

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

DATE: January 20, 2011 TIME: 5:55 PM.
PLACE: Gregg's Restaurant
North Kingstown, RI 02852

PRESENT: Jackie Booth President
Pat Dickson Vice-President
Liz Duguay Corresponding Secretary
Luanne Googins Treasurer
Carolyn Brown Interim Tournament Chairperson

ABSENT: Kathy Chorney Recording Secretary
Trudy Dufault Co-Founder/Tournament Director

GUESTS: Chris Trenholme (Handicap Chairperson); Anne Drescher

CALL TO ORDER: President Jackie Booth welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 5:55 PM. Jackie requested the October's and November's minutes and the Treasurer's Report be moved to the end of the meeting and take the opportunity to discuss other agenda items.

The first item of discussion was selection of Committee Chairpersons for the upcoming year. The following candidates have agreed to chair the respective committees:

Elaine Crawford – Statistician
Chris Trenholme – Handicap Committee
Janina McCloskey – Nominating Committee
Kris Kennedy – Rules Committee
Vicki Johnson – Scholarship Committee
Anne Drescher – Publicity Committee

***A motion was made and unanimously carried
Voted: to approve the Committee Chair Nominees'***

The Board also discussed the status of the Tournament Chairperson's leave of absence. The Tournament Chairperson has indicated that she will be able to assist in some of the tournaments

but wasn't sure of how many and when.

The Board discussed the following topics:

Tee Markers – Considering replacing the current tee markers with more efficient and usable markers.

Rules Sheet - Changing the layout format so as to ensure that the information is presented effectively and precise. What to include on the rules sheet to assist players and how events should be played and hopefully eliminate problems and minimize confusion was also discussed. Also, that any rules sheets be reviewed by other board members before going to print for accuracy and spelling. Adopt the "Stones in Bunkers" rule as a local rule, and having it stated in the OSWGA handbook instead of printing it on every rule sheet.

A statement in the OSWGA handbook, allowing and recognizing other handicap systems obtained from USGA licensed golf courses, along with the GHIN Handicap system

OSWGA Handbook - Both the cover letter and the skills application will be mailed out with the handbook which should be sometime in February.

Membership Renewal-Reminders and applications will be emailed until April and then mailed out to those who have yet to renew and do not have email addresses.

Skills Challenge - The Board agreed to keep the skills challenge entry fee at \$15.00 and not increase it to \$20.00 as suggested to cover costs and provide prizes for all participants. It was also suggested to have an informational session after the skills challenge so members can ask any questions relating to rules and the association instead focusing specifically on a Rules Clinic.

Ryder Cup Tournament – An OSWGA member suggested opening up the Ryder Cup tournament to everyone and not requiring both male and female players be from the same golf course or club. Since there are other Male/Female tournaments that do not have the same restrictions and are open to partners that

are not from the same club, the board decided to not to change the criteria/requirements for the Ryder Cup Tournament.

Banquet - Some of the comments received with respect to the Annual Banquet meeting held at the Quonset O Club, No. Kingstown, RI in November, were that the menu choices were limited, some members enjoyed the food, others did not. Some members suggested to return to West Valley Inn and the Board discussed other ideas and suggestions on favors and volunteers gifts for next year. Planning for next years banquet, including the venue is ongoing.

TREASURER'S REPORT The Financial Reports for October, November and December were handed out and discussed.

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

MINUTES: Copies of the October 21st and November 7th were handed out.

A motion was made and unanimously carried.
VOTED: to approve the October & November minutes as written.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Liz Duguay
Corresponding Secretary

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

DATE: April 7, 2011 TIME: 5:30 PM.
PLACE: Green Valley Country Club
371 Union St, Portsmouth RI

PRESENT: Jackie Booth President
Pat Dickson Vice-President
Luanne Googins Treasurer
Carolyn Brown Interim Tournament Chairperson
Trudy Dufault Co-Founder/Tournament Director

ABSENT: Liz Duguay Corresponding Secretary
Kathy Chorney Recording Secretary

GUESTS: Chris Trenholme (Handicap Chairperson)

CALL TO ORDER: President Jackie Booth welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM.

MINUTES: The January minutes were discussed. Jackie brought up that the board has been receiving the minutes at various intervals, often too long after the current meeting and too close to the next one. After discussion, it was decided to that the person keeping the minutes should strive to email the report to the Board within one week of a meeting.

A motion was made and unanimously carried.

VOTED: to approve the January minutes as written.

BUSINESS: The Board discussed the following topics:

Free Tournaments – By both Board members and Committee Chairs. Suggested that: Since the purpose of the free tournaments is to reward work performed over the course of the year – any Board Member or Chair who is unable to perform their duties for a significant period of time should voluntarily reduce the number of

tournaments they play free by the same percentage. No formal action taken.

New Tee Markers – Board agreed they worked well and thanked Jackie for her work and a job well done!

Substitute Minute Taker – The Board decided it was unfair to Liz to require her to sub continuously and agreed that Chris Trenholme would be authorized to do so in the future.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Financial Reports for January, February and March were discussed.

Luanne brought up information as to Membership numbers (down) and return on mailing applications to individuals who were members in the past but not last year. (low)

Jackie provided a chart detailing the breakdown in fees of OSWGA compared to RIWGA AND WGAM. Overall discussion of ways to increase revenue while still maintaining value for our members occurred. Decided to bring this back up over the winter to look at possibly increasing non-member fees in certain tournaments.

A motion was made and unanimously carried.

Voted: to approve the treasurer's reports for January, February and March.

BUSINESS:

The Board discussed the following topics:

Check Signatures – Discussion of the current requirement that both Trudy and Luanne sign OSWGA checks.

A motion was made and unanimously carried.

Voted: to have a single signature requirement for OSWGA checks, with the Treasurer and Tournament Director both receiving signatory rights.

Nominating Committee – The list of committee members submitted by Chair Janina McCloskey and listed below was reviewed.

Robin Parella

A motion was made and unanimously carried
Voted: to approve the Nominating Committee as submitted

Rules Committee: The list of committee members submitted by chair Kristen Kennedy and listed below was reviewed.

Kathy Mis
Val Tessier

A motion was made and unanimously carried
Voted: to approve the Rules Committee as submitted

Scholarship Committee – The list of committee members as submitted by chair Vicky Johnson and listed below was reviewed.

Jeanne Anthony
Liz Duguay

Discussion of all members being from the same golf club ensued.

A motion was made and unanimously carried
Voted: to approve the Scholarship Committee as submitted

Appeals Committee – The list of committee members as submitted by chair Pat Dickson and listed below was reviewed.

Annie Drescher
Carol Wilson
Maureen Deloreto
Barbara Baris

A motion was made and unanimously carried
Voted: to approve the Appeals Committee as submitted

TOURNAMENT CHAIR REPORT:

Bad Weather at Pawtucket but the lunch was excellent. Discussion followed of possibility of moving later into April and how to deal with one group coming in an hour later than the rest.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Discussion of starting season later in general. Discussion of ratio of team vs. individual tournaments.

BUSINESS:

Scholarship Application Review Sheet

*A motion was made and unanimously carried
Voted: to approve the Application Review Sheet as submitted.*

Skills Challenge – It was well attended and received. Decision made to do it again next year.

Banquet – A sheet comparing prices at Twelve Acres and West Valley Inn was presented by Pat Dickson. Discussion followed as to menu selection, prices and attendance numbers. Pat was going out to check the facilities and food at Twelve Acres the following Saturday. Decisions as to committing to a location and menu were tabled to next meeting. Pat agreed to update the Board by email before then.

EMD Devices – Discussion of the different phone apps available and how to monitor compliance. Decided to KISS and keep current policy.

RESTAURANT.COM – Jackie wanted to email the membership information as to its purpose and use. Board agreed she should send information as to its use as a prize on occasion and redemption instructions.

Board contact sheet – Jackie sent around a sheet to have the board members verify or update their contact information.

Letter from Kibbe Reilly – An email was sent by Kibbe to Jackie concerning her thoughts on USGA points and how OSWGA awards them. Some of this had been touched on in earlier talks and due to time constraints further discussion and action was tabled to next meeting.

Website – Jackie informed the group that she had a distant relative who had agreed to revamp and modernize our site for \$400 and then maintain it on wordpress.com for \$7.99/month. The Board gave her permission to discuss it further and a vote was tabled to authorize the funds and changes to the fall.

Publicity Chair - Trudy and Jackie sent Annie Drescher all the material they had as to previous contacts and responsibilities.

President Reminders – Jackie created a list of previous decisions the board had made to remind the board to follow through during this tournament season.

Rules Committee – needs to wear identification badges

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State Amateur – If a tie – co-medalists

Banquet – Choices emailed not mailed

Winners names should be pronounced correctly at tournaments

Player of the Year – Short discussion as to how it should be awarded, and if Board members should be allowed to play. Then tabled for the future.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Dickson
Vice President

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

DATE: May 2, 2011 TIME: 2:30 PM.

PLACE: Quidnessett CC
950 No. Quidnessett Rd
No. Kingstown, RI

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Jackie Booth	President
	Pat Dickson	Vice-President
	Trudy Dufault	Co-Founder/Tournament Director
	Liz Duguay	Corresponding Secretary
	JoAnn Bourque	Tournament Co-Chairperson

<u>ABSENT:</u>	Kathy Chorney	Recording Secretary
	Luanne Googins	Treasurer
	Carolyn Brown	Tournament Co-Chairperson

ALSO PRESENT: Chris Trenholme (Handicap Chairperson)
Geri Lisa

CALL TO ORDER: President Jackie Booth welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 2:32 PM.

MINUTES: Minutes of the April 2011 Board Meeting were reviewed prior to the meeting.

A motion was made and unanimously carried.

VOTED: to approve the April minutes as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Financial Report for April was tabled because the Treasurer was unable to attend the meeting.

**TOURNAMENT
DIRECTOR:**

Nothing to report.

CHAIRPERSONS' REPORTS:

Tournament Chairperson: Report was submitted detailing the following tournaments – the OSWGA Team Championship – 4 held at Kirkbrae Country Club on April 11, 2011, RI Women's State Open Championship held at Rhode Island Country Club on April 18, 2011 and OSWGA Shamble held at Fall River Country Club on April 25, 2011.

The weather was cool and partly sunny and Kirkbrae was in good shape. A tee sign was left behind, but we will make a special effort to ensure that all 18 signs are collected before leaving the course.

At Rhode Island the weather was cool, sunny and very windy. The golf course was in fairly good shape. Play was a little slow, but the golf course is a little more challenging. Suggest that we mix the groups instead of grouping divisions together. This might help to speed play.

Fall River had a small field (14 teams) and for this reason there was only one division. The weather was cool and we had a little drizzle, but all in all it was the best we have had at this venue in several years. The course was in excellent condition. A mistake was made during scoring, but was handled amicably. Score sheets were not posted for review before prizes were awarded. This will not happen in the future.

Handicap Chairperson:

A few complaints have been made concerning divisions. Participation is smaller and that affects divisions. We will continue to try to improve this situation.

A suggestion was made that the sheets with the names of the winners should be changed to read:
3rd net, 2nd net, 1st net.....etc. This should make it easier for whoever is announcing the winners.

Rules: Nothing to report
Scholarship: Nothing to report
Appeals: Nothing to report
Statistician: Nothing to report
Publicity: Nothing to report
Nominating: Nothing to report

*A motion was made and unanimously carried
Voted: to approve the Chairpersons reports as submitted*

OLD BUSINESS:

Pat Dickson checked out the facilities at Twelve Acres and reported that she did not think it was suitable for OSWGA. A discussion ensued and it was decided that we would go back to West Valley Inn. The board approved that a deposit would be sent to West Valley Inn to hold the date.

A discussion took place concerning cutoff for USGA points and to change the number of points given. It was also suggested that USGA points only be given for individual events.

A suggestion was also made to make it mandatory that players must participate in a certain amount of tournaments to be eligible to represent OSWGA as the state representative. It was also suggested that if a board member should earn enough points to represent OSWGA, the organization would not subsidize the player because most of the board receive free tournaments.

A discussion also took place concerning Player of the Year points. It was suggested that board members do not receive the 25 points for participating or if they should make the top twelve, decline, and allow the next member to participate.

Both USGA and Player of the Year points were tabled, but will be discussed again at a later meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

A discussion took place concerning the splitting of divisions and the format of the formulas being used. Some suggestions were:

- 10 stroke differential
- in BB format, base divisions on lowest handicap
- make two flights within a division
- form a committee to look into formats and dividing divisions

Also discussed was pace of play at our tournaments.

- do we need a ranger
- should a time limit be put into place
- re-educate so cards are ready when players leave course
- implement drop areas

In other business, a member sent an email wondering whether or not her check was received for Quidnessett because she did not see her name on the website. A misunderstanding of the email happened and the member did not get an answer. Trudy offered to make a phone call and apologize. In the future, someone should make a phone call if there is any doubt to a question.

Next meeting scheduled at Potowomut after golf if a meeting room is available.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Trenholme
Handicap Chair

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

DATE: June 6, 2011 TIME: 1:55PM

PLACE: Potowomut Golf Club
East Greenwich, Rhode Island

PRESENT: Trudy Dufault Co-Founder/Tournament Director
Jackie Booth President
Pat Dickson Vice-President
Luanne Googins Treasurer
JoAnn Bourque Tournament Co-Chairperson
Carolyn Brown Tournament Co-Chairperson
Liz Duguay Corresponding Secretary
Kathy Chorney Recording Secretary

GUESTS: Kathy Mis Rules Committee
Chris Trenholme Handicap Chairperson

CALL TO ORDER: The Vice President welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 1:55PM.

MINUTES: Minutes of the May 2, 2011 Board Meeting were reviewed and approved.

A motion was made and unanimously carried.
VOTED: to approve the May 2, 2011 meeting minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A financial summary from May 1st through May 31st along with year-to-date figures was distributed. We have not received the bill from Agawam as yet so it doesn't reflect in the May report.

April's report had been emailed to the Board previously.

A motion was made to accept both the April and May, 2011 Treasurer's reports and was unanimously carried.
VOTED: to approve the Treasurer's financial reports.

TOURNAMENT

DIRECTOR:

The Tournament Director said all has been running smoothly.

If, at some point, the cards at the golf course differ with what's on the website, the cards are correct and we will play to what the cards indicate.

A motion was made and unanimously carried.

VOTED: to approve the Tournament Director's report

CHAIRPERSONS' REPORTS:

Tournament Co-Chairperson: Reports were submitted detailing the following tournaments – the RI Women's State Team Championship held at Quidnessett Country Club on May 2nd, the OSWGA Founder's Invitational held at Crestwood Country Club on May 10th, the RI Women's State Stroke Play Championship held at Valley Country Club on May 16th and the OSWGA Mixed Event held at Agawam Hunt on May 24th.

At Quidnessett Country Club, the round took 5 ½ hours to complete. Some teams were done in 4 ½ to 5 hours. Again, there was a gap in time to complete the round.

There was a water problem at Crestwood Country Club so some players didn't get coffee and they were not able to make soup. Two teams were disqualified that day for playing the wrong format.

The Co-Chairperson started collecting some cards in the parking lot at Valley Country Club. Because the Championship Division finished well before other players, they were awarded their gift certificates right away. There was a lag and a lot of members had eaten and left before everyone was in from the field. As a result, no announcements were made and no pictures were taken that day.

Education of pace of play and emphasis on keeping up with the group in front of you is important. Also players dropping their cards off before going to their car helps in the scoring process to award certificates in a timely manner.

It was discussed and decided that anyone wishing to leave before the scoring announcements are made, gift certificates will be mailed to them.

Handicap Chairperson: Divisions are going smoothly.

There are a couple of players who have their handicaps from Florida and are not in the GHIN system as their course is using another handicap system. This is not a problem as far as verifying their handicap, but the Handicap Chairperson cannot post their scores for them. These players have been notified to post their own scores and the handicap Chairperson can verify that this has been done.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS: The point system criteria for the OSWGA representative playing in the USGA State Team Championship was discussed. A proposed guideline was distributed and reviewed. The President will work on revisions to the guidelines. It was unanimously agreed that Board members will not play in this event.

NEW BUSINESS: The purchase of a new laptop and QuickBooks was discussed for the Treasurer. Our tax accountant can no longer do our taxes using our current system. The Board agreed that the Treasurer will purchase a new laptop and QuickBooks. She will then take the computer to our tax accountant who will set up the system for us.

A motion was made and unanimously carried.
VOTED: to approve the purchase of a new laptop, a QuickBooks program and the setup by our accountant.

All tournaments follow USGA rules; however, under these rules, local OSWGA rules can be applied. These local rules need to be emailed to members, posted at the website and put on the table at each tournament. The rules changes will be included in the OSWGA Handbook next year.

With input from the Tournament Director, the President is in the process of working on putting together an OSWGA Operations Manual which will be helpful in the future.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 3:35PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Chorney
Recording Secretary

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

DATE: July 18, 2011 TIME: 3:15PM

PLACE: Crystal Lake Golf Club
Mapleville, Rhode Island

PRESENT: Trudy Dufault Co-Founder/Tournament Director
Jackie Booth President
Pat Dickson Vice-President
Luanne Googins Treasurer
JoAnn Bourque Tournament Co-Chairperson
Carolyn Brown Tournament Co-Chairperson
Kathy Chorney Recording Secretary

ABSENT: Liz Duguay Corresponding Secretary

GUESTS: Chris Trenholme Handicap Chairperson
Vicki Johnson Scholarship Chairperson

CALL TO ORDER: The President welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 3:15PM.

MINUTES: Minutes of the June 6, 2011 Board Meeting were reviewed and approved.

A motion was made and unanimously carried.
VOTED: to approve the June 6, 2011 meeting minutes.

SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRPERSON: A scoring/rating process for Scholarship applicants had been put in place by the Scholarship Chairperson and her committee. This was done to take a closer look at the applicants and how we award scholarship money.

The Chairperson presented to the Board a list of this year's seven applicants listing the qualifying scores based on the committee's new scoring process which was explained to us. Scores were based for transcripts, honors/awards, in school activities, out school activities, employment, extenuating circumstances and

All applicants and the new scoring process were reviewed and discussed by the Board. A decision was made to award \$800 to the top four applicants, \$700 to the fifth applicant and \$500 to last two applicants. The Scholarship Chairperson will write the letter to the applicants and the Treasurer will provide the checks. (In the past, all applicants received the same amount of money.)

The Scholarship Chairperson also suggested that the OSWGA make an investment in the Rhode Island Foundation. The Board will check into this further and will refer to their website for more information.

A motion was made to accept the Scholarship Chairperson's report and was unanimously carried.

VOTED: to approve the Scholarship Chairperson's report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A financial summary from June 1st through June 30th along with year-to-date figures was distributed and reviewed by the Board.

The Treasurer reported that she has purchased a new Toshiba computer and the President will now get bids for QuickBooks so all information can be given to the accountant.

The winner of the OSWGA Memorial/Stroke Play had designated Trinity Repertory "Project Discovery" as her charity to receive a portion of the proceeds from that event. The Treasurer reported that we received a "thank you" letter from Trinity for that donation.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report and was unanimously carried.

VOTED: to approve the Treasurer's financial reports.

TOURNAMENT
DIRECTOR:

Nothing to report.

CHAIRPERSONS' REPORTS:

Tournament
Co-Chairperson:

Reports were submitted detailing the following tournaments – the OSWGA Mixed Event held at Agawam Hunt on May 24th, the RI Women's State Team Quota held at Potowomut Golf Club on June 6th, the OSWGA Memorial/Stroke Play held at Exeter Country Club on June 14th, the RI Women's State Four-Ball held at North Kingstown Golf Club on June 21st through June 24th, the RI Women's State Invitational held at Cranston Country Club on June 28th, the OSWGA Class Championship held at Richmond Country Club on July 5th and the RI Women's State Amateur Championship held at Laurel Lane Country Club on July 11th through July 14th.

On the final day of the RI Women's State Four-Ball there was heavy rain and thunderstorms and everyone came in from the field. The Championship Division shared prizes and points. Another match was designated incomplete so there was no winner in the Consolation Championship Division. Two matches were conceded, one team forfeited and another team withdrew due to family illness. It was discussed and decided there will be no Consolation Division next year.

There was a small field at the RI Women's State Amateur Championship tournament with three divisions. Some members didn't think they could play in this tournament when reading the OSWGA Handbook stating "USGA State Team Points Championship Division Only" and didn't submit their application. This tournament is opened to anyone who wants to play – no strokes in any division. Trophies were awarded to the winners.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Revisions to the point system criteria for the OSWGA representative playing in the USGA State Team Championship was presented and discussed. This information needs to be out to our membership by August 29th at the latest.

NEW BUSINESS:

The RI Women's State Amateur Championship tournament was discussed because of the small turnout. Location, timeframe and the number of days played was discussed. The Tournament Director will work on moving the timeframe, designate another course for playing the Amateurs and, maybe cut back to three days of play instead of four.

Both the Providence Journal and Channel 10 reported that it was the "OSWGA Amateur Championship" instead of the RI Women's State Amateur Championship. The President will send a letter to both the Journal and Channel 10 clarifying this error.

Players who are not posting scores into the GHIN system was discussed. All scores should be entered in a timely manner for an accurate handicap. A letter will be sent to all members to review the purpose of the USGA Handicap System for equitable play for all.

The Vice President, Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary positions are up for election at the Annual Meeting in November. The Nominating Committee will be working on this.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6:05PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Chorney
Recording Secretary

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

DATE: August 22, 2011 TIME: 2:55PM

PLACE: Foster Country Club
Foster, Rhode Island

PRESENT: Trudy Dufault Co-Founder/Tournament Director
Jackie Booth President
Pat Dickson Vice-President
Luanne Googins Treasurer
JoAnn Bourque Tournament Co-Chairperson
Carolyn Brown Tournament Co-Chairperson
Kathy Chorney Recording Secretary

ABSENT: Liz Duguay Corresponding Secretary

GUESTS: Chris Trenholme Handicap Chairperson

CALL TO ORDER: The Vice President welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 2:55PM.

MINUTES: Minutes of the July 18, 2011 Board Meeting were reviewed and approved.

A motion was made and unanimously carried.
VOTED: to approve the July 18, 2011 meeting minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A financial summary from July 1st through July 31st along with year-to-date figures was distributed and reviewed by the Board.

The Treasurer also distributed a report detailing all tournaments held in 2011 from March 27th through August 8th showing revenue, payments for carts, lunch, prizes, etc.

Letters and checks have been mailed to all Scholarship recipients.

The Treasurer has brought our newly purchased computer to our Accountant and the new program and accounts are being input. When the computer is returned, we will finish the necessary programming. The Accountant suggested we continue to use our old program on the old computer and also input information on the new one until the end of the year. This will be a good check to make sure the new program is working properly and, in January, we will begin using QuickBooks exclusively.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report and was unanimously carried.

VOTED: to approve the Treasurer's financial reports.

CHAIRPERSONS' REPORTS:

Tournament Co-Chairperson:

Reports were submitted detailing the following tournaments – the RI Women's State Senior Championship held at Crystal Lake Country Club on July 18th, the RI Women's State Jr-Sr Championship held at Fenner Hill Golf Course on July 26th, the Trudy Dufault Ryder Cup Championship held at Montaup Country Club on August 1st and the OSWGA Classic–Team Nassau held at Pinecrest Golf Club on August 8th.

At the State Senior Championship held at Crystal Lake Country Club, one player disqualified themselves for picking up on a hole.

At the Trudy Dufault Ryder Cup Championship held at Montaup Country Club, one team played and were not members of the same course as was stated on their application. They were not allowed to win a prize and their check will be destroyed.

Handicap Chairperson:

The Handicap Chairperson had been questioned as to how the Ryder Cup divisions were formed. She explained to this member and also presented a report to the Board stating that the format of each tournament is handled differently. Most players having a single digit handicap were placed in the Championship Division; however, she did make a few exceptions. Two players with no handicaps and another player who had a single digit handicap were put in the A Division.

A discussion followed. Single digit handicaps and no handicaps are normally put into the Championship Division, but exceptions have been made in the past and exceptions were made again at the Ryder Cup tournament held at Montaup Country Club. The Handicap Chairperson should be able to make judgment calls being Chairperson; however, in the future, if there is a question, she should call the Tournament Director and President for clarification. If there is a difference of opinion, the issue should then be brought to the Board for a decision. Also discussed was how to handle adjusting handicaps for medical reasons. Procedures will be put in place for the upcoming year.

Also discussed were players having exceptional tournament scores. In the OSWGA Handbook (page 7, paragraph 4) it states "The OSWGA Handicap Committee has the responsibility of making certain that a player's USGA Handicap Index accurately reflects her potential playing ability. As such, the OSWGA reserves the right to reduce a player's USGA Handicap Index in any and all OSWGA competitions after reviewing exceptional tournament scores for all winners". A question arose about winning in team events when not playing with the same partner. If a player continually wins because of exceptional scores, either their handicap will be cut or they could be put into another division.

The 10 stroke differential for certain tournaments was eliminated from the OSWGA Handbook this year, but it was agreed by the Board that next year a stroke differential will be mandatory.

<u>Rules:</u>	Nothing to report
<u>Website:</u>	Nothing to report
<u>Appeals:</u>	Nothing to report
<u>Statistician:</u>	Nothing to report
<u>Publicity:</u>	Nothing to report
<u>Nominating:</u>	Nothing to report
<u>By-Laws:</u>	Nothing to report

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

TOURNAMENT
DIRECTOR:

A suggestion had been made that when playing Pinecrest Golf Club in the future, the first nine holes should be from the white tee markers and the second nine holes from the red instead of the way we have been playing from the reds first. This was agreed upon and accepted by the Board.

There was an issue at the Trudy Dufault Ryder Cup Championship tournament held at Montaup Country Club that a player was allowed to play while on a Leave of Absence from her home course. At that time, it had been determined that she was still affiliated with that course and, therefore, was allowed to play. The Board discussed this and agreed that being on a Leave of Absence or being on a waiting list is not club affiliation. You have to be either a paid member, belong to a league or an inner club, have a GHIN out of that course or be an employee with playing privileges to have club affiliation. However, a discussion ensued and a motion was made and accepted by the Board to eliminate club affiliation at the Ryder Cup tournament and open it for partner play from any course. The winner's trophy will go to the member's home course.

The Tournament Director is working on scheduling courses for next year.

A motion was made to accept the Tournament Director's report and was unanimously carried.

VOTED: to approve the Tournament Director's report.

OLD BUSINESS:

A couple of small revisions were suggested for the point system criteria for the OSWGA Representative playing in the USGA State Team Championship. The President will make these changes.

The venue for the Banquet has been secured and there will be a change in the form sent to all members regarding dinner choices, etc. The Vice President suggested we don't do club challenge baskets this year as a fundraising effort for the Scholarship Fund, but had another suggestion. The Board approved and thought the change was a great idea.

The Vice President also suggested that we put the Banquet form on the website and do handouts beginning in October which would reduce mailing costs.

Absentee ballots were discussed and the President will check the By-Laws for specific procedures.

NEW BUSINESS:

The USGA State Team Representative for the OSWGA is the member who has accumulated the most points. The criteria for playing in this event which will be held in Savannah, Georgia have changed this year and they have made walking mandatory (no carts will be allowed without medical documentation). The President will call the member who has the most points to see if she is able to play in this event. If that member cannot play, the President will notify the Board and the player with the next most points will be given the opportunity to represent the OSWGA. A motion was made and all approved that travel funds in the amount of \$500 will be given to our representative to help cut expenses.

One Tournament Co-Chairperson submitted a letter of resignation; however, she will continue her duties for the remainder of this year. The other Co-Chairperson also stated that she will be stepping down next year also. We will be looking for members who may be interested to form a new Tournament Chairperson committee.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 5:05PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Chorney
Recording Secretary

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

DATE: September 20, 2011 TIME: 3:25PM

PLACE: Alpine Country Club
Cranston, Rhode Island

PRESENT: Jackie Booth President
Pat Dickson Vice-President
Luanne Googins Treasurer
Carolyn Brown Tournament Co-Chairperson
Liz Duguay Correspondence Secretary
Kathy Chorney Recording Secretary

ABSENT: Trudy Dufault Co-Founder/Tournament Director
JoAnn Bourque Tournament Co-Chairperson

CALL TO ORDER: The President welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 3:25PM.

MINUTES: Minutes of the August 22, 2011 Board Meeting were reviewed and changes are needed before approval of the minutes.

A motion was made and unanimously carried.
VOTED: to postpone approval of the August 22nd meeting minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A financial summary from August 1st through August 31st along with year-to-date figures was distributed and reviewed by the Board.

The Treasurer reported that the \$500 stipend for travel funds has been mailed to the OSWGA USGA State Team Representative.

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

Tournament
Co-Chairperson:

The Co-Chairperson reported there were no complaints at the tournament held at Segregansett Country Club on September 14th and that the food was great.

All other tournaments that had been scheduled - Green Valley Country Club on August 15th, Rose Hill Golf Club on August 29th and Midville Country Club had been cancelled due to weather conditions.

Tournament Director:

Nothing to report

Handicap:

Nothing to report

Rules:

Nothing to report

Website:

Nothing to report

Appeals:

Nothing to report

Statistician:

Nothing to report

Publicity:

Nothing to report

Nominating:

Nothing to report

By-Laws:

Nothing to report

A motion was made and unanimously carried.

VOTED: to approve all Chairperson reports

OLD BUSINESS:

Because the Tournament Co-Chairpersons have decided not to perform these duties next year, a discussion regarding next year's Tournament Chairperson ensued. Some members have come forward that they would be willing to help in running tournaments. One of the Co-Chairpersons from this year has agreed to stay on as Tournament Chairperson next year and have a committee to help run tournaments. Ultimately, the Tournament Director appoints the Chairperson and the Board will make the final approval.

The top 12 members with most points (excluding Board members) are selected to play in the Players' Championship Tournament. The Board needs to put something in place in case of ties.

The Banquet invitation will be posted on the website and emailed to all member (they will be mailed to those who don't have email addresses). Invitations will also be provided at upcoming tournaments. Responses can be either emailed or mailed to the Vice President.

Members who are unable to attend the Banquet may request a ballot from the Correspondence Secretary.

The Vice-President advised that the new dessert fundraiser for the Scholarship Fund at the Banquet is going well.

EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 4:40PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Chorney
Recording Secretary

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

DATE: October 25, 2011

TIME: 5:15 PM

PLACE: Green Valley Country Club
Portsmouth, RI 02871

PRESENT: Trudy Dufault Co-Founder/Tournament Director
Jackie Booth President
Pat Dickson Vice-President
Luanne Googins Treasurer
Carolyn Brown Tournament Co-Chairperson
Liz Duguay Correspondence Secretary

ABSENT: Kathy Chorney Recording Secretary
JoAnn Bourque Tournament Co-Chairperson

CALL TO ORDER: The President welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

MINUTES: Minutes of the September 20, 2011 Board Meeting were reviewed approved as written. Minutes taken during the executive session did not require approval and therefore no vote was taken on the minutes.

A motion was made and unanimously carried.
VOTED: to approve September 20th meeting minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A financial summary from September 1st through September 30th along with year-to-date figures was distributed and reviewed by the Board.

The Treasurer reported that due to weather, three events were cancelled, namely Green Valley CC, Midville GC and Pinehurst GC, with Green Valley being cancelled twice due to poor weather conditions

The board discussed the expenses of the trophies that are handed out annually. Currently the costs are expended from the individual tournament, for example the costs for the Ryder Cup would come out of the budget from that tournament. It was suggested that the costs for the trophies be expended from the general fund and create a line item category to identify the costs.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report and another motion was made to approve the change in which the costs of the trophies will be expended from the general fund and not from the individual tournaments.

VOTED: to approve the Treasurer's financial reports and the trophy expense changes.

The Treasurer mentioned that several of the scholarship recipients sent Thank You letters and then read each at the meeting. It was suggested to display the "Thank You" letters from the recipients that received scholarships this year at the annual banquet.

Tournament

Co-Chairperson:

Since the resignation of one of the Co-Chairperson and the other co-chairperson wanting to reduce her time, the board discussed the option of having several members who recently are interested in assisting with the tournaments on ways to set up next years tournaments by dividing up the tournaments and having those in individuals volunteer at some of them. It was suggested that the current Co-Chair determine the best way to accomplish this and develop a tournament schedule of who will be working where.

Tournament Director:

The Tournament Director is working on the 2012 schedule and has received commitments from many courses including Meadowbrook CC, Richmond, RI. She mentioned that as a result of her discussions with some of the courses that entry fees may have to be increased due to increased costs of food and gas items.

Handicap:

A lengthy discussion on how handicaps and tournaments divisions were set up. The tournament director and the handicap chairperson sent out an email to the board with a few suggestions on handicap approaches and formulas for determining criteria for tournament divisions. Examples were discussed of the current formula used and the proposed process. It was noted that USGA recommends certain protocols be considered in team events. For example using 65% of the person with the lower handicap and 35% of the person with having a higher handicap when combining both handicaps. Due to the many variables associated with determining handicaps in team events it was suggested to form a committee to research handicap formats and submit their recommendations to the Board for review.

Handicap Chairperson

Cont'd:

One of the common concerns raised by members is that the same people win tournaments quite frequently. OSWGA's current policy is to cut handicaps when players continually win team events, however, the board have yet to exercise this policy.

Rules:

Nothing to report

Website:

Nothing to report

Appeals:

Nothing to report

Statistician:

Nothing to report

Publicity:

Nothing to report

Nominating:

Election to take place at the Annual banquet. The positions and candidates running are as follows: Vice-President- Pat Dickson; Corresponding Secretary – Kathy Chorney; Recording Secretary – Erin Mernick & Liz Duguay

By-Laws:

Nothing to report

A motion was made and unanimously carried.

VOTED: to approve all Chairperson reports

NEW BUSINESS:

The board discussed the upcoming annual banquet. The Vice-president provided a tentative agenda for the meeting and the board discussed when the elections will take place. Copies of the 2012 membership applications will be provided at each table and it will be mentioned that the yearly financial reports will only be made available upon request. There will also be a dessert fundraiser raffle which proceeds will go towards supporting the Scholarship fund and the Vice president will explain the raffles while dinner is being served.

It was mentioned that the Skills Challenge will be held the first Sunday in April, again at Green Valley Country Club and the first tournament is scheduled for April 16th.

There was discussion again about increasing the entry fees at some of the courses and board members paying for some tournaments, however no decision was made at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Liz Duguay
Corresponding Secretary

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

Date: November 6, 2011

Time: 5:00 PM

Board Members Present: Trudy Dufault, Co-Founder
Jackie Booth, President
Pat Dickson, Vice-president
Luanne Googins, Treasurer
Liz Duguay, Corresponding Secretary
JoAnn Bourque, Tournament Chairperson
Carolyn Brown, Interim Tournament Chairperson

Absent: Kathy Chorney, Recording Secretary

Call to Order: OSWGA President, Jackie Booth called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

President Booth welcomed everyone to the 2011 Annual Banquet and thanked the membership for their continued support with OSWGA. President Booth also thanked the staff at The West Valley Inn. She thanked Kathy Mis for her support and knowledge of the "Rules of Golf". She mentioned and renewed the commitment of the OSWGA Co-Founders for providing the opportunity for all women to play competitive golf. She also asked members to seek out young junior members at their club and sponsor them in the Jr. State Amateurs. Part of member's dues goes towards the scholarship fund and since inception; OSWGA has been able to give 87 scholarships.

President Booth also spoke of several changes that will take place in 2012. Among them are Player of the Year point system, revamping the website, and scholarship recipient selection. She also mentioned how the use of email has saved the organization money. She announced the skills challenge will take place on Saturday, April 7, 2012 at Green Valley Country Club.

President Booth thanked all the women who helped throughout the year and gave special thanks to the board members for their dedication and hard work. She announced board positions that were up for re-election and Candidates were given the opportunity to speak before the membership and present their reasons for seeking the position and their qualifications. Liz Duguay and Erin Mernick both running for Recording Secretary spoke to the membership. Pat Dickson ran unopposed for Vice President and Kathy Chorney ran unopposed for Corresponding Secretary.

Voting took place at 6:15 and ended at 6:45 at which time President Booth introduced Pat Dickson.

Pat also thanked everyone for their support of OSWGA. She explained that the desserts were going to be auctioned off and the proceeds would benefit the scholarship fund. The bidding would start at \$10.00 with increments of \$5.00 and would take place after everyone was done eating.

The President then introduced Trudy Dufault, Co-Founder and Tournament Director, who thanked all the members for participating this year and then presented the "Player of the Year Award" to Ann Moran. At this time Ann thanked the board for all their hard work.

Trudy also congratulated Nancy Diemoz and her partner Jesse Furtado for winning the “Trudy Dufault Ryder’s Cup Championship”. Trudy went on to thank all the volunteers, the chairs and Anne and Bob Drescher, providing “Allie’s Donuts” for members at the tournaments. Gifts were also presented to the committee chairpersons and members who volunteered at each of the tournaments. Trudy also acknowledged all the Board members for their efforts and energy throughout the season.

Nominating
Committee Report:

Nominating Committee Chairperson Janina McCloskey along with her committee: Robin Parella, handled the check-in at the door as well as the voting for the elections. Election voting took place after the salad and pasta were served.

RESULTS:

Candidates ran unopposed Vice President: 82 votes cast – Pat Dickson re-elected.

Corresponding Secretary: 81 votes cast- Kathy Chorney – newly elected

**Recording Secretary: Liz Duguay - 55 votes cast – newly elected
Erin Mernick – 41 votes cast**

New Business:

Karen Kutniewski addressed the membership. She suggested that the by-laws should be changed to allow the officers to remain in their positions for a longer period of time. No decision was reached.

At this time, President Booth began the auction which was very successful. We raised \$1,220.00 for the scholarship fund. She thanked everyone for their support.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Chris Trenholme

Handicap Chair – filling in for the Corresponding Secretary

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

DATE: December 14, 2011 TIME: 5:45 PM

PLACE: Gregg's Restaurant
North Kingstown, RI 02852

PRESENT:

Trudy Dufault	Co-Founder/Tournament Director
Jackie Booth	President
Pat Dickson	Vice-President
Luanne Googins	Treasurer
Carolyn Brown	Tournament Co-Chairperson
Liz Duguay	Recording Secretary
Kathy Chorney	Corresponding Secretary

GUESTS: Chris Trenholme Handicap Chairperson

CALL TO ORDER: The President welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM.

MINUTES: Minutes from both the October 25th meeting and the November 6th Annual Banquet were reviewed. Their was one correction to the Annual Banquet Meeting; and the October minutes were approved as written and the Banquet meeting minutes was approved with corrections.

A motion was made and unanimously carried.

VOTED: to approve October minutes as written and Annual Banquet minutes as corrected.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A financial summary available from October 1 through October 31st along with year-to-date figures was distributed and reviewed by the Board.

It was brought to the Board's attention that the availability of the Associations annual Financial Report was not mentioned at the Annual Banquet as had been in the past. The Treasurer mentioned that there was a loss in October; however it is usually due to payment or costs coming in late. Also, with respect to the Midville Event which was cancelled due to inclement weather, the gift certificates for that event had already been purchased and charged in 2011, however, the gift certificates will be used for the Midville event scheduled in 2012. The Treasurer also handed out a spreadsheet for tournaments held in 2011 and expenditures for each event. Deposits for Ledgemont and Crystal Lake events have been sent

out along with the contracts that now some courses are requiring which identifies the costs for carts and minimum costs for the Proshops. At this point the Board began discussing the tentative 2012 Tournament Schedule. Due to increase in costs, the Board discussed the thought of increasing some of the entry fees for events .It appears most courses are increasing the costs for carts and sometimes we do not know the costs of some of these items until the tournaments are held.. The President handed out a spreadsheet which tallied the prices & costs per item for each of the events, (e.g. fees, food, carts, prizes) It was suggested to determine which events would need to have entry fees increased due to increasing costs to support and hold those events.

The Board will also consider the impact of increasing entry fees for guests, who may be discouraged to participate in the events. It was a suggestion to increase the guests' entry fees for some of the team events. The Board reviewed the tournament events to determine which ones would require an increase in entry fees based upon increasing costs. In addition it was pointed out that there is an increase in Medal Play events for the 2012 Season and the reason for the increase was per members requests and the Association 's and USGA Points Program which should be based more on individual events versus team events.

It was also noted that the format for the tournament scheduled to be played at Midville CC has changed and is now 9 hole Scramble and 9 hole Best Ball and is called "Step Aside" , whereby the Scramble is played differently; each player hits their drive and the person who 's drive shot will be used for the second shot will forego their second shot and only the other three people will hit from there and whoever's second shot is used that person will forego their next shot and so on.

The Board then discussed how to address members who sign up for the Banquet and for whatever reason do not attend. Even if they do not attend the banquet, once the meal count has been sent in to the restaurant which is usually a week or two before the Banquet, the Association is responsible for paying for that meal, which runs about \$40.00 per person.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report and to increase some of the entry fees for the tournaments.

VOTED: to approve the Treasurer's financial reports and increase some of the tournaments based upon increased costs.

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Tournament

Co-Chairperson:

Discussion on ways to seek assistance in the scheduling and coordinating at each of the tournaments. Due to the resignation of one of the Co-Chairperson, the current Co-Chairperson mentioned that she has a list of people who have indicated interest with assisting with the tournaments for next year. The Co-Chairperson would provide general oversight as Co-Chair, and suggested some sort of incentive for those individuals (\$10.00 credit towards the tournament that will be volunteering for) who help with the tournaments. It was suggested that the current Co-Chair determine the best way to accomplish this and develop a tournament schedule of who will be working where.

Tournament Director:

No Report.

Handicap Chairperson:

No Report

Rules:

Nothing to report

Appeals:

Nothing to report

Statistician:

Nothing to report

Publicity:

Nothing to report

Nominating:

Nothing to report

No vote required due to no written reports or discussion by the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

In response to receiving correspondence from a member opposing the current No Refund/Cancellation policy, the Board discussed the policy on cancellations due to a death in the family. This issue has been addressed before and henceforth, the reason for adopting the current policy which does not allow a refund for any reason once the closing date for that tournament has passed. The Board realizes that this is a difficult issue to address, especially when the cancellation is due to a death in the family. The Board has looked at how other organization policies which varies widely. It is difficult to determine what family members would or should be considered and include and could be construed as making a capricious and arbitrary decision. The Board will draft a response to the member that submitted the letter and also post on the website the cancellation policy especially for death circumstances as a result of her concern.

The Board discussed changing the current Tournament division formats; and the establishment of two flights in each of the division for a total of six (6) flights and a 1/3 of each flight will be awarded prizes. This will hopefully eliminate the unevenness in each of the division as it currently stands. It was pointed out that as a result of this new proposal, the Point System may have to change.

When establishing divisions, especially for team events, teams will be placed in divisions based upon players having the lowest handicap instead of divisions being based upon combined handicaps. With respect to 4 person teams the placemen in divisions will be based upon the players having the two lowest handicaps.

BY-LAWS:

The Chairperson mentioned that during the Annual banquet, one of the members suggested to remove term limits or extend the term limits for Board members. It was noted that a change in the By-Laws would be required to accomplish this. The Board will continue discussion at the next meeting.

WEBSITE:

The website is currently undergoing many changes and the person working on the website will be able to make changes easily. The contractor is changing some files to PDF format. The goal is to have the website up and running sometime in March. The handbook, including prices, will eventually be posted on the new website

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM. Next Board meeting is tentively scheduled for February 9, 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,

Liz Duguay
Recording Secretary