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

DATE: June 25, 2015 TIME: 5:36 PM

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

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT: Jen Moretti Vice-President

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

GUESTS: Carolyn Brown

CALL TO ORDER: The President welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 5:36 PM.

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

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Handed out May's monthly financial report and a detailed monthly report of tournaments held during May. It appears the organization has lost revenue on a few tournaments held during the last few months, some were due to low participation, and others were due to cancellation and at Acushnet on the increase in cart

fees. Other reasons could be attributed to competing with RIGA events. Even though there are many new members some of the events had low participation which could be due to the cold weather experienced in the spring. It was suggested not to change anything yet with regards to future tournament schedules.

Members are still voicing concerns regarding how division are set up, people playing with certain people and the amount of prizes handed out and winners. One suggestion was to eliminate divisions altogether and everyone playing the same field, since handicaps already establishes a level playing field. Other considerations discussed was only use net scores as winning scores or award fewer gross score winners and have more net score winners. In Championship division there usually are fewer teams or players and maybe have one gross and one net score. Also consider changing how the divisions are determined since there are fewer members having less than a 12 handicap and consider the number of participants as well.

The website consultant sent a letter and invoice to the Board via the treasurer indicating that he is willing to continue to provide technical assistance for the website.

A motion was made by Trudy and seconded by Peg to accept the Treasurers Report.

Voted: to accept the Treasurers Report.

CHAIR REPORTS:

HANDICAP REPORT:

Pat will talk to the Handicap Chair about Division setup. Maybe consider naming the Divisions as "Flights" and divisions be determined upon the number of people signing up for the event, vs by only looking at the handicaps. The Handicap Chair did provide a written report. (Though report was sent via email, the Board did not have report at the time of the meeting for discussion). In summary, the Chairperson feels that since turnout at the tournaments has been low, need to re-evaluate how divisions are decided. The last several tournaments Flights have been used instead of Divisions and the handicap cutoff for flight #1 a little higher than 12.0. Still looking for a solution addressing how divisions are set up. It appears the current system may not be working. As the membership increases in age, handicaps are also increasing.

TOURNAMENT
CHAIRPERSON:

Provided a written report regarding the following events. Valley CC - Course was not going to cancel so event took place, as all arrangements had already been made for OSWGA. With that said, there were no complaints, the food was delicious and the Pro shop was helpful. Pawtucket CC - The Pro was great and hopes OSWGA returns next year. The ladies that participated commented how much they enjoyed the extra round. Newport National CC - very helpful. Enjoyed working with Chris from the club. Exeter CC - No complaints. One woman was disappointed that there were only 2 gross prizes in the division she was playing in.

APPEALS:

Nothing to report.

WEBSITE:

No report. (See Treasurers report comments)

STATISTICIAN:

sending the website chair the Players of the Year Points for posting. It appears there were problems with how the points were distributed for the event at Valley CC.

NOMINATING
COMMITTEE:

Nothing to report.

RULES COMMITTEE:

No report.

SCHOLARSHIP
COMMITTEE:

Nothing to report. OSWGA has received several applications for the Nathalie Price Scholarship.

A motion was made by Trudy and seconded by Pat to accept all Chairs reports.

Voted: to accept all Chairs reports.

TOURNAMENT
DIRECTOR:

Only comment was a suggestion to inform players that when handing in their score cards for an event to record the gross & net scores in the upper right hand corner before handing them in. This will help the scorers and hopefully avoid any addition mistakes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Early Website Posting for Board Elections - Pat handed out a draft announcement of the upcoming elections and the positions that are up for elections for next year. This information will be posted on the website, as well as made available at each of the tournaments.

Website Posting of policy regarding recruitment and press for non-OSWGA events – handed out another draft with changes that were discussed in the May's meeting. Removed the last sentence in the third paragraph "In no case will member's list ever be provided directly to any individual....."

New Member Guide Sheet – has been written, however a draft copy was not available to hand out at the meeting, due to printing problems.

NEW BUSINESS:

Divisions – Had already discussed (see Treasurer's and Handicap reports) and it appears there is no easy solution and the Board will continue to address this topic in the future meetings.

Banquet Location Disclosure (maybe) Nothing new to report at this time.

Board position for web and handicap discussion (requires Bylaw amendment) - Due to the job responsibilities of the Website chair and the Handicap chairperson, the President is asking the Board to consider and most likely discuss at the July & August meetings, to have web and handicap positions be board members as well, either by appointment by the Board or as an elected position.. Both positions are routinely involved in the operation of the association on a frequent basis.

Three year bylaw review – possibility of putting out web requests?
– Looking to hire an outside attorney, possibly a member to review the by-laws to see if it needs revisions.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM. Next meeting is scheduled for July 23rd, 5:30 PM at Green Valley Country Club, Portsmouth, RI

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Duguay
Recording Secretary

