

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

DATE: June 14, 2012 TIME: 5:02 PM

PLACE: Green Valley Country Club
Portsmouth, RI 02871

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

ABSENT: Pat Dickson Vice-President

GUESTS: Chris Trenholme Handicap Chairperson

CALL TO ORDER: The President welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.

MINUTES: Minutes from the May 21, 2012 meeting were reviewed and there were changes that needed to be made, including spelling errors and the subject matter pertaining to members requesting to be teamed with guests at tournaments. At Member/Guest events, members can play with their guests only at these tournaments.

A motion was made to accept minutes with changes.
VOTED: to approve May's minutes with changes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer handed out written financial reports for the month of May, from May 1st thru the 31st. She mentioned that membership applications are still being sent in and that she currently only has 9 handbooks left. There have been some members requesting a second copy since they may have lost or misplaced the original copy and it was suggested to consider charging for second copies. Since membership applications are still coming in it was suggested to order an additional 25 copies of the handbook. The board also discussed increasing the order for the next year as ordering additional copies after the initial order is quite expensive. The treasurer read and passed around "Thank You" cards from two of members for cards sent to the Board and also a "Thank you" letter from Buttonhole Golf Club for the \$250.00 donation the Association sent to support the

Kids Program". It was suggested to post the Thank You letter from Buttonhole Golf Club on the website. It appears that some members are not receiving their handbooks at the correct address, especially if they are living out-of-state during the winter months. The membership application does not currently have the option for a forwarding address or where to mail the book and will revise the application to include that. The Treasurer explained what was needed to file the association's income tax statement with the state for this year. With respect to the monthly financial report, there was a question regarding the expenses listed on the second page, including insurance, and the honorarium for the Co-founder and a few other items, such as the stationary and supplies, reimbursement for items purchased by the board members and the cell phone and long distance expenses, including the phone, cable and internet expenses.

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

CHAIR REPORTS:

Tournament
Chairperson:

A written report was provided for events held at Crestwood, Meadow Brook, Agawam Hunt, Valley Country Club and Crystal Lake. All events were good, no major complaints or problems, however it was noted that the Crestwood event had a small turnout, and Meadow Brook was packed and was the first time an event was held there. Everyone enjoyed playing and the food was good at both locations. Agawam hunt, which was a mixed event with Male/Female players, went well also. The event at Crystal Lake went well with no major problems.

Tournament Director:

The Tournament Director mentioned that there have been problems with cancellations and member & their guests playing together. A discussion as to the current cancellation policy and making sure that the policy is followed at all times was re-emphasized. The director mentioned and suggested a change to the Memorial Tournament, whereby the overall winner gets to donate a portion of her winnings to a charity of her choice. The suggestion was to alternate years whereby each winner in each division, have the opportunity of donating their winnings to the charity of their choice, instead of always the overall winner. That being said it would be the winner of the Championship Division donating, than the next year the winner of the "A" Division and so on.

A late entry was submitted for the Four-Ball tournament, the board discussed that since late entries have been accepted in the past, and since the format for this tournament is different and the teams have already been selected and posted on the website and byes for some teams identified, it would be difficult to switch things around at this time. The Board decided not to accept their entry and will return the application along with the entry fee with an explanation to the individuals.

***A motion was made to accept the Tournament Director's report.
VOTED: To approve the Tournament Chairperson and Tournament Director report***

Handicap Chairperson:

The Chairperson submitted a written report addressing players /members without active GHIN Numbers. Though the number of members without GHIN numbers has dwindled, letters were sent to those individuals who do not have active GHIN number. With respect to "POINTS" System, the President questioned how "POINTS" are calculated for the top ten gross scores in each tournament as USGA points. However the points posted on the website are for "Player of the Year". It appears some members are confusing the USGA points with Points accrued for "Player of the Year". The Board needs to clarify USGA points versus the points accrued for "Player of the Year". including how points are accrued for each point system. It was noted that only the top fifteen players for "Player of the Year" are posted on the website and not all the players having points.

Scholarship Committee:

Nothing to report

Rules: An issue was raised that at one of the previous events, the scoring committee scored incorrectly after the announcement was made notifying the winners for each Division. The Board asked the Rules committee for an opinion that, due to the error, if the rightful winner /person should be given the correct points for that tournament. The Rules Committee submitted their opinion that if the scoring committee is in error than the issue can be corrected even after the tournament has closed. It was mentioned that USGA does not have any guidance on scoring errors. The Rules committee is reviewing whether points should be issued to the right person. It was decided that if we, the scoring committee makes an error the points will be given to the rightful person.

A suggestion was made to offer gift certificates that can be used at any course. Instead of purchasing gift certificates from the Pro Shops. The Rules committee is reviewing whether points should be issued to the right person. It was decided that if we, the scoring committee makes an error the points will be given to the rightful person.

Motion was made to approve the Rules committee report and to approve the recommendations or decision of the Board to apply the points to the rightful person when there is a scoring error.
Voted: to accept the Rules Committee recommendations and the Boards decision.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Appeals: Nothing to report
Statistician: Nothing to report
Publicity: Nothing to report
Nominating: Nothing to report
WEBSITE: No report
Scholarship: It was mentioned that to date three applications have been submitted for consideration for the Nathalie A. Price Scholarship.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

TPP Pairings (Tournament Pairing Program): The Handicap Chairperson & Tournament Director have discussed and hopefully resolved tournament pairings to ensure that they play with players in the same division. The only exception would be pairing late entries, whereby they will be paired where there is an opening.

NEW BUSINESS:

Website & Browsers: Board members have received complaints from members that they are having difficulty accessing or seeing information on the website. It was suggested they use Google Chrome as their browsers when accessing the website.

Four-Ball Event – In order to improve participation for this event , a suggestion was made to have the Four-Ball Event at different courses and maybe extend the event to three (3) days, possibly at three (3) different golf The president suggested posting the Four-Ball event and getting suggestions from the membership on how to schedule the event. Courses. Another suggestion was to have a Round Robin instead of a Four-Ball.

Amateur Tournaments- OSWGA is very proud to host this event. The tournament needs to have at least 16 players in the Championship Division. The Board needs to make very effort in promoting this event and to get good participation from all courses.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM. The next Board Meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 10, following the tournament at Potowomut..

Respectfully Submitted,

Liz Duguay

Recording Secretary

