

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

DATE: February 23, 2013 TIME: 10:06 AM

PLACE: Laurel Lane Country Club
West Kingston, RI 02892

PRESENT: Trudy Dufault Co-Founder/Tournament Director
Jackie Booth President
Pat Dickson Vice-President
Luanne Googins Treasurer
Liz Duguay Recording Secretary

ABSENT: Kathy Chorney Corresponding Secretary
Carolyn Brown Tournament Chairperson

GUESTS: Chris Trenholme Handicap Chairperson

CALL TO ORDER: The President welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM.

MINUTES: Minutes from the December 12th were reviewed and approved as presented. There was a brief discussion about the issue pertaining to members who repeatedly have scoring disputes and how best to remediate the issue.

A motion was made to accept the minutes.
VOTED: to approve the December's minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer handed out a written financial report for end of year including the month of December and a report that compared finances for the years 2011 & 2012. There was a comment on the category pertaining to accounting fee charged by the Accounting Firm being expensive and that charges are being applied even for phone conversations their was a brief discussion about looking into other accounting firms. The January's financial report was also handed out and it was noted that to date, only 77 members including the board members have sent in their 2013 membership renewal applications. The Organization received a letter from Pinehurst Country Club, North Carolina seeking names of members who have won OSWGA major championship events, as they are looking to invite them to tournaments being hosted by Pinehurst. It was suggested to send a copy of the letter to those members to make them aware of the invitation. However, OSWGA has no other involvement in this event other than notifying the members and if they are interested to pursue it on their own.

There was a brief discussion on scholarship monies generated during 2012. A question was raised as to how money generated from membership fees and the gift certificates that are handed & used by members throughout the year affects the profits of each tournament and if there is a way to track these transactions to be able to compare the actual dollars generated from a tournament vs. gift certificates used. Adding a category /item line to the budget (e.g. gift certificates redeemed under tournament expenses) would be the best way to track gift certificates issued & used during the year

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

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:

TOURNAMENT CHAIR:

Though the Tournament Chairperson was not present, the Treasurer presented her rthe Tournament Chair's report. The Tournament Chairperson contacted two members to see if they would be interested in assisting with taking photographs each of the tournaments including photos of the winners. They will most likely rotate their responsibilities for each of the tournaments. The duties will likely include taking pictures of the winners and uploading the pictures onto the website etc. It was agreed to dismiss the Publicity committee for now. In addition, two members have agreed to assist the tournament chair with the pre-tournament set up responsibilities and also will rotate these duties for each tournament. The board also discussed compensation the volunteers who will be volunteering for these duties and it was decided since they will be responsible for getting to the golf course early to set up the course for each of the tournaments and the additional work required of the photographers they will be re-imbursed with a gift certificate for each event worked. Let each chair of this committee be responsible for organizing the schedules and handing out the gift certificates

HANDICAP CHAIR REPORT: No Report

Tournament Director:

No report. However did mention that the dates for upcoming tournaments have been reviewed and confirmed with the golf courses. A question was raised regarding a statement in the handbook that members must be a RI resident or be affiliated with an OSWGA member club and what defines a member club as there is nothing in the rules or handbook that lists the clubs or the criteria for a membership club. The Director stated that initially when the organization was formed and based upon decision of the first Board, a member club was any golf course within 50 miles of Providence. However, since the resignation of the past board members at the time, changes have been made as to the criteria of a "membership club" and now include courses in southeastern Massachusetts.

According to the Bylaws, Membership in the OSWGA is open to any RI female resident and/or any female affiliated with either a Rhode Island public or private golf course, and/or a designated OSWGA affiliated golf course. OSWGA affiliation for non Rhode Island golf courses shall be determined by the Board of Directors and shall be subject to change at the sole discretion of said Board. The list of non Rhode Island OSWGA affiliated courses may be requested from the Board of Directors. Initially, the ultimate go of having a course membership list was to have members of the organization from any RI courses. However, that requirement has been relaxed over the years.

Scholarship Committee: Nothing to report

Rules Committee: Nothing to report.

Bylaws Change: Nothing to report.

Appeals: Nothing to report

Statistician: Nothing to report.

Nominating: Nothing to report.

Website: Considering asking one of the members to see if she will be willing to assist with managing and operating the website, so there will be another person that will know how to run the website.

Scholarship: Refer to "New Business"

Motion was made to approve the Tournament Director's, Tournament Chairperson and all committee's report.

VOTED: To accept and approve Tournament Director's, Tournament Chairperson and all of the Committee's reports.

OLD BUSINESS:

2013 Handbook & Tournament Schedule- The handbook has been reviewed at least 6 times and is now ready for the printer. Board has agreed to print 325 copies and suggested to get rid of any unnecessary information in the handbook. It should take about 2 weeks for printing and should be ready for mailing at the next Board meeting in March. Board members have received feedback that since the tournament schedule and other information is on the website, that they don't use the handbooks, so in order to cut costs it was suggested to include a check off box on the application if they would like a copy of the handbook, eliminating mailings to everyone.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nomination Chair Approval - All committee chair nominees except for the nominating committee have accepted to serve a two year term on their committees: Chris Trenholme-Handicap Committee; Kris Kennedy & Kathy Mis – Rules Committee Co-Chairs; Elaine Crawford, Statistician; Vicki Johnson – Scholarship Committee; Pat Dickson - By-Laws; Pat Dickson – Appeals Committee; Jackie Booth -Website Committee.

It was also suggested that the chairs teach some of their committee members the logistics of running the committees so other people will know what to do in their absence or if they step down.

Motion was made to approve the Chairpersons of each of the committees as nominated.

VOTED: To accept and approve all of the above-mentioned chairpersons.

Scholarship Application & scoring comments & review – In previous board meetings, a comment was made that OSWGA involvement should be included in the scholarship application and be considered when scoring the applications. Copies of the current application and scoring sheets were provided for the meeting and the discussion. The current application did not specifically address OSWGA involvement and the score sheet did not have a rating for it as well. The board agreed that this information should be included on both the application and score sheet and will relay the information to the Scholarship Chairperson so it will be included in this years copies.

There was also discussion on the age group for junior membership and to change the age group to be up to 25 or 26 to account for students starting later or staying longer in school than the typical four years. It would also cover students attending graduate school as well. No one knew at the meeting what the current age range was for junior membership eligibility.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 11:32 AM. Next meeting to be scheduled in March once the handbooks have been printed and is ready for mailing, most likely March 19th at Gregg's Restaurant, North Kingstown.

Respectfully Submitted,

Liz Duguay

Recording Secretary

