

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

DATE: May 23, 2013 TIME: 5:45 PM

PLACE: Green Valley Country Club
Portsmouth, RI 02871

PRESENT:

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| 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:

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| Chris Trenholme | Handicap Chairperson |
| Chris Anderson | Tournament Committee Member |
| Kathy Mis | Rules Committee Co-Chair |

CALL TO ORDER: The President welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM.

MINUTES: Minutes from the April 22nd meeting were reviewed and approved as presented. The President requested minutes be prepared and sent out sooner than later.

A motion was made to accept the minutes.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer handed out a written financial report for the month of April. A category "Gift Certificate Redeemed" was added which will now track the number of gift certificates redeemed at each tournament for each month. A question was raised regarding the line item "Tournament refund" and the treasurer explained that it was a refund to a member who sent in too much money for one of the tournaments. Also mentioned was a loss of Income for Rhode Island Country Club which was due to increased costs of the golf carts. It was suggested to try to keep track of all expenses for each event to determine which events warrant an increase or decrease in the entry fee to cover all costs. For example, since Meadowbrook does not prepare their own food and costs for hot food can be expensive, maybe consider ordering cold food. The treasurer mentioned that since many of the members who winter in another state, like Florida, request that their handbooks be mailed to their winter address, however, members have mentioned that they never received them. Several "Thank You" letters were read to the Board, one from Janina expressing her gratitude for receiving the Trudy Dufault award and another from Quidnessett regarding the tournament held there. A member sent a memo suggesting limiting tournaments to only members.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report.

VOTED: to approve the Treasurer's reports.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:

TOURNAMENT CHAIR: Provided a written report for the following tournaments; RI Country Club, Fall River CC; Quidnessett CC, Crestwood CC and Meadowbrook GC. She also highlighted some of the points of each tournament. Indicated that at Crestwood, the Pro Shop should provide assistance with leading

the players to their holes, as time was wasted finding the holes and requested that in future tournaments to have the members pick up the Tee markers as they are finishing their last hole. Slow Play continues to be a problem and the Board discussed procedures in implementing a policy regarding slow play and penalizing groups or members if the problem continues. Mainly the Board has decided that players will receive one verbal warning, then two written warnings and if the problems continues after the two written notices, players will be penalized. It appears that at the Crestwood event, the last team to turn in their cards was at least 1 ½ hours later after the first group finished. The Rules Committee will most likely be responsible for informing the players when the situation arises. The Board decided that the Rules Sheet handed out at each tournament will now include Picking up the Tee Markers when finishing their last hole and handing in the Score Cards as soon as possible after completing their round. It was also suggested the teams who played slow, be warned about slow play when they turn in their score cards and refer them to someone on the Rules Committee. All four people in that group will be given warning regardless if the format is medal play, a two person team or a four person team., all four will be penalized or given the warning and it would be the up to Rules Committee's to penalize the responsible person(s).

HANDICAP CHAIR REPORT:

Discussed the issue of members not having an active Official Handicap. She mentioned that she has spoken to the members informing them of the problem. A question was raised if the Board should establish a deadline for members to re-active their GHIN numbers. As the problem arises, the members are notified ASAP of inactivity of their GHIN numbers. It was suggested to post another notice again on the website, reminding members to make sure they have an active current GHIN number. Once the members are informed than if they still fail to activate their GHIN, they will play at scratch. The Handicap Chair has asked the members to check with their club to make sure their GHIN membership has been activated.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:

No report.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

No report.

RULES COMMITTEE:

Nothing to report.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE:

Nothing to report.

APPEALS COMMITTEE:

Nothing to report

STATISTICIAN:

Nothing to report.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Nothing to report.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE:

Nothing to report

Motion was made to approve the Tournament Chairperson and all committee's reports.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) – The president reminded the Board to submit General Questions for posting on the website. One question raised is “What is the difference between flights and Divisions? Answer- It is broken down the same way & are based on people playing similar handicap levels.

RIGA/RIWGA Merger – The President handed out a written statement of OSWGA's position on the proposed merger. With a few changes the Board agreed to the statement emphasizing that the mission of OSWGA has been accomplished once the players have the accessibility to play at various courses and to provide opportunities for the young golfers. The statement will be sent out to the members and posted on the website.

GVCC Tournament- Some of the luncheon menu selections were sampled this evening by some of the board members and the President will be working with staff to select an entrée for the event. Right now considering possibly two meals for the event, with one being a seafood and an alternative in case of any seafood allergies.

NEW BUSINESS:

Handicaps - (Procedures for monitoring wins & procedures regarding cuts, division changes, etc) The Board discussed issues regarding concerns raised by members of the same individuals always winning tournaments and procedures for monitoring wins. The President researched the issue and found a Point system called the "Dean Knuth Point System" to consider. With this system, winners accumulate points for every win. The point assignment will depend upon how many people are in the flight. It will require tracking the tournaments and how many people won & how many in each division. Currently the Knuth system is accumulating a certain number of points over a 2 year period. Once the player has accumulated the maximum number of points than their handicap is cut. There would be a few things that need to be ironed out, when tracking tournaments and winnings, such as whether to track both net and gross scores, and how to access points with the various formats used. Two person teams, vs. medal play vs. four person teams. The Board needs to evaluate the system and try to come up with a fair way in tracking people who have exceptional scores. This system gives you more leeway to allow fair play amongst all players. It may also be a perception that only a few players are always winning. The Board will also need to determine the period of time the stroke reduction will cover and what happens once the person's handicap gets adjusted and goes down. It was suggested that once the handicap catches up to the reduced score than the stroke cut will no longer apply. It will be important to see where the teams fall in both the gross and net in each of the divisions.

It was suggested to track both the gross and net scores of each tournament to keep track of the gross scores as well. The president volunteered to track the Net Scores and the Vice-president volunteered to track the Gross Scores.

Buttonhole Golf Course - OSWGA was contacted by Buttonhole to see if OSWGA would sponsor a drive to collect golf balls, clubs, and other golf equipment to donate to their players. It appears that left handed equipment is needed and was suggested to select a tournament to advertise the donation event and for members to bring equipment for donation. Equipment needed is golf bags, tees, golf clubs, clothes and that they be in playable condition.

Motion was made and passed to sponsor a drive.

In order to attract more juniors to play in OSWGA tournaments, it was suggested to provide a reduced tournament entry fee rate for junior players, however another suggestion was for members to volunteer to sponsor juniors and pay their entry fees at OSWGA events, especially the Amateurs.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM. Next meeting to be determined at a later date.

Respectfully Submitted,

Liz Duguay

Recording Secretary

