

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

DATE: December 3, 2015 TIME: 5:31 PM

PLACE: Green Valley Country Club
371 Union Street.
Portsmouth, RI 02871

PRESENT:

Trudy Dufault	Co-Founder
Pat Dickson	President
Carolyn Brown	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: Jackie Booth (Website Chair)

GUESTS:

CALL TO ORDER: The President welcomed Carolyn Brown as the new Vice-president as well as everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

MINUTES: The minutes from the Octobers Board meeting and the Annual Banquet held in November at the Alpine Country Club were reviewed. A motion by Luanne to accept both the minute from the October Board meeting and the Annual Banquet and seconded by Erin.

VOTED: All in Favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Handed out October's Monthly financial report. Nothing unusual to report. Everything okay. Also handed out November's financial report and is still waiting for any additional bills from Jen Moretti pertaining to the Annual banquet. Received the Bill from Alpine which has already been paid. .Currently the association is looking at a loss of \$3,289.77 for this year. Approximately \$1,170.00 from the membership fees will go to the

Scholarship Fund. This year's raffle at the Annual Banquet generated \$1,485.00 which also will go into the scholarship fund. Mentioned that her computer needed to be repaired & updated.

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

Voted: to accept the Treasurers Report.

CHAIR REPORTS:

HANDICAP REPORT:

Sent report to the President. Requesting that the handbook be amended (page5) to allow all players to use drop areas on the courses designated to have them. Some of the courses are very difficult and all players including the Championship division or the 1st flight should be able to use them as well. Also since some players who would normally be in other divisions may find themselves in the higher divisions and therefore would not be able to use the drop areas. The Board agreed to allow all players regardless of divisions or flight to use drop areas on courses that (per the rules sheet) have been designated for the tournament. The Tournament Chair will be in charge of identifying the holes on courses as having drop areas. A suggestion was made to put a sign on each hole (near tee marker sign) stating that there is a drop area for that hole as well as have a sign identifying the drop zone area.

TOURNAMENT
CHAIRPERSON:

Wannomoisett CC - Some members did not know of the date change as they do not have access to the internet. Also there were two people who didn't receive their gift certificates it appears the gift certificates were left behind at the course. Food was good. There was no complaints about the course other than it's a long course.

APPEALS:

No Report at this time.

WEBSITE:

Jackie will be working with Erin on transitioning responsibilities on the website.

STATISTICIAN:

Kim Brown has volunteered as the new chairperson.

NOMINATING
COMMITTEE:

No report at this time.

RULES
COMMITTEE:

No report at this time.

SCHOLARSHIP
COMMITTEE:

No report at this time.

**A motion was made by Carolyn and seconded by Peg to accept all Chairs reports and to extend use of drop areas to all players.
*Voted: to accept All Chairs reports and extend use of drop areas to all players.***

TOURNAMENT
DIRECTOR:

The 2016 Tournament schedule is almost done. Wannamoisett and Agawam will not be part of the 2016 scheduled events. Agawam has increased their fees. Courses that are currently on the 2016 schedule are Meadowbrook, Quidnessett, Valley, Mohegan Sun, Crestwood, Exeter, Pawtucket, Potowomut, Winnepaug, Montaup, Green Valley, Wannomutomonny, Warwick, Metacommet, Alpine and Segregansett. There will also be 3 mixed female/male events. Since there is not an opportunity for players to enter the Montaup Ryder Cup, since they do not have a male partner, it was suggested if there could be an opportunity for female teams to play in the afternoon timeframe if there was not a full field. Suggestion will be taken into consideration.

**A motion was made by Erin and seconded by Peg to accept the Director's report as presented.
*Voted: to accept the tournament Director's report.***

OLD BUSINESS:

Banquet Update – The Banquet went pretty smoothly. Seating was an issue as there weren't enough seats for all attendees. Feedback from members that having the banquet at a golf course was a good idea and gave the association more credibility. Everyone enjoyed the golf stimulator, thought it was a good crowd pleaser. Food was good. Complaints about not having enough desserts to go around, however some people took trays back to their tables. Consideration for the future was to have the check-in table reorganized so as not to have a backlog of people waiting to check in. There were 8 cancellations prior to the banquet.

OLD BUSINESS

Cont'd:

USGA Team – Research Update – The Association received an email that possibly OSWGA is still part of the state's representation of the USGA. Will continue to research and work on becoming an USGA member or state association with USGA and be involved in the selection of the USGA State Team in the future.

2016 Schedule - Discussed the need to resolve how flight designation is decided and need to work on getting the handbook completed. In order to reduce mailing costs consider asking members if they want handbooks mailed to them.

Position Info Sheets – President would like each Board member to write a description of their duties and responsibilities in time for the January meeting. The information sheets would help if someone had to fill in for them in case it is warranted. Also would like the Nominating Committee to touch base with all Committee Chairs to assist in organizing their committees and identify potential committee members to serve on the committees.

NEW BUSINESS:

Player of the Year- Trudy suggested that due to the costs of the food, carts and golf fees to maybe cancelling the "Player of the Year" tournament, The weather or time of year for this event is a major factor for people playing in the tournament. This year many players stopped playing due to the weather conditions. Maybe consider holding the event sooner in the season say around September. Will continue discussion on this subject.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM. Next meeting is scheduled for 5:30 PM on January 14th at Greggs Restaurant, North Kingstown., RI.

Respectfully Submitted,

Liz Duguay
Recording Secretary

