

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

DATE: September 28, 2015 TIME: 4:00 PM

PLACE: Green Valley Country Club
Portsmouth, RI

PRESENT: Patricia Dickson President
Jen Moretti Vice-President
Luanne Googins Treasurer
Erin Mernick Corresponding Secretary
Trudy Dufault Co-Founder
Chris Trenholme Handicap Chairperson
Peg Cherenzia Tournament Co-Chairperson
Jackie Booth Past President

ABSENT: Elizabeth Duguay Recording Secretary
Mary Ann McLaughlin Tournament Co-Chairperson

CALL TO ORDER: The President welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

MINUTES: Minutes from the August 20, 2015 Board Meeting were reviewed and they were approved as presented.

Googins motioned to accept the Meeting Minutes as written for August.
Cherenzia second. No opposition.

VOTED: to approve the August minutes.

TREASURERS REPORT: The Treasurer handed out the financial report from August 2015 and reported nothing extraordinary had occurred during that month.

Thank you notes from Scholarship Recipients have been received and were in turn read to the Board by Treasurer Googins.

Initial Deposit for Annual Banquet has been submitted to Alpine Country Club by Treasurer Googins. This is to secure the date and was in the amount of \$300.

Cherenzia motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. Dufault second. No opposition.

VOTED: to accept the Treasurer's Report.

CHAIR REPORTS

HANDICAP REPORT: No Report at this time. No complaints to review.

WEBSITE: No Report at this time. Erin Mernick has been assisting Jackie Booth with Website responsibilities and continues to learn the process.

TOURNAMENT CHAIRPERSON:
Tournaments continue to go well. Mohegan Sun was an overall great day. -Staff was helpful. Midville was a fun day. Food reviews from new Caterer; Mealworks were mixed. Segregansett had a tough course set-up according to those that played. Acoaxet got great reviews on the course and food.

APPEALS: No Report at this time. No appeals to review.

STATISTICIAN: No Report at this time.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:
The list of Candidates is now complete for upcoming Board Member Elections. These Candidates are going to be proposed for Election with the Banquet Invitation via email. Secondly, they will be posted on the Website. Also, they will be proposed for Election at upcoming Events via fliers to be distributed at the check in table. Erin and Jen to distribute at October events.

RULES COMMITTEE: No Report at this time.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: No Report at this time.

Dufault motioned to accept the Chair Reports as presented. Googins second. No opposition.

VOTED: to accept the Chair Reports.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Schedule for 2016 Events is nearing completion. Tournament dates will start a bit later (mid-April) and run through late October. Efforts have been made to schedule events on a variety of days.

More discussion is needed off-season to try to achieve the goal of more participation in the Amateur Event. A suggestion was made to make the event a 2 Day Medal Play by Division Event and award prizes for Gross and Net scores.

Moretti motioned to accept the Tournament Director Report as presented. Mernick second. No opposition.

VOTED: to accept the Tournament Director's Report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Annual Banquet

The invite for the Annual Banquet to be held at Alpine Country Club on Sunday, November 8th, 2015 is nearing completion. It will be sent to the Board for approval; then posted on the OSWGA Website; emailed to all members and duplicated for distribution at upcoming Events.

Sandra Harper to share photos that she has taken throughout the year at our Events to be displayed as a Slideshow at the Banquet. The venue has the appropriate audio visual display equipment- we only need to bring a non-Apple laptop to hook up to their equipment.

Board decided that non-Member Guests would be allowed to attend the Banquet (space permitting). They will be expected to pay a \$50 fee for their meal.

Mernick suggested running an early membership drive to encourage people to sign up for 2016 Membership at the Banquet but it was thought that those efforts may cut into the overall expenditures/donations to the Scholarship Fund at the Banquet.

NEW BUSINESS:

Team Matches

Some of the details of why we were not able to send Katie Um as our representative were discussed.

Historically, since 1995, based up a verbal agreement with the RIWGA, the three team representatives were split between the RIWGA and OSWGA. RIWGA appointed two and OSWGA appointed one and supplied the first alternate. The names were supplied to RIGA and then they formally submitted the information to the USGA. Bob Ward at RIGA would call Trudy and ask for the names and that would be the reminder/deadline to get the names submitted.

This year the RIGA board met sometime in the spring/early summer and decided to award all three representatives to their top USGA point earners. This information was not conveyed to OSWGA – either in an official or unofficial manner. Bob Ward never called to ask for our representative, and when Trudy submitted our candidate, he informed her that the deadline had passed and RIGA had made the appointments. There was in fact a deadline that we had missed – though no one knew to look for it.

Pat assumed responsibility to figure out what our current position with USGA is and to craft an appropriate response to RIGA. She will provide updates and get Board approval before either sending a letter or meeting with RIGA.

USGA Points

As an organization, we need to stress to members which events are the events where USGA Points are given as a result of play. Reason being is so that players play out every hole and not pick up their ball. Handicap Committee Chairperson needs to be made aware of exactly who is going to play for the USGA points at every event as well.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 5:25PM. Next Month's meeting will be held at Fat Belly's Restaurant located at the North Kingstown Golf Course on Thursday, October 22nd at 5:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Moretti
Vice President for:

Liz Duguay
Recording Secretary