

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

DATE: May 21, 2012 TIME: 3:55 PM

PLACE: Laurel Lane Country Club  
West Kingston, RI 02871

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

ABSENT: N/A

GUESTS: N/A

CALL TO ORDER: The President welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 3:55 PM.

MINUTES: Minutes from the April 26, 2012 meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

**A motion was made and unanimously carried.**  
***VOTED: to approve March's minutes.***

TREASURER'S REPORT: The March & April's financial monthly reports were provided. Since some of the food bills have not been paid yet there is more money in the checking account. The treasurer mentioned that there are approximately 280 members and that she is still receiving applications for membership. Since we have sent out all the handbooks, more books will be purchased to cover new membership.

**A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report.**  
***VOTED: to approve the Treasurer's reports.***

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Tournament

Chairperson:

The Chairperson emailed and handed out a written report covering the Fall River event held on April 30 and the Quidnessett event held on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Fall Rivers event went smoothly, great weather and the food was good, especially the desserts. At the Quidnessett tournament, she stated that there was concern both before & after play about how foursomes were matched up. Example Championship players paired up with Division B players. At previous Board meetings it was suggested that low handicaps players would play Championship players and subdivisions would be created. Also discussed was a concern about pairing friends together at a tournament, since this usually is not the norm. Especially raised was how pairings are done and that there were players from the same course playing in the same foursome. The tournament director has allowed individuals to play together on a one time basis in the past especially for new members.

Tournament Director:

It was decided to move most her discussion under "New Business".

***A motion was made to accept the Tournament Director's report.***

***VOTED: To approve the Tournament Director report***

Handicap Chairperson:

The chairperson was not present at the meeting; a few issues were raised regarding handicap matters. For example allowing 2 strokes on Par #'s as in the tournament today at Meadowbrook. It was suggested to consider limiting the handicap to a maximum of 36 strokes; however that does not remove people from getting 2 strokes on a Par 3, even having a 36 handicap. There was also discussion on having championship players playing from the white tees and to have two flights in the championship division. It appears that the same people are winning the tournaments, which also needs to be addressed. Most members have commented that the same individuals are always winning the tournaments especially in net. The board will consider having someone tracking the winnings to identify if the same individuals are winning continuously, either in gross or net. Also if the same teams or individuals continue to win in the gross category than maybe they should be moved up to the next division.

Rules:

Nothing to Report

Appeals: Nothing to report  
Statistician: Nothing to report  
Publicity: Nothing to report  
Nominating: Nothing to report  
Scholarship: The President received an email from the Chairperson that notices were sent out to all the high schools counselors about information on the scholarship eligibility.

**Motion was made to approve the all committee's report.**  
***VOTED: To accept the Committee members and approve each committee's report.***

WEBSITE: No report

OLD BUSINESS: *Discussion on Restaurant.com coupons continued. There has been a slight increase in the costs and was the board still interested in purchasing the coupons again for the season.*

Motion was made to continue purchasing the restaurant .com coupons to be handed out at tournaments.

***Voted: to continue to purchase the coupons for prizes.***

NEW BUSINESS: *Members spot on web to post tips:* A request was made which would allow members or the board to be able to post information about such topics as good instructors tip of the day recommended golf books that members would be interested in Since this maybe construed as a form of advertising, which is a policy the association does not allow, the board decided not to go along with this request. This is similar to allowing or posting advertising by outside agencies.

TPP & Pairings – The board discussed the procedure on what happens when people send in their entry for a tournament and how the pairings are made via the TPP program. The Tournament Director explained that once the entries are received, they are loaded into the TPP program (Tournament Pairing Program) The handicaps of those individuals are displayed as well as the course index for the tournaments then the next step is selecting the teams and then the pairings. The TPP program also selects the hole assignment based upon how the initial entries were entered in the program. Once the pairings are made the Tournament Director will see if some of the people have played together in the past

and will mix them up at that point. One of the issues has been pairing players from the championship division with the B division. Since some people don't have an active handicap they maybe paired with the championship division for that reason even though they may play at a higher handicap. TPP also assigns the holes by lower handicap and that is why some players are being assigned to the first nine holes, repeatedly.

Members have commented on playing from the same holes while other players are starting out from the first holes. It was decided to try to be more diligent in not pairing Championship Division with the B or C division.

MEMBER REQUESTS - Some members are looking to play tournaments with friends and it as been the association's policy not to allow this practice so members have the opportunity to meet other players. since team events allows the opportunity for friends to play together we should not accommodate them if they request to play together

Late Entries- The Board has always wanted to provide the opportunity for members to play in any event as long as there are openings. However some members have submitted late entries and there is no guarantee that they will be accepted. Late entries will be allowed up until the pairings are posted on the website and at the discretion of the tournament director. A lot of work is involved in getting the pairings together, checking handicaps etc and it is unfair for the organizers if people send in their entries late. There will be no assurances that they will be accepted.

Buttonhole Tournaments Donations: The Board has agreed to increase the association's donation to Buttonhole Scholarship Program to support the Young Adults attending this program. Donation was increased to \$250.00.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM. The next Board Meeting is tentively scheduled for 5:00 PM, June 14, 2012 at Green Valley Country Club

Respectfully Submitted,

Liz Duguay  
Recording Secretary