

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

DATE: December 5, 2013 TIME: 5:45 PM

PLACE: Greggs Restaurant
North Kingstown, RI

PRESENT: Trudy Dufault Co-Founder
Jackie Booth President
Pat Dickson Vice-President
Luanne Googins Treasurer
Liz Duguay Recording Secretary
Carolyn Brown Tournament Chairperson
Jenn Moretti Newly Elected Corresponding 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 and thanked Liz for her re-election and thanked and welcomed Jenn as the newly elected Corresponding secretary. The president also thanked outgoing corresponding secretary, Kathy Chorney for all the work and service she has done on the Board throughout the years.

MINUTES: Minutes from the October 24th Board Meeting and the Annual Banquet Minutes of November 3rd were reviewed and the recording secretary outlined that recent revisions /clarifications to the October minutes were made to pg 5 regarding the discussion of free tournaments for Committee Chairpersons. There was further discussion on the comments received on the Annual Banquet. Members complained that the desserts ran out early. One comment was to consider serving the dessert family style as the desserts ran out and not everyone had dessert and many of the selections ran out early as well. There was no additional comments on the Annual Banquet Minutes.

A motion was made to accept October's minutes with amendments as discussed, as well as Minutes of the Annual Banquet

VOTED: to approve the October's Board minutes as amended and Annual Banquet Minutes as written.

TREASURERS REPORT:

The Treasurer read a Thank You Letter sent by the RI Community Food Bank in response to the charitable donation selected by the team that won the OSWGA Memorial held at Metacomet CC. This year's winners were chosen from a random draw of all the teams that played in the event. Also mentioned that some of the gift certificates for volunteer work for this year that were issued to non-members were thrown out and not mailed to the recipient , however the Treasurer mentioned that gift certificates to non-members for volunteer work have been issued in the past and that the reason for giving gift certificates is to reward those individuals who volunteer.

The Treasurer handed out the monthly financial reports for October and November and stated that she just received the invoice from Ledgemont Country Club which is listed on the year-end financial report. Also, monies from the checking account designated for the Scholarship fund hasn't been transferred into the Scholarship Fund, except for what was generated from the raffle tickets from the Banquet. The treasurer did mention that the amount in the scholarship fund far exceeds the amount that is given out to the college candidates. The Board discussed options in trying to promote and advertise the Scholarship Fund within secondary schools and either consider giving more to the recipients or looking for ways to open up to the membership family members or change the scholarship criteria.

CHAIR REPORTS:

HANDICAP REPORT: No report.

TOURNAMENT CHAIRPERSON: No Report

WEBSITE: No Report

TOURNAMENT
DIRECTOR:

A Draft 2014 Tournament Schedule was recently sent to all Board members for review and discussion. The Board discussed and reviewed the draft schedule. Currently have 21 events set up and still awaiting to hear from a few courses. Some of the issues raised during the review and discussion was to allow drop zones for some of the divisions at Lake of Isles due to the difficulty of the course and suggest that Board members pay the entry fee .Meadowbrook- need to consider a different menu selection from what was served last year. Potowomut- needs to address running out of food at this year's event. . The Jr/Sr. Event at Laurel Lane – Keeping the age criteria the same. Also, that member's will not be able to use gift certificates at any of the Par 3 Championship State Amateur and Lake of Isles events. The Board also discussed scheduling the Skills Challenge again in 2014 and it was decided to hold this event every other year with the next one to be scheduled in 2015. The Board postponed discussion on assigning USGA points at this time as there are not a lot of medal play tournaments. Though some of the tournaments initially were hosting two events, medal play and two best balls, since most of those tournaments do allow for best ball and members would be playing their own ball, the medal play component was dropped from the event.

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:

FAQ's – President still waiting for Board members to submit Frequently asked Questions so that she can start posting them on the website. These are questions that are frequently asked by the membership with respect to tournaments, play scoring, etc

Co-Hosting State & Senior Amateurs with RIGA/RIWGA – The Vice-President handed out a draft letter for review regarding OSWGA's response to the proposal hosting a joint State Amateur and Senior State Amateur with Rhode Island Golf Association (RIGA). In summary OSWGA would like to organize a joint committee with members from both OSWGA and RIGA that would work on developing guidance on how the State Amateur should be managed.

It was noted, that RIGA may petition the USGA to recognize their tournament as State Amateur, since their tournament will now be an Event open to all female golfers from both private and public courses. The Board agreed that the point of having a joint State Amateur is to get the best golfers to play at the event and that it would be a sin to have 2 State Amateurs Tournaments. One of the main sticking points will be the Trophy and history of both organizations, and it was suggested that being a new venture to have to have a new Trophy be designed reflecting the joint venture. It was agreed to have the response only address the State Amateur and to not include in the discussion at this time the Senior State Amateur proposal. The State Amateur tournament needs to be a compromise between the two organizations (OSWGA & RIGA) and an event that is workable for the state.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sending Information to AD's of High Schools on Scholarship Fund & Organization membership- It appears High School Golf Coaches have a meeting in March and this would be an opportunity to provide membership applications as well as information on the scholarship fund. The Scholarship Chairperson already sends out informational packages to the Athletic Directors and Guidance Counselors to all High Schools.

Banquet Comments & Suggestions – Discussed earlier. Someone mentioned that 2014 might be the 20th year for hosting the Annual Banquet. However, the Co-Founder mentioned that OSWGA was started in 1995 and the first banquet wasn't until 1996, so next year would only be the 19th year for the Banquet.

Gift Certificates to Volunteers, Chairs, etc – tabled until next meeting.

2014 Handbooks – The president suggested to send comments, corrections etc to her by mid- January.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 PM. Next meeting was tentatively scheduled in February. The President reminded the Board members to submit comments, suggestions for the 2014 handbook.

Respectfully Submitted,

Liz Duguay
Recording Secretary

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