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

DATE: July 22, 2013 TIME: 2:15 PM

PLACE: Potowomut Country Club
Warwick, RI 02818

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
Barbara Baris	
Laura Davert	Photography Committee Co-Chair
Joyce Picard	
Cheryl Irons	Photography Committee Co-Chair
Monique Boiyajian	
Sue Dusablon	
Jennifer Morretti	
Vickie Brown	

CALL TO ORDER: The President welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 2:15 PM.

MINUTES: Minutes from the May 23rd meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

A motion was made to accept the minutes.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer handed out a written financial report for the months of May and June. Bills for Agawam hunt was not paid until June. Gift certificates redeemed are now included in the report. Also provided were itemized budget outlining expenses for each of the tournaments held to date and an itemized listing of gift certificates redeemed at each of the tournaments held to date. It appears that 3-4 gift certificates are being used at each tournament and not everyone is using them at the same tournament. The Board discussed the expenses for trophies and the need to have a separate category for trophies and that they should not be expended from the general fund. Treasurer mentioned that membership entrees are now slowing down.

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

VOTED: to approve the Treasurer's reports.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:

HANDICAP COMMITTEE: No written report. Mentioned that she is still tracking members who do not have an active handicap, but right now only one person still does not have an active handicap, however she hasn't played since she notified her.

APPEALS COMMITTEE: Received a phone call and an email from a person who was DQ at the Pawtucket Event, regarding the use of cellphones being used for GPS purposes during the round. However, the Chair thought that since the cellphone policy is a rules issue, that it should be handled by the Rules Committee and not the Appeals Committee. The Chair suggested that there should be packets made and handed out at each tournament so everyone knows the rules. The Board decided to add "The Associations' Local Rules" in the handbook. Another suggestion was to make a laminated card listing the Associations' Local Rules on it.

TOURNAMENT CHAIR: Provided a written report for the following tournaments; Agawam Hunt, North Kingstown GC, Pawtucket CC, Foster CC and Valley CC. The only additional comments added to the written report was that Foster did a better job serving the meal in comparison to last year.. She also highlighted some of the points of each tournament. Indicated that at Crestwood, the meal in comparison to last year, Valley CC was in excellent shape and the food was good, and at he Amateurs Event everything was good at the Cranston CC and the tournament held at Laurel Lane CC. After discussion, the Board decided to keep the Amateur Event at Cranston CC and the Four Ball Event at Pawtucket CC. Some of the guests in attendance asked questions about increasing the participation of players at the Amateurs, however it is noted that it is difficult to attract junior players to this tournament. A suggestion was to send a notice to schools advertising the Amateur event. It appears there are not a lot of female junior golfers in school Golf Clubs. Someone suggested OSWGA members could possibly sponsor a junior player if they are interested in playing in the Amateur event.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Since there are some tournaments considered major events such as the Amateurs, Four-Ball and Stroke Play Tournaments, so a package should be made for every player including the local rules, etc. A question arose as to how matching cards determines placement in Divisions winnings. It is determined on the handicap holes, especially with the Net winnings. For Gross Winnings it is determined based upon back nine holes first. Also, since the Potowomut Event is based upon Quota, a question arose as to how best to address how to score Quota Events. It appears that some of the guests questioned medal play versus team play and it appears that many team events should be "Best Ball" versus some of the formats that have been selected for team events.

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.
Green Valley Format- Since this has been designated as a " Surprise Format" it was decided that the Tournament Chair and the Tournament Director come up with 3-4 formats to choose from and then decide on one format.

KNUTH System: Barbara Baris has volunteered to track winnings for each tournament. There are twelve tracked events for the season and she is only tracking the net winners. The purpose of tracking this year is to just get an idea of how many people are repeat net winners over the course of the season, see what is going on and how many times people are winning as well as how often they are playing. She posed several questions regarding the tracking, such as; How do you separate out the people who maybe eligible for both gross and net winnings. Since many of the tournaments are not postable, how do you track those. What happens if someone doesn't post their scores and how will that affect, if someone's handicap has to be reduced based upon their winnings and the system. It was pointed out that based upon the current system there is no fair way to determine how players would be cut without having a system in place that would determine how best to address people winning most of the time. Some of the guests present questioned if there were just a few members who have raised this issue and if they are the same individuals. One of the board members responded that you can't move someone from A Division to Championship Division and have their

handicap cut because even in Championship they would most likely win Net in that Division as well. Also mentioned that in order to understand the Knuth System, members should be willing to help with scoring at the end of the tournaments to get an idea of what is involved in scoring. Another concern raised from the attendees, is that some of the courses where members play are not sloped/

Rated appropriately and that may have an impact on people handicaps not being accurate.

A suggestion was made that for partner events to play at 10 – 35% of a each players handicap and consider changing the stroke differential for partners from 10 strokes to 8 strokes. Many of the members in attendance felt intimidated when they first heard about the Knuth system and that that they are being penalized for playing well. Many voiced their objection to system

Trudy Dufault Ryder Cup, Buttonhole Drive- For this tournament members were asked to donate golf equipment to provide the equipment to the Kid's program at Buttonhole golf course. Newport Daily News will be contacted to promote the event and it was mentioned that someone from Buttonhole will have a trunk available at the tournament to pick up the equipment.

Scholarship – One of the juniors had asked a Boardmember if she could still submit her scholarship application even though it was past the deadline and the Board voted to approve the application.

Junior Entry Fees - The Board is still considering ways to attract more junior players to join OSWGA. It was suggested to have the juniors entry fee at half-price to see if it would draw more juniors to events as well as joining the association. .

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual Banquet -The Vice-president mentioned that this years banquets will have clubs donate Gift baskets similar to two years ago. The banquet will be back at the West Valley Inn and will consist of a buffet with two carving stations instead of a sit down dinner. Notices about the Basket Donations will be sent out in August . it was suggested to have two color tickets for the raffle, one for the course raffle and the other for the baskets. Golf Course donations will be raffled individually.

Elections- There was a brief discussion on this years election and who was on the nominating committee and to contact the chair to post a request for nominations and the positions up for this coming election.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 3:54 PM. Next meeting twill be held immediately after the tournament scheduled at Green Valley Country Club on August 19, 2013.o be determined at a later date.

Respectfully Submitted,

Liz Duguay

Recording Secretary

