMENT
DIRECTOR REPORT:

The Skill's Challenge held April 1, 2007 at Green Valley Country Club was a huge success. Feedback from our members was very complimentary and they are looking forward to next year's event.

Carnegie Abbey was cancelled due to weather conditions and has been rescheduled for October 29, 2007. Members are to notify the Tournament Director if they cannot play in October. A notation will be posted on the website and also an email will be sent to all applicants to respond to the Tournament Director if they are unable to play on the rescheduled date; otherwise, checks will be processed for this event.

Incidents occurred at Pawtucket Country Club where three members did not arrive who were scheduled to play. Calls and emails were made to the Tournament Director's home after she had left that morning; therefore, the vacancies were found just before the start of the Tournament causing much confusion. The three individuals were contacted and the issue discussed with them. Letters were sent by the Tournament Chair regarding these infractions. When canceling from an event the morning of a tournament (e.g., due to illness), a call must be made to the golf course and not the Tournament Director's home.

No refunds or credits will be allowed unless an event is cancelled due to the course being unplayable or the Association cancels an event. If anyone is not able to play in a tournament in which they have applied, there will be no refund or credit applied as stated on Page 7 of the OSWGA Handbook. (If there is a cancellation and the Tournament Director is notified before the closing date, checks will be destroyed.)

As has been our policy, the Handicap Committee uses the GHIN system before each tournament to determine a players' handicap. If a player is not in the GHIN system by either name or number, they will play to a "0" handicap.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Any correspondence received complimenting the reputation of the organization will be posted on the website (with that person's permission).

Policy letters are sent to members for violations of non conformance; e.g., no shows. A letter will be mailed to any individual regarding a policy infraction as a reminder of what is expected.

There will be no solicitations of any kind at any tournament without board permission or membership of that individual may be revoked. This policy has been in place since inception along with keeping our membership list private.

OLD BUSINESS:

Presently "Rules of the Day" are being presented to the membership as handouts at each tournament. The Rules Chairperson has asked to be able to discuss the rules of the day during tournament luncheons. The board agreed as long as discussion is kept to a minimum.

WEBSITE:

The domain name (OSWGA) had expired and this has now been taken care of through Network Solutions. Network Solutions also mentioned hosting our website in place of Cox Communications. This is under consideration.

Currently, if a server problem exists, Cox will fix the problem. However, if a website problem exists we need a "go to" person for help to solve issues the Website Chair cannot resolve. These problems have become to time-consuming for the person who has been helping us now. The Board will look elsewhere for help for any "on-call" situation.

There was a problem with the Message Board which needed new software and it was decided to remove this link. If someone needs a partner for any particular tournament, a list could be provided at each tournament for members to sign or a member could email any one of the Board members for help in this matter.

Dramatic changes in schedule (such as the time change at Pawtucket Country Club) are posted on the website and, in this case, one member from each foursome was contacted by the Tournament Chair to advise of the change in time.

It was recommended to hit the "refresh" button for updated website notices.

A motion was made and unanimously carried.

VOTED: to approve the Website Chairperson's report.

The Board then went into Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Chorney
Corresponding Secretary

TOURNAMENT

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

It was noted that many of the top players will be participating at the Four-Ball Championship to be held at North Kingstown Golf Course. A special rules sheet will be provided to make sure everyone is playing by USGA rules for Championship play (laterals, creeks, ground under repair, etc.)

Because of some confusion at West Warwick Country Club regarding play from the blue or white tees, the 2008 OSWGA Handbook will address tournament format that everyone is to play from the OSWGA markers and will no longer state specific tees.

Slow play during a tournament is addressed to the foursome and not any one individual. "Pace of Play" is referred to on Page 8 of the OSWGA Handbook.

A letter is sent to any member who is a no-show at any tournament.

It was stated the TPP program does pairings of each tournament by course handicap. The Tournament Director then makes adjustments as needed; i.e., two players from the same course or when players have been paired with the same people in numerous events. These changes in pairings are made keeping handicaps in mind and give all players an opportunity to meet and play with others.

Heritage Hill Country Club, the course that was scheduled for the Par 3 Championship on July 30th is closed and we are working on securing another course for that same day. Once this is finalized, information will be posted on the website.

Again, tournaments are running well and we are still getting many compliments from our members.

A motion was made and unanimously carried.

VOTED: to approve the Tournament Director's report

TOURNAMENT CHAIR
REPORT:

A report was submitted to board members addressing each tournament held during the month of May, 2007.

A motion was made and unanimously carried.

VOTED: to approve the Tournament Chair's report

NEW BUSINESS:

Awareness for accomplishments by individual members during tournament play will appear as verbiage on the front page of the website and will remain there until the following tournament. This is for any significant play (i.e., hole-in-one, eagle, etc). Also, that member's picture will be posted on the results page.

Golf etiquette, as well as golf rules, needs to be mentioned at the beginning of each tournament (e.g., walking on the green while another member is putting, etc).

At all "State" tournaments, USGA rules apply and not local rules.

The OSWGA tee marker signs need to be replaced (they are wood) and we are looking for new ones.

There has been no problem with getting help to sign members in the morning of a tournament; however, at times, help is needed with adjusting cards after tournament play.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing to report

WEBSITE:

If a link needs to be presented on the website or a serious problem occurs, we now have an "on-call" person to contact who will help to address these issues.

A motion was made and unanimously carried.

VOTED: to approve the Website Chairperson's report

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Chorney
Recording Secretary

TOURNAMENT

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Handicap adjustments are being made to those members who are frequent tournament winners. These adjustments are being made for fairness in the playing field. (Page 6 of the OSWGA Handbook addresses this issue.)

A motion was made and unanimously carried.

Voted: to approve the Tournament Director's report

TOURNAMENT CHAIR

REPORT:

A June, 2007 Tournament Report was submitted to the Board. It was noted the Rhode Island Jr/Sr Championship was postponed due to heavy rain and rescheduled for September 24th.

A motion was made and unanimously carried.

Voted: to approve the Tournament Chair's report

NEW BUSINESS:

Monthly reports should be submitted from all committees (Rules, Handicap, Stats, Scholarship, Website, etc.). The Chair of each committee will be notified to submit their report on a monthly basis.

The current Handicap Committee Chair has been unable to perform these duties; therefore, the Tournament Director has been filling in. We have recently been approached by another member to take over these responsibilities. Contact will be made to the individuals involved and, in going forward, approval of the change will be at the next meeting.

Efforts are in progress to put an Appeals Committee in place.

The Tournament Director's Honorarium is reviewed every three years and needs to be in place and approved by January 1, 2008. Further discussion will continue on this matter.

Golfers' Warehouse has offered the members of the OSWGA a private clinic free of charge and has also given coupons for a 15 minute video. It was discussed on how this could be accomplished to be fair to all members. The decision was for two names to be pulled at the next six tournaments for attendance at a golf clinic and the video coupon would be enclosed in the gift certificate envelope awarded to all winners.

A member recently contacted the President asking for a refund for the Jr/Sr Championship that has been rescheduled for September 24th. All entrants were notified by email and/or call of the September date for the tournament and were given to July 1st in which to notify the Tournament Director if they could not play on the rescheduled date. Since this request came after the specified date, the request was denied. On Page 7 of the OSWGA Handbook it states "*No Refunds or Credits*".

When we are aware of an illness or death in the family of one of our members, the Correspondence Secretary will send an appropriate card from the organization. We ask members to please notify someone on the Board if any known situation exists so we can offer our acknowledgement.

OLD BUSINESS:

A member contacted the President inquiring about tournament pairings and placements. It was again discussed that the TPP program does pairings by course handicap; however, the Tournament Director makes adjustments as needed (two players from the same course, people being paired numerous times, etc.).

WEBSITE:

Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Chorney
Recording Secretary

OCEAN STATE WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Director's Meeting

DATE: August 20, 2007 TIME: 4:30 PM
PLACE: Green Valley Country Club

PRESENT: Trudy Dufault Co-Founder/Tournament Director
Diane Kelly President
Liz Duguay Corresponding Secretary
Luanne Googins Treasurer
Kathy Mis Tournament Chairperson
Kathy Chorney Recording Secretary

GUEST: Donna DeBlasio Website Chair

ABSENT: Jackie Booth Vice President

CALL TO ORDER: President Diane Kelly welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

MINUTES: Minutes of the July 23, 2007 Board Meeting were reviewed.

A motion was made and unanimously carried.
VOTED: to approve the minutes of July 23, 2007

TREASURER'S REPORT: Financial reports for period July 1 through July 31, 2007 were presented to the Board and reviewed.

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

PUBLICITY: The scholarship fund was established to provide opportunities for growth and achievement for deserving young female golfers. This year, eight scholarship recipients were approved and their names submitted to the Providence Journal. A motion was made and approved that \$1,000 be awarded to each recipient.

Pairings for each tournament have been appearing in the Providence Journal; however, the results are not getting in the paper even though they are submitted after each tournament.

TOURNAMENT

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

This year, the USGA Women's State Team Championship event is being held in September in Houston, Texas. The OSWGA is being represented by one member and \$500 will be awarded to defer her expenses. (The RIGA pays for each participant's flight and hotel.)

A motion was made and unanimously carried.

VOTED: to approve the Tournament Director's report and also to approve the \$500 spending stipend.

TOURNAMENT CHAIR
REPORT:

The July, 2007 Tournament Report was submitted to the Board. The report cited specifics about tournaments held at Crystal Lake, Winnapaug, Cranston and Rose Hill.

A motion was made and unanimously carried.

VOTED: to approve the Tournament Chair's report

NEW BUSINESS:

The USGA GHIN system is the only handicap that is accepted by the OSWGA. Handicaps stating "USGA Approved" means they are being done by different companies and are not actual USGA GHIN handicaps. Beginning next year in 2008, the Handicap Chair will require a two year certification.

OLD BUSINESS:

We are still waiting for the coupons from Golfer's Warehouse.

WEBSITE:

Nothing to report

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Chorney
Recording Secretary

OCEAN STATE WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Director's Meeting

DATE: October 11, 2007 TIME: 5:30 PM
PLACE: West Warwick Country Club

PRESENT: Trudy Dufault Co-Founder/Tournament Director
Diane Kelly President
Liz Duguay Corresponding Secretary
Luanne Googins Treasurer
Kathy Mis Tournament Chairperson
Kathy Chorney Recording Secretary

ABSENT: Jackie Booth Vice President

CALL TO ORDER: President Diane Kelly welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

MINUTES: Minutes of the August 20, 2007 Board Meeting were reviewed.

A motion was made and unanimously carried.
VOTED: to approve the minutes of August 20, 2007

TREASURER'S REPORT: Financial reports for periods ending August 31st and September 30th were presented to the Board and reviewed.

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

PUBLICITY: Nothing to report

TOURNAMENT

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: We are in the process of purchasing new OSWGA tee markers and the Board agreed on one of several to choose from. They will be black with gold lettering.

The current Handicap Chairperson has agreed to continue to perform these duties for the 2008 golf season.

Golf courses are being secured for next year's play. Letters are being mailed to private courses and the Tournament Director will follow up with a telephone call.

A member mailed an entry and check to play in the RI Women's State Fall Classic at Warwick Country Club. Apparently it was lost in the mail as we never received the application. This foursome is now on a waiting list.

We have received "thank you" letters from the scholarship recipients. The winner of the OSWGA Memorial Tournament had designated Crossroads RI as her charity. Our annual contribution to Button Hole has been sent.

It was discussed that next year it will be the responsibility of each person to post their own tournament scores from all OSWGA events. The OSWGA handbook will specify – *Post T Scores – Player's Responsibility*. If the player does not post within one week from the date of the event, she will receive a penalty score from our Handicap Chair.

The Tournament Chair term is expiring. The current Tournament Chair has agreed to stay on until that position is filled.

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

TOURNAMENT CHAIR
REPORT:

The September, 2007 Tournament Report was submitted to the Board. The report cited specifics about tournaments held during the month at Triggs, Midville, Segregansett, Beaver River and Acoaxet.

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

BANQUET:

This year's banquet will be held on Sunday, November 4, 2007 at the West Valley Inn in West Warwick, Rhode Island.

A Treasurer's Report will be available citing membership, the Nathalie A. Price Memorial Scholarship Fund recipients, banquet fees, etc.

There are three Board positions currently expiring: Vice President, Correspondence Secretary and Recording Secretary. It has been posted on the website for anyone interested, to submit their names to the Nominating Committee by October 23rd.

Prizes for volunteers and committee members have been purchased.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing to report.

WEBSITE: The Website Chair submitted a report stating there were issues toward the end of September when Cox Communications had a system crash. Once they resolved their problem, lost work had to be recreated. Cox had been very responsive to our needs and the website is fine now.

Positive comments have been received saying the website looks great and is user friendly. Other statements are that the pictures after each tournament are well liked and, when asked, are being emailed to those members.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Chorney
Recording Secretary

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

Date: November 4, 2007

Time: 6:00 PM

Board Members Present: Trudy Dufault, Executive Director
Diane Kelly, President
Jackie Booth, Vice-President
Luanne Googins, Treasurer
Liz Duguay, Corresponding Secretary
Kathy Mis, Tournament Chairperson

Absent: Kathy Chorney, Recording Secretary

Members/Guests: 131 Members in attendance

Call to Order: OSWGA President, Diane Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

President Kelly welcomed everyone and gave an update as to what took place throughout the year. She also recognized and offered congratulations to Donna Warner for representing the OSWGA on the USGA State Team held in Texas in September, 2007. She also 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 2008 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.

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
Publicity Committee
Website Consultant
By-Laws Committee

Tournament Directors

Report : The Tournament Director presented committee chairs, committee members and all volunteers for the 2007 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 9 Committee Chairs and 50 Volunteers. Drink Tickets, which were handed out during check-in, were given as favors.

Nominating

Committee Report: Nominating Committee Chairperson Lucy Levada along with her committee, Val Tessier, Carol Wilson and Dee Bernstrom handled the check-in at the door as well as the voting for the elections of President and Treasurer. At approximately 6:45 PM President Kelly opened the elections and instructed each table to come forward to vote. As members were 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 Kelly closed the voting around 7:20. During dinner, the nominating committee counted the ballots and any absentee ballots and recorded the votes for each office as follows:

RESULTS:

Vice-President: 135 votes cast

(elected) Jackie Booth – 98 votes
Carolyn Brown – 37 votes

Unopposed:

Corresponding Secretary- Liz Duguay:
Recording Secretary- Kathy Chorney

The meeting concluded with a few words from President Kelly and our new Vice President Jackie Booth.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

PUBLICITY:

Even though we have been submitting pairings and results from each tournament to the Providence Journal they have not been appearing in the newspaper. The Providence Journal has only been covering certain tournaments such as the Four-Ball, Amateurs, etc. We do get good coverage from the Ocean State paper and we feel that will continue again next year.

The Board feels that we need to put more emphasis on local newspapers to cover our events. A letter will be sent to each local paper in Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts providing our tournament schedule highlighting the tournament that will be played in each vicinity. A call will be made prior to that tournament as a reminder of the event. The President will take responsibility for this until the Publicity Chair position is filled.

TOURNAMENT
DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

For the 2008 season, there will be three Co-Chairs for the Tournament Chair's position. The current Tournament Chair will be the appointed Chair and the Board needs to approve two additional people. Job responsibility and tournaments will be divided equally and the Treasurer will keep track of free tournaments awarded to each person. (This applies only to tournaments and not any other committees with co-chairs.)

It was agreed by the Board that if a Board member goes away and is not present at meetings, the percentage of paid tournaments needs to be taken care of at the beginning of the year.

Meeting dates and times of monthly Board meetings, along with the agenda, needs to be posted on the website in a timely fashion for members wishing to attend.

As was stated at last month's meeting, it will be each player's responsibility to post their own individual scores throughout the season. This needs to be done within one week of each tournament and the Handicap Chair will review the GHIN system to make sure everyone is in compliance.

Most of the Committee Chairs have agreed to resume their responsibilities; however, the Publicity and Nominating Chair positions are open and will be posted on the website for anyone interested. Free membership is given for these positions.

A welcome letter will be mailed to all the membership along with this year's application form, a tentative tournament schedule and information regarding the Skills Challenge. The Skills Challenge will be held at Green Valley Country Club at 12:00 noon on Sunday, March 30, 2008 (rain or shine). The fee will be \$10.00.

The Tournament Director would like for the OSWGA to sponsor a "Tournament of Champions" with a portion of the proceeds going to a charity. The Championship Flight male and female champion from each club will be invited to participate. The entry fee will be \$25 to include golf, lunch and awards. The Board agreed this would be a positive thing for the OSWGA. The Tournament Chair will send a letter and two applications to the pro of each club in Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts.

The 2008 OSWGA Handbook draft will be emailed to Board members for their review.

A motion was made and unanimously carried.

VOTED: to approve the Tournament Director's report

**TOURNAMENT CHAIR
REPORT:**

An October, 2007 Tournament Report was submitted to the Board. The report cited specifics regarding tournaments held during the month at Wanumetonomy, Ledgemont, Warwick and Carnegie Abbey. Also included was information regarding the 2007 Player of the Year Tournament held at the Shelter Harbor Country Club.

Issues to be addressed this coming season are rules, etiquette, pace of play, posting scores and understanding handicaps. Handouts have been drafted for distribution at the Skills Challenge and also before each tournament.

The Tournament Chair would like to thank all committee members and volunteers for their help throughout this past season; everyone's help was greatly appreciated.

A motion was made and unanimously carried.

VOTED: to approve the Tournament Chair's report

OPEN BUSINESS:

The Tournament Director's honorarium expires every three years. The Board discussed and approved an increase in the Tournament Director's honorarium and expense account effective January 1, 2008.

The 13th Annual Banquet was held on Sunday, November 4th at the West Valley Inn. A good time was had by all and a slide show from that evening has been posted on the website.

A motion was made and unanimously carried.

VOTED: to approve the Tournament Director's honorarium.

NEW BUSINESS:

Applications for the 2008 season are available.

WEBSITE:

Nothing to Report.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 3:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Chorney
Recording Secretary