

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

DATE: October 14, 2014

TIME: 3:28 PM

PLACE: Warwick Country Club
Warwick, RI 02871

PRESENT:

Trudy Dufault	Co-Founder
Jackie Booth	President
Pat Dickson	Vice-President
Luanne Googins	Treasurer
Liz Duguay	Recording Secretary
Chris Anderson	Tournament Co-Chairperson
MaryAnn McLaughlin	Tournament Co-Chairperson
Jenn Moretti	Corresponding Secretary

GUESTS: Chris Trenholme (Handicap Chairperson), Maureen Ford, Ann Moran, Erin Mernick, Peg Cherenzia, Joan foberg, Sandy Koerner, Mary L. Sevigny, Karen Dufault Recore , Laura Davert (Photography Co-Chair),

CALL TO ORDER: The President welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 3:28 PM.

NEW BUSINESS: Due to the number of members present, the Board decided to skip many items and begin with "New Business" and asked if anything needed to be added to the agenda. There was no suggestions to add new topics to the agenda.

USGA State Team-Info from Statistician – A discrepancy was identified whereby in previous years, the OSWGA handbook states that points begin if members submit their membership application prior to April 1st every year. However, it appears that the April 1st date is now omitted from the handbook and currently the April 1st date only applies for eligibility to obtain points for "Player of the year". Therefore it is unclear if anyone who may be eligible for the state team must submit their membership prior to the April 1st date

in order to be eligible. Also, What happens if one year someone signs up before the April 1st deadline and the next year does not meet that deadline are they still eligible to accrue points and be eligible for the state team? The Tournament Director stated that the rule was put in place since most tournaments begin in April and that the basis for the April 1st deadline was for the "Player of the Year" and not necessarily for the State team. Since the term for the points system is based upon a two year cycle, it was suggested to have this policy remain in place for two years and after that to change the requirements. A comment was made that since junior members have free membership then they should be able to be considered for eligibility for the State team. Since the book doesn't specifically say to earn USGA Points you need to submit your membership application prior to April 1st. Currently, the handbook states that in order for a member to accrue USGA Points the member must be in good standing and the application must be received and postmarked by April 1st. According to page 40 of the 2014 handbook, in order to be eligible for the USGA State team, eligibility requires the representative be a permanent resident of RI and the two year cycle begins on August 19th and ends on August 1st of the second year.

ELECTION GENERAL – Since there will be no election due to candidates running unopposed, the Board must decide how to fill the vacancy for Vice-President. Also, Absentee ballots will not be necessary, as well since candidates are running unopposed.

COMMENTARY-BOARD- During Board meetings, it was suggested to have a time limit on issues or comments received from the attendees so that everyone have the opportunity to speak and be able to manage the time spent on a topic.

ESTIMATED ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET- The Board should consider setting a budget for the tournaments beforehand as some tournaments are more profitable than others and will have an idea of where the association could make changes on prices for each tournament. The benefit to having a budget is having some number to shoot for. One comment identified is that the costs of each tournament varies from year to year. If there is a large profit for a tournament than costs should be adjusted for those tournaments. A member commented that since the association is running smoothly than why change things. Another comment was,

that having an operating budget would be able to identify which tournaments need tweaking. Since the Tournament Director negotiates with the courses, sometimes the board doesn't have an idea of what the costs are and sometimes the costs could change due to increases from the golf courses themselves during the season. It was suggested that to have some of the Board members, namely the president, Vice-President and Karen Dufault do some research on an estimated budget and propose to discuss it at the December.

POST OFFICE BOX - It was suggested to consider having a storage unit for centralizing any equipment that the association owns. In the past OSWGA had an office in North Providence where meetings and equipment was stored but eventually was given up since it was no longer used. Also asked who currently has keys to the PO Box and Trudy mentioned that she has the only two keys and would be able for others to have access to the mailbox, if the need arise. It was suggested that someone else also have a key for emergency purposes or if something happens to Trudy. Also suggest to digitize all information and historical documents so as to keep everything in one place.

REPLACEMENT VP – Currently engaged in talking with people about filling the vice-president position, which will become vacant once the election takes place.

WEBSITE CHAIR – Jackie mentioned that she will continue to be the Website chair and manage the website, however she would like to step down at some point from this position.

NEXT YEARS SCHEDULE MON VS. TUES – Emails were sent requesting that some of the tournaments be scheduled on a Monday since members have leagues scheduled Tuesday and it appears that this year many of the tournaments were scheduled for Tuesday as well. Trudy explained that when she contacts the courses and inquires about dates and requests which dates are available, that the courses usually selects the days and dates, especially private courses as they sometimes have a designated day for outside tournaments. She mentioned that with the exception of two dates, most of next year's tournaments are already set and in place. Next year there will be tournaments scheduled on Monday's Tuesday's and Thursdays. Trudy mentioned that email responses were sent to everyone that had inquired about this issue.

VOLUNTEER GIFTS – Question arose if members who volunteer to help either with check in or scoring should receive Gift Certificates. Some of the members did express that they don't think members should receive any rewards for volunteering their services and that everyone should at least volunteer once. It was suggested that since volunteers have always received gifts in the past that maybe send out a survey during the winter months to get some feedback on this.

It was also suggested that for the Annual Memorial Tournament to set a permanent price for the charity donation and that the donation not be based upon the profit as some of the tournaments we lose money. A motion was made to change the donation for the Memorial Tournament to be \$200.00 and not from the proceeds of the tournament.

Voted: To approve that a permanent donation of \$200.00 for the Memorial Tournament be sent to the winners chosen charity and not be based upon proceeds received at each tournament.

BRINGING GUESTS TO BANQUET – Due to the Anniversary celebration, it was decided that members could be female guests and that the costs would be \$30.00 per guest. A question was how the Vice president would be appointed and according to the By-laws, the Board appoints any vacancy board member for the remaining of the positions term. The treasurer mentioned that she recently attended a fundraiser for the point Judith Fisherman's Scholarship and that 21- \$1,000 scholarships were awarded and was surprised at the level of interest for these scholarships and why we can't get female golfers interested. It was suggested to look into how the scholarships are advertised at schools or how other scholarships are promoted.

MINUTES:

Minutes from the September 10th were sent out for review via email and amendments were made at that time.

A motion was made to accept the Minutes from the September 10th meeting as presented.

Voted: to approve the September 10th meeting minutes.

A recap of the number of gift certificates that will be handed out at the annual banquet; Chairs with the exception of the Handicap and Tournament co-Chairs will receive 2 free tournament gift certificates and the volunteers will receive \$10 gift certificates for

volunteering once and a \$25.00 gift certificate for those who volunteered more than once during the season. The Board suggested to send out another survey to the membership during the winter months and was looking for members to submit any thoughts or questions that they would like to see included in the survey.

The president asked if Juniors could play events for free to try to encourage participation of junior members and to extend the age for junior membership to 26 years of age. It was suggested to table this topic and discussion until the winter months.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Read another "Thank You" letter from a scholarship recipient, Caitlyn Blane. Handed out a written financial report for the month of September. Stated that now, most golf courses are requesting a deposits to secure dates for next year, however, we have requested to send in the deposits after the first of the year. Mentioned that the 'Net Income' for this year to date is \$8,000 and that most tournaments this year netted very little money.

CHAIR REPORTS:

HANDICAP REPORT: No written report.

**TOURNAMENT
CHAIRPERSON:**

The following report were presented and discussed.

- ▶ Segreganset CC – everything went well. Food was good.
- ▶ Ledgemont CC – everything was okay.
- ▶ Acoaxet CC – food was very good.
- ▶ Wannomoisett CC – food was good. Everything went smoothly.
- ▶ Warwick CC - Food was good. Problem with today is to make sure ahead of time who is doing what such as announcing the winners, etc.

WEBSITE: No Report

STATISTICIAN: Gave report earlier on Points System and USGA State team.

TOURNAMENT
DIRECTOR:

Nothing else to report.

A motion was made to accept the Tournament Director's Report and all Chair reports as presented.

VOTED: to approve the Tournament Director's Report and all the Chair's reports.

BANQUET:

New tee signs have been ordered but had to be returned since you couldn't insert the signs on the other side as they were not printed on both sides. To date, the Headcount for the banquet is 80 who have responded. There will be platters of desserts that will be brought to each table to make sure everyone gets desserts. The menu is as follows; salad, pasta, family style and then the entrees. There will also be prizes for the raffles.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 5:44 PM. Next meeting will be held December 1st either at Gregg's or No. Kingstown Golf Course restaurant

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Duguay
Recording Secretary

