

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

DATE: August 19, 2013 TIME: 4:08 PM

PLACE: Green Valley Country Club
Portsmouth, RI 02871

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

GUESTS:

Chris Trenholme	Handicap Chairperson
Betty Speel	
Laura Davert	Photography Committee Co-Chair
Kris Kennedy	Rules Committee Co-Chair
Cheryl Irons	Photography Committee Co-Chair
Val Tessier	Rules Committee Member
Elaine Crawford	Statistician
Vickie Brown	

CALL TO ORDER: The President welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 4:08 PM.

MINUTES: Minutes from the July 22nd meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

A motion was made to accept the minutes.

VOTED: to approve July's Board Meeting minutes as written.

TOURNAMENT CHAIRPERSON: Provided a written report on the following tournament events: Potowomut CC held on July 22 –Everything went

smoothly except they ran out of food. ; The Back Nine Club held on July 29 – no major problems except there was a misunderstanding on one of the stakes on a hole was written in such a way that another yardage was written and taken for a winner. One of the new members received a Hole-in-One.; Montaup CC held on August 5- The collection held for equipment to be donated to Buttonhole Golf course was a success. There were a few complaints about slow play; however the most disappointing part of the day was the lunch. Many guests and members complained about the poor quality of food served. Board members mentioned the problem to the food service management. Crystal Lake held on August 12 – suggest a later start due to travel time. Pace of play was raised due to outside players also playing during the tournament. Couple of rules questions were addressed.

WEBSITE REPORT:

No major problems. Appears everything running smoothly

HANDICAP REPORT:

Mentioned that everything is going okay. One of the women playing in today's tournament, played with no handicap.

NOMINATING REPORT:

Notice of upcoming elections and positions are now posted on the website. Only one nomination has been sent in so far. Not sure if the nominating committee is currently recruiting for candidates.

STATISTICIAN REPORT:

Discussed some issues that were raised such as the Seniors Tournament since some players can't get USGA points due to the age. The other tournament is the Four-Ball which is currently up for discussion if it should be eliminated from receiving USGA points. With respect to the USGA State Team, there was suppose to be one player chosen from OSWGA as well as an alternate and RIWGA gets to choose 2 players for the State Team. There doesn't appear to be a distinction, if a player is a member of both organizations, who she is actually representing and RIWGA maybe sending more players from their organization.

There was discussion as to what types of formats attract the most players; team events versus medal play. In order to attract more players to a particular course, especially if the course is a long drive for most members to consider the format that would attract more players. Discussion on USGA Points and the fact that those points are

accrued in either MA or RI maybe reciprocal in either state as well. According to RIGA USGA Points given is based upon the state where the person has their car registered .

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer handed out a written financial report for the month of July. The information on the new laptop computer purchased for the Tournament Director is on the report and that to date 44 gift certificates have been redeemed and that 17 of them were redeemed during the month of July. Bank of America sent a letter about the new fees they will be charging and the Treasurer will check with the bank about which fees they will be implementing and how it will affect OSWGA finances.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR REPORT: Nothing to report

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: See under "New Business"

RULES COMMITTEE: Nothing to report.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE: Nothing to report.

APPEALS COMMITTEE: Nothing to report

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report, Tournament Director's Report and all Chair reports as presented.

VOTED: to approve the Treasurer's Report, Tournament Director's Report and all the Chair's reports.

OLD BUSINESS: *Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)* – STILL WAITING . The president reminded the Board to submit General Questions for posting on the website

Equipment Drive – Buttonhole was very appreciative of the equipment received. It was suggested that the Board consider hosting a drive either every year or every two years. Maybe consider hosting it at other golf courses. The Board decided to

table the suggestion and to think about whether it should be held again and if so where and when.

Junior Members Entry Fees- In order to promote participation of Junior members, the Board again discussed to have any junior member pay half-price of the entry fee to play in any of the Tournament events of OSWGA. One of the Board members thought the Board had made a motion, voted on and approved the motion at the previous meeting. A motion was then made to have junior members at age 21 and under regardless if they are a member of OSWGA or not to play events at half-price of the entry fee. A motion was passed to be effective immediately and that juniors must be full-time students. Another was made to change the definition of a "junior member" in the handbook, so they don't need to be a full-time student as long as they meet the age criteria which is 21 years of age and under.

Motion made to charge junior players half price of the entry fee and to change the definition of a Junior Player/Member in the handbook so they will no longer be required to be a full-time student as long as they meet the age requirement of 21 years if age and under.

VOTED; approve the motion to charge junior players half price of the entry fee and to change the definition for junior player/member.

USGA STATE TEAM, 4 Ball, Board Members- Since Board members do not pay entry fees and most play in just about every event, the board discussed if Board members should be included to represent the USGA State team, which is selected from individuals having the most USGA points earned within a two year period. Since the state should have its best players representing the USGA state team, then the member in line to participate in the USGA State team should attend, regardless if they are a Board member, especially since the person is responsible for most of the expenses, with the exception of a \$500.00 stipends, paid by OSWGA which is to support representation to the event, which board members have used in the past. Though it was previously decided that Board Members not participate in "The Player of the Year" Tournament it is

different from playing as part of the USGA State team. To qualify for USGA Points members must play in tournaments (at least 8) identified as eligible tournaments.

A motion was made to allow Board members to the USGA State team as long as they have met the criteria and POINTS and to provide a stipend to the player representing OSWGA regardless if they are a Board Member, since this has been policy in the past.

VOTED: to allow Board members to represent the USGA State team and provide the designated \$500.00 stipend.

NEW BUSINESS:

Scholarship Applicants – The Board discussed and recommended to provide the same dollar amount (\$900.00) to all six candidates selected to receive scholarships.

A motion was made to provide the same dollar amount to all six candidates.

Voted: to approve motion.

Food at Montaup: Many members commented their disappointment regarding the food served at the Ryder Cup tournament held at Montaup Country Club. It appears this year that a new food vendor is now servicing the Kitchen and banquet facilities. The Board recommended sending a letter to Montaup's Board on behalf of the association outlining their dissatisfaction with the food service. A suggestion was to find another facility to eat someplace else, but decided that would not be a good idea.

Training for the Future: It was suggested that it would be a good idea for all committee chairperson consider selecting another member who they think would be willing to learn some of the duties held by the committee chairs, so that other people will be trained in these responsibilities for future consideration, especially if the chairperson steps down or if something happens.

Upcoming Elections and Board Positions: It was suggested to revise the posting about the upcoming election and Board positions to refer to the handbook and by-laws about the responsibilities of each of the Positions as well as the benefits for serving on the Board. Hopefully that may attract more candidates.

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ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 PM. Next meeting was tentatively scheduled for September 30, after the tournament at Wanumetonomy Country Club.

Respectfully Submitted,

Liz Duguay

Recording Secretary

