

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

DATE: April 28, 2014 TIME: 3:30 PM

PLACE: Fall River Country Club
Fall River, MA

PRESENT: Jackie Booth President
Pat Dickson Vice-President
Luanne Googins Treasurer
Jen Moretti Corresponding Secretary

ABSENT: Trudy Dufault Co-Founder
Elizabeth Duguay Recording Secretary

GUESTS: Chris Trenholme Handicap Chairperson

CALL TO ORDER: The President welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

MINUTES: Minutes from the March 27, 2014 Board Meeting were reviewed and they were approved as presented.
Booth accepted Meeting Minutes for March. Dickson second.

TREASURERS REPORT: The Treasurer handed out the financial report from March and reported nothing extraordinary had occurred during that month.

A discussion ensued about how to treat the Gift Certificates granted to Volunteers. It was decided the gift certificates will be recorded separately in the ledgers. And as approved at the October meeting 2013, they should not affect the payouts of the tournament they are used in and cash could be transferred from general fund to cover these certificates. President will discuss with tournament director to insure these are handled as such.

Booth accepted Treasurer's Report for March. Dickson second.

CHAIR REPORTS

HANDICAP REPORT:

Based on previous attendance at the RIGA Handicap Meeting at Potowomut CC, the use of the Handicap Management Program (HMP) will continue to be utilized. This program makes posting scores less time consuming for the Handicap Chair. In order to utilize the HMP more efficiently, our membership list in the program needs to be updated. It was suggested at this meeting that we keep members active in the HMP and de-activate before season is open. This allows an accurate count of registered members for each season.

(As a reminder, with the HMP, scores are posted by Last Name only instead of having to enter the Date, Course and Slope for every player in each tournament. This greatly simplifies the job of the Handicap Chair.)

A lengthy discussion ensued at this meeting regarding this entire issue as since our last meeting, it was discovered that RIGA has been paying \$20 per player for OSWGA members not getting their GHIN from an RIGA member course. They have asked us to clean up our database to alleviate this issue. HMP is used at no additional charge to the OSWGA and is a vital tool to the handicapper.

Chris Trenholme has taken on this task and discovered that some on our OSWGA list are deceased; some duplicate; some no longer members; some with GHIN's from other States only & some have not paid this year's GHIN fee. She is in the process of proofing the list and an email is to be generated by Chris/Jackie to address issues with those that are found to be at odds with regards to having a current GHIN and where it is obtained from.

As for OSWGA members that don't have an active-GHIN currently, they are being given notice of a period of time to either:

A. Renew or establish their GHIN with a Rhode Island course or an OSWGA associated golf course (private, semi-private, public) or be a Rhode Island resident.

-OR-

B. Choose not to renew/establish a GHIN; (as it is NOT a requirement for membership in the OSWGA) but it is mandatory to enter events, then for events that they choose to play, play at scratch with no adjustment for handicap should they not obtain an active GHIN.

A great deal of thought has gone into honoring the change in policy of late to accept membership from those that maintain their GHIN's at courses that are out of State and offering them some reprieve for this year from also having to pay an additional fee at a RIGA affiliated course. A policy will be established for this going forward after the 2014 Season. Also, a list will be compiled of OSWGA out of state affiliated courses that meet the membership qualifications but are not RIGA member courses for example-Fall River CC. Chris Trenholme has assured us it will be no problem to keep this small group of women on a separate list, off the HMP, and pull them up as needed. Please note this subject is listed under new business but was covered with handicap report.

WEBSITE:

Website Contingency Plan- As discussed at the March Board Meeting, Jackie Booth and Chris Trenholme have spent time together so that Chris is able to maneuver the website and post scores/ results/ pairings, etc.

TOURNAMENT
DIRECTOR:

No official report as Trudy Dufault was not in attendance. However the following was discussed:

General Suggestion:

If a Buffet style luncheon is being served, then allow the ladies to eat as soon as 4/5 groups have finished play and are in the room. There seems to be a big discrepancy on the times that the groups finish and many ladies are left waiting to eat while their fellow players finish their rounds. This practice has worked well recently at some events. This seems to speed up everything including announcing of winners and handing out prizes.

Lake of Isles Event

1. There was a big concern that the drop areas on course were NOT well marked and caused confusion and delays. The round took an inordinately long time to complete.
2. Food was an issue. Many complaints were received on the menu. Hot dogs and hamburgers were not well received by the group. Suggested not to have this menu again unless they are cooked to order on a grill. Also, opening tournament of the year, lunch should be extra special.
3. Suggestion to serve hot soup at early/late events going forward.

Kirkbrae Event

1. Course conditions and food were great!
2. There was an issue with a member that did not show up (no show) and a member that did show up but when advised her partner for the day was a no show, decided to withdraw from the Tournament. What was said to either member is unclear and status of their payment is to be cleared up. A discussion ensued regarding the OSWGA no show policy and refund policy. Overall sentiment is that the Board should address situations like these on a case by case basis and refunds not promised on the day of the event until further discussion and possibly a vote can be made.

Meadowbrook Event

1. Overall impression of the course was favorable.
2. Luncheon buffet ran much more smoothly than the previous year.

Fall River Event

1. Overall impression of the course was favorable.
2. Luncheon was tremendous and well done. Desserts were big hit. Ran a little short at the end since some ladies took multiple servings of the desserts. Need to limit this for next visit.

NOMINATING REPORT: No report

APPEALS COMMITTEE: Nothing to report per Pat Dickson.

RULES COMMITTEE: No Report

STATISTICIAN
COMMITTEE: No Report

SCHOLARSHIP
COMMITTEE:

Jackie Booth reported that she continues to see the scholarship info in the Newport and has learned that they will continue to post this information periodically as space permits until the actual deadline provided for the Scholarship application. Jen Moretti is to contact other local publications to provide them with the same press release so that we can further publicize the availability of Scholarship monies.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report and all Chair Reports by Booth. Googins second.

BOARD VOTED to approve all Reports.

OLD BUSINESS: FAQ's – This website feature proves to be popular and questions/answers are being posted regularly on the site.

Banquet 20th Anniversary. – The banquet is scheduled for the second Sunday in November, 9, 2014 and will be held at the West Valley Inn in West Warwick, RI.

As discussed at a previous meeting, the Vice-president is in charge of the event and is considering various options in celebrating the 20th year anniversary of OSWGA. The focus will be less on scholarship fundraising for this year. There will likely be a raffle where rounds of golf at local course (donated) will be awarded. No gift baskets, etc.

The thought is to give a special item to all of the Members of OSWGA to commemorate this special year. The frontrunner is a Shoe Bag with our logo to be given out at the Banquet. If members are not in attendance, we can either mail the item to their RI Address –OR- gives out at the start of the next season.

NEW BUSINESS

Tournament Chair Vacancy- A discussion of the position left vacant by Carolyn Brown's departure was had and it was revealed that two individuals were named as candidates to be appointed Tournament Co-Chairs. Both Chris Anderson and Mary Ann McLaughlin have expressed interest in the position and would be willing to work together on this role. It was proposed by the Board, that for this year, they could be appointed as "Acting Co-Chairs" and as such be granted 12 events each for no fee as compensation for their roles. They will also be granted one vote only towards issues that the Board decides. Their official duties and benefits will be further discussed by the Board. Trudy confirmed their nomination via telephone and the board voted to approve their appointment to Tournament Co-chairs effective immediately. Pat agreed to notify them both of the appointment and confirm their acceptance of the position

Bunker Shots Publication- Jackie Booth was approached by "Bunker Shots" regarding posting news and notes from our OSWGA events. Some concern was raised regarding the use of photos but the Board decided that our participation at this time with this Publication would be minimal and only to include major tournament postings of information to possibly include photos.

Director's Honorarium – Jackie Booth made a motion to extend the Director's Honorarium granted to Trudy Dufault for a three year term to conclude in April 2017. Dickson second. Board unanimously approved and accepted this motion.

Cancellation Policy for Board Members- In the event of a last minute cancellation of a Board Member who is playing in an event free of charge, all efforts should be made on the part of that Board Member to find a suitable replacement and either offer payment for their play or advise them of the appropriate fee payable the day of the tournament to the Treasurer. If no replacement is found, at minimum the Board Member should pay the Cart Fee and Luncheon Fee or other additional fees as applicable to cover the direct costs of the OSWGA.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6:33PM. Next Month's meeting will be after the Tournament at Valley Country Club in West Warwick, RI scheduled for May 19th.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Moretti
Corresponding Secretary