

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

DATE: May 19, 2014 TIME: 2:43 PM

PLACE: Valley Country Club
Warwick, RI

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

CALL TO ORDER: The President welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 2:43 PM.

MINUTES: Minutes from the April 28th Board Meeting were discussed and it was noted under the Treasurers Report, the wording pertaining to the discussion on Gift certificates needs to be changed. It was suggested to continue that discussion under "New Business", and that the minutes cannot be approved until the issue on gift certificates is resolved.

The treasurer mentioned that as of this date there are 262 members in OSWGA. The April monthly financial report was handed out and noted that there was nothing out of the ordinary and asked if anyone had any questions regarding the report.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

***VOTED:* to approve the Treasurer's report.**

CHAIR REPORTS:

HANDICAP REPORT:

No written report. She is working on identifying OSWGA members' who are not members of RIGA member club, but have a GHIN handicap from an out-of-state golf course. She handed out a list of OSWGA members who are not affiliated with an RIGA member club and do not come up in the GHIN Management System. It was noted that the OSWGA membership application eligibility criteria states that the applicant must either be affiliated with a Rhode Island course or an OSWGA associated golf course (private, semi-private, public) or be a Rhode Island resident and have an USGA or USGA licensed & approved handicap index which can be acquired by a club who offers this service for a fee.. There are also some RI courses that are not in the GHIN Management System. However, the handicap Chair also mentioned that it is not difficult to find a person's GHIN handicap or other handicap system and that as long as we can find a person's handicap without any difficulty than they can apply for membership. The most important thing is that the handicap is verifiable and it was suggested to change the language of eligibility to say the person have a "USGA verifiable handicap system/index. The handicap Chair is currently de-activating members who do not have an active handicap with another golf course. It was noted that some members have yet to obtain a handicap this season and are sent an email that they will be playing at Scratch until they have an active handicap index. This information needs to be added on the application. It was noted that some golf courses also don't keep current with maintaining handicaps for active members and de-activating people who are no longer members. It was pointed out that some Junior member, even though they have handicaps may not be posting their scores on a regular basis.

TOURNAMENT
CHAIRPERSON:

No written report. However, they went to the tables during the luncheon after the tournament to see if anyone had any comments, Following are some of the comments or questions that were raised by the members:

- ▶ having 3-two person team teeing off on a hole. The response was not turning anyone away from playing in a tournament. There was mention of having Tee times for those events that do not draw a lot of people; however the downside to that missing out on the camaraderie that takes place during lunchtime.

- ▶ Another topic is possibly a session on rules especially since there are many new members .Handing out more Rules Tags was suggested ▶ One comment was why they can't use their smartphones for GPS. An explanation as to why will be posted on the website.
- ▶ How are the rosters set up and tee assignments made.
- ▶ How to deal with slow play. There was a discussion on today's slow play
- ▶ . A new member requests the opportunity to have a kick-off event or mixer, like a ' meet and greet event.'

It was noted that putting the rules sheet and sample scorecards appears to be working and people are following them. Maybe add "Rule of the Day" on the Rules sheet, like just one liner. The Co-Chairs are working on a spreadsheet outlining who will be handling each event and the members who signed up to volunteer at the event.

WEBSITE:

No Report

STATISTICIAN:

No Report

SCHOLARSHIP:

No Report

TOURNAMENT
DIRECTOR:

Suggested that since it is difficult finding Junior members to play in the Junior /Senior Event, to post on the website that any Juniors interested in playing this event and are looking for a senior player to contact the Tournament Director.

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.

OLD BUSINESS:

FAQ's – A reminder to send any Frequently asked questions to the president so she can post on the website.

Banquet Favors- still working on them.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gift Certificates This discussion is a follow-up/continuation to the last month's meeting minutes and earlier discussion under the Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer was concerned that it wasn't fair to our members if we gave out gift certificates & jeopardized the prize money. It was noted that it doesn't appear fair that the Board members are getting free tournaments and not the volunteers. Since we have a fairly healthy checking account, what does it matter if the money comes out of a tournament versus what is given out for volunteers. Since we are not taking out money for gift certificates maybe give out more prizes or serve better lunches. Keeping gift certificates is one thing but taking the money out of the general treasury to cover the costs of the gift certificates redeemed for accounting purposes is not a good idea. Maybe the Board should consider lowering the tournament entry fee. It was noted that since the Scholarship fund is healthy, that there will be no raffle this year. It was suggested to give more money to the winners or to spend more on food.

A motion was made to not change anything we are doing with the gift certificates for now.

Course Cards – Sometimes there is confusion and discrepancy with the golf course score cards and the tournament score cards that are generated for the OSWGA tournaments. It was suggested to double check where the tournament cards are different than the official course cards and make sure both cards are identical, including handicap holes, yardage etc..

USGA Points Quidnessett – It was mentioned that in order to be eligible for USGA Points, players must hole out, even in team best ball events. This information will be posted on the website.

Winners/Pictures – Discussion on difficulty the photographers are having obtaining pictures for the website, of the 1st Gross and Net winners in each division. Many suggestions were given, such as having the photographers hand out the 1st Gross and Net winners so it would be easier for them to obtain photographs. No real solution was identified and the photographers will try their best to get pictures when the winners are announced.

Email Traffic – In order to expedite discussions and inquiries, it was decided that emails do not have to be sent/copied to the entire board, if the discussion only involves one or two board members, however, the outcome of the discussion should be forwarded to the board.

Drop Areas – Someone either the Tournament Chairperson or the Tournament Director needs to call the Courses ahead of time to see if there are drop areas and to make sure the drop areas are properly marked or make signs for drop areas for future use. There was discussion that the “A” Division also not be allowed to use drop areas and only have the “B” & “C” Divisions use drop areas. Board did not come to any conclusions on this discussion.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 4:51 PM. Next meeting scheduled for June 26th, at 5:15 PM at Green Valley Country Club, Portsmouth, RI.

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Duguay
Recording Secretary