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

DATE: April 23, 2015 TIME: 5:34 PM

PLACE: Laurel Lane Country Club
309 Laurel Lane
West Kingston, RI 02892

PRESENT:

Trudy Dufault	Co-Founder
Pat Dickson	President
Jen Moretti	Vice-President
Luanne Googins	Treasurer
Liz Duguay	Recording Secretary
Erin Mernick	Corresponding Secretary
MaryAnn MacLaughlin	Tournament Co-Chairperson
Peg Cherenzia	Tournament Co-Chairperson

ABSENT:

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Chris Trenholme (Handicap Chair)

GUESTS:

CALL TO ORDER: The President welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM.

MINUTES: March's Board meeting minutes which were previously sent out via email were reviewed and Jen motioned to accept the minutes as presented and seconded by Peg.

VOTED: to approve the March's minutes as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Handed out the monthly financial report for March. To date, there are 230 members registered. Due to inclement weather there was only one event (Kirkbrae CC) held in April, the other two, Lake of Isles and Fall River were cancelled due to rain or poor conditions. More & more courses are now requesting deposits to secure the tournament dates. Most other expenses associated with the golf courses are the same. It appears since the Kirkbrae event, there have been new members have joined as a result of playing there as a non-member.

**A motion was made by Jen to accept the Treasurers Report.
Voted: to accept the Treasurers Report.**

CHAIR REPORTS:

HANDICAP REPORT: It appears the Table Posting describing how the handicaps for the Divisions are broken down at each event is proving to be very helpful. There are still several members that do not have an active handicap and letters have been sent to those individuals reminding them to active their handicaps before May 15th. Reiterated that non-members who win tournaments are not eligible for the USGA or Player of the Year Points.

TOURNAMENT
CHAIRPERSON:

Reported on the only event held to date, that being at Kirkbrae CC. Good experience and the food was very good. The treasurer requested to have the two tournament chairs indicate which tournaments they will play for free. There was a suggestion to provide assistance so new members can navigate the website better and help with the process of finding partners via the website.

APPEALS: Nothing to report.

WEBSITE: No report.

STATISTICIAN: Nothing to report

NOMINATING
COMMITTEE: Nothing to report.

RULES COMMITTEE: No report.

SCHOLARSHIP
COMMITTEE:

Nothing to report.

A motion was made by Mary and seconded by Jen to accept all Chairs reports.

Voted: to accept all Chairs reports.

TOURNAMENT
DIRECTOR:

Starting to receive requests of members to be paired with other members. One concern about pairing with friends is addressing or handling Rules Issues and not calling friends on infractions. Will honor these requests once, but that is all. It was pointed out that there are benefits in requesting to play with certain people. Another concern raised is some members requesting not to be paired with some members. Not sure what the best approach is on handling those situations. Due to the cancellation of the event scheduled at the Lake of Isles we have the option of rescheduling sometime in the fall or hold off until next year. Course is still holding onto deposit until a decision is made.

A motion was made by Jen and seconded by Peg to accept the Tournament Director's Report.

Voted: to approve the Tournament Director's report as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

Website Training: still pursuing candidates to take over the website responsibilities.

Handbook Typos- need to pay closer attention to minimize/eliminate typos in future handbooks

Committee Chairs – still looking for a candidate/replacement for the statistician chairperson vacancy.

Table Postings for Tournaments – Posting of the Division handicap breakdown & team pairing information appears to be working well. The table posting looks good, and is very visible to the players.

Applications/Turnout – Membership numbers are pretty much the same as previous years.

Banquet Proposal letters – Selecting sites for the annual banquet that are centrally located. Thanked everyone for comments received on drafting a letter and will be mailing letters out to respective venues soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

Early Website Posting for Board Elections – It was suggested to post as early as June the positions whose term will expire this year to allow time for members to consider running and submit their intent to the nominating committee. Also have a flyer announcement at the tournaments.

Player of Year (POY) – Tracking Points as awarded POY points are only awarded to 1st & 2nd place winners in each of the divisions. Whereas with USGA points, only the top ten scorers get points in a USGA event.

Shifting of responsibility for weekly tournament openings/closing emails – Suggest to only make or post announcement of each tournament opening and closing deadlines and then provide a link to the website for the more detailed information.

Clarification of responsibility for volunteer tracking – The Tournament Co-Chairs should be responsible for tracking the people, who volunteer doing check-ins and helping with scoring. The Co-Chairs indicated they are maintaining a spreadsheet, listing the volunteers and events.

Website Posting of Policy regarding recruitment & press for non-OSWGA events – Suggest to post a policy of not electing to endorse or accept any solicitation from the outside. However, if a member playing in an event wants to personally distribute flyers for events they are supporting it will be okay as long as it is golf related, they will be allowed to hand out the flyers as long as they are not disrupting the tournament and is allowed and acceptable by the golf course. Solicitation will not be posted on the website. Board will request advance notice and approval first.

Laptop Purchase for dedicated Website & Website Bills
Discussion on purchasing a laptop that will be dedicated mainly for the website operations. Board agreed for the website chairperson to obtain quotes, software, etc. and information on the purchase of the laptop to the purchase of a laptop and that once the laptop is purchased and information is transferred to the new laptop that all bills associated with maintaining the laptop including antivirus, spam protection be transferred to the association. In the interim any bills incurred solely to maintain the current OSWGA website should be submitted for re-imbusement until then.

Jackie's Juniors – Collection & Press – After a discussion on a Fundraising Proposal to pay for Juniors entry fees at OSWGA events, the Board decided not to support the proposal. Some of the concerns raised was no accountability, too few junior members. It

has been decided that the President will discuss & acknowledge the fundraiser as an outside venue and treat as per the soon to be drafted Recruitment Policy of non-OSWGA event.

Corresponding Secretary – A reminder to contact the Corresponding Secretary if they hear of members who are sick or there was a death in the family so she can send out the appropriate well wishes or condolences.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM. Next meeting is scheduled for May 21st, at 5:30 PM at Green Valley Country Club, 371 Union Avenue, Portsmouth, RI.

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Duguay
Recording Secretary