

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

DATE: September 12, 2012 TIME: 2:04 PM

PLACE: Midville Golf Course
West Warwick, RI 02893

PRESENT:

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:

GUESTS: Chris Trenholme Handicap Chairperson

CALL TO ORDER: The President welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 2:04 PM.

MINUTES: Minutes from the August 1, 2012 meeting were reviewed and approved as presented. There was a short discussion that the scholarships have been mailed to the recipients of the Nathalie Price Scholarship and that all names will be posted on the website.

A motion was made to accept the minutes.

VOTED: to approve August's minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer handed out written financial reports for the months of July and August and a financial report of all the tournaments played to date, up to Midville. There was discussion as to why green fees were charged for the Par 3 at the "Back Nine Golf Course.

Three of the scholarship recipients have sent OSWGA "THANK YOU" letters. It was agreed that copies of the "Thank You" letters will be provided at the annual banquet. Also, St. Vincent de Paul Food Center, the recipient of the OSWGA Memorial Charity Tournament, held on June 11th, also sent a "Thank You Letter, for the charitable donation proceeds from the winner of that tournament.

The treasurer discussed that insurance policies were due for renewal. One is for the board and protects the board members regarding organizational decisions made by the board. The cost to renew this policy has increased \$150.00 from last year. The Board agreed to renew this policy.

The treasurer also mentioned that now that she has the new computer and all information has been transferred to the new one, what should be done with the old computer. It was suggested to remove/destroy the hard drive and dispose of the older laptop and either dispose or donate the old printer.

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 the Back Nine, Montaup CC, North Kingstown, Laurel Lane CC, Green Valley CC and Pinecrest GC. All events were good, there were a few problems at some of the events, at the Montaup event it was noted that a member admitted to using her cell phone and expressed how archaic the rule was, and many complaints were received from members regarding the food served at the Green Valley CC event. A letter of apology was posted on the website from the President.

The issue about cell phones was raised again and if texting is allowed during the tournament. The Board agreed that the no cell phone policy also pertains to texting as well.

Discussion ensued about male players having to play from the Blue Tees for all Female/Male Mixed Tournaments. This decision was based upon the fact that in past RI Events, the men played from the Blue Tees. However, since most men play from the white tees and their handicaps are based upon the white tees, the Board agreed for men to now play from the white tee in future events..

Tournament Director:

The Tournament Director is currently working on the 2013 tournament schedule and has secured commitments from several of the courses. With respect to rescheduling the Segreganset event, it was decided not to reschedule this event, since there are several remaining tournaments scheduled during October. A suggestion was made that due to a few date errors in the handbook, to confirm the tournament dates with the courses before finalizing the handbook for next year. There was discussion about some of the previous events; handing out gift certificates instead of trophies, was successful at the four-ball event; the Blind draw was not overwhelming as people like playing with their friends. Most of the people enjoyed playing the blind draw, but there were a few that were uncomfortable playing with people they didn't know.

Also, it was suggested to schedule the Midville event at 9:00 AM instead of 8:00 AM since it is held later in the summer and the temperatures are cooler. The owner agreed to change the start time for next year.

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

VOTED: To approve the Tournament Chairperson and Tournament Director report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Handicap Chairperson: Everything running smoothly, and has not received any complaints to date.

Scholarship Committee: Nothing to report

Rules Committee: No report from the Committee Chair. The president mentioned that she attended the Rules Committee meeting and during the meeting it was suggested that it would help if members would read the definitions & Rule 20 of USGA "Rules of Golf", they would have a better understanding of the rules in general.

Bylaws Change: The Chairperson suggested voting on the bylaws changes first and if approved it would eliminate the need to vote on the election, if only one candidate is running for office. The other proposed change to the by-laws is eliminating the term limitations a board member can hold office, which is currently limits a board member to 3 terms in a position. Based upon the current by laws, It appears voting must be by secret ballot, regardless of the number of people running for a particular office. The proposed revisions to the bylaws will eliminate terms and if there is only one person running for office to allow a hand vote of the members attending the banquet.

Appeals: Nothing to report

Statistician: Nothing to report. It was noted that the "POINTS needed to be updated.

Publicity: Nothing to report

Nominating: Nothing to report. The committee had yet to submit candidacy names for the two Board positions (President & Treasurer) that are up for re-election

Website: Provided an update to the current virus related problems with the website. It was recently corrected and that the problem stemmed from hackers accessing websites and infecting files associated with that website. It appears that the malware could be associated with obtaining information from other websites. The board discussed seeking another person within the organization to assist with the website.

Scholarship: No Report. It appears the Scholarship committee received two different application format, steps will be taken to ensure that the same application is provided to the schools as well as being posted on the website.

Motion was made to approve the all committee's report.

VOTED: To accept and approve each of the Committee reports.

OLD BUSINESS:

Banquet Updates- Vice-president provided a few suggestions of gift that will be handed out to each of the members attending the banquet invitations will be sent out to the membership via email out which will have information about the bylaws proposed changes and the election.

Details on Baskets for the Banquet – Board members will be responsible for creating gift baskets that will be raffled off to support the Nathalie Price Scholarship Fund. The Vice-President asked that the basket theme and contents of the basket are to be submitted to her prior to the banquet. A suggestion was made to the board that the new Gazebo at Montaup Country Club, provides for members to buy bricks. Since the first RI Women's State Amateur was held there, it was suggested the association purchase a brick which would have OSWGA inscribed on it. However, it was not known where the money goes and that we should find out first before considering purchasing a brick so that the money doesn't go to support the course itself.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election Procedure - It was decided to table this topic until we hear from the nominating committee of individuals seeking board positions.

News of RIWGA possibly being run by RIGA – The board discussed the news of the possibility of RIWGA being run by RIGA, as it appears RIWGA is not getting enough participation from its members at their events. It appears RIGA may operate RIWGA tournaments similar to RIGA. The board weighed if we should ask to participate in any future discussions or just wait and see. The board agreed to go about business as usual right now.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 3:53 PM. The next Board Meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 9, following the tournament at Ledgemont CC.

Respectfully Submitted,

Liz Duguay

Recording Secretary

