

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

DATE: July 21, 2016 TIME: 5:35 PM

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

<u>PRESENT:</u>	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: Vicki Johnson (Scholarship Committee); Chris Trenholme (Handicap Committee)

GUESTS:

CALL TO ORDER: The President welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM.

SCHOLARSHIP  
COMMITTEE

REPORT: Vicki requested to provide her report at the start of the Board Meeting. The scholarship committee recently met to review the scholarship applications. In all six applications were submitted and reviewed. Vicki handed out the final scoring sheet and explained the results. She also asked what the awarded amounts would be. Pat suggested that all the applicants usually receive the same amount, which has been \$1,000. Liz made a motion to allocate \$1,000 scholarship award to each applicant which was seconded by Erin,

***VOTED: ALL in Favor.***

There was discussion on how to advertise the information of the availability of the scholarships better. There have been announcements published in the Newport Daily News as they routinely advertise information on scholarships availability in their papers for free. Providence Journal, has also been contacted but they do not publicize similar scholarship information. It was suggested to contact other local newspapers as well. Also suggested to send announcement to golf courses directly and high school guidance counselors in addition to the athletic directors that are currently being notified. Pat will send Vicki a letter requesting that these additional groups be contacted and sent information on the Natalie Price Scholarship as well.

MINUTES:

Minutes tabled until later on in the meeting to allow for Scholarship presentation & discussion.

TREASURER'S  
REPORT:

Luanne handed out the June's financial report. There's at least \$18,000 in the scholarship fund. Everything else is status quo. To date, the current membership stands at 231 members. Also handed out spreadsheet on tournament information to date. Mentioned that there is a separate category for the trophy and flowers for the winner of the Amateur event and Exeter CC has yet to submit their bill for the event. The association lost money on the event held at Mohegan Sun but it also appears that the entry fee for the event may not of been priced accordingly.

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

***Voted: All in favor.***

CHAIR REPORTS:

HANDICAP REPORT:

No report at this time.

TOURNAMENT  
CHAIRPERSON:

The Committee handed out a written report summarizing the events held during the last month. Pawtucket CC - Course was in great shape, pro staff was very helpful. Lunch was good and it appears they are looking forward to us next year. Crestwood CC – No complaints, the course was in great shape, food was delicious; staff very helpful and gracious. They also stated they look forward to us returning next year; Exeter CC – Ben

the Pro was very kind and helpful. Food was okay Received comments that the players like seeing their handicaps listed on the scorecards and that prefer playing with others with similar handicaps and compete within the division for the especially for the Amateur Tournament. Other members did express that with other tournaments they do enjoy playing with people with different handicaps or outside their own division. Kathy did her best in keeping everything moving and checking the pace of play. She also mentioned that regarding Slow Play- the rule is if you don't see anyone on the hole in front of you, you need to speed up. Winnapaug CC – it appears there have been improvements made to the course and would like to return. Staff was extremely accommodating and expressed that OSWGA ran a smooth program; Back Nine – everything went well even with the construction. Food was good.

APPEALS:

No report at this time

WEBSITE:

No report at this time. Any suggestions regarding the website, please feel free to contact Jackie.

STATISTICIAN:

No report at this time.

NOMINATING  
COMMITTEE:

No Report at this time

RULES:  
COMMITTEE:

No report at this time.

SCHOLARSHIP  
COMMITTEE:

Discussed earlier.

Peg motioned to accept all the Chairs reports, which was seconded by Carolyn.

***VOTED: All in Favor.***

TOURNAMENT  
DIRECTOR:

No formal report, however the only issue is complaints received about the pairings and the Divisions for the Amateur events. Also , even though the event was stroke play vs match play, would still like to have trophies for the Amateur winners instead of a gift certificates. Look into trying to reconsider the date for the Amateur tournament as this year it was close to the Four-Ball tournament as well as the July 4<sup>th</sup>

holiday. Club Challenge – considering opening up the event to another team event or affiliation such as county or citywide, without trying to change the challenge event. Consider having a two person format for a tournament within a tournament. Send suggestions to either Trudy or Pat about a name for a two person event.

A motion was made by Erin, seconded by Maryann to accept the Tournament Director's report.

***VOTED: All in favor***

**OLD BUSINESS:** ***Scholarship Update*** – see earlier discussion  
***Fall Election Notices*** - need to prepare a summary of responsibilities of the two positions up for election to be posted on the website and to post on the website announcements seeking candidates for the two board positions that are up for election, namely the President and Treasurer positions.  
Banquet Location Discussion – Carolyn handed copies of several menus from venues she has checked out. After review and discussion of the menus and venues, the Board agreed to consider having the Annual Banquet at the Quonset O Club, Carolyn is also considering having another Golf Course Challenge as in the past for submitting & raffling off Gift baskets donated by the golf courses or anyone else that would like to donate a gift basket whereby the proceeds go to support the scholarship fund.

**NEW BUSINESS:** ***Player of the Year and USGA Points*** – Since this year's tournament format was stroke play vs match play and was not addressed in the handbook, discussed how to determine the USGA points to be handed out. It was suggested to base the points on the total score of the two day event & give the same amount of points as outlined in the handbook. For example winner and runner up in each division 1200 & 1000 respectively. Need to make sure changes are made in next years' handbook. For Amateurs leave it as the same as listed in the handbook. For Par 3 Event – USGA points are not currently listed in the book. Need to add them. No Medalist Points were awarded.  
***Late Entries/Checks:*** Having problems whereby some entries are being sent in without checks. For late entries, Trudy has accommodated everyone as long as there is room for that event.  
***Next Year's Scholarship criteria & application/Committee Responsibility***  
– discussed earlier

**Mail Allocation/PO Box in General** – if Trudy can't pick up the mail than daughter-in-law would fill in and pick up the mail at the PO Box. In the event of another person, Luanne would be the follow-up. Other people

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who may be handling the mail should have access to keys or have their own keys to the PO Box, in case Trudy or daughter-in-law are unavailable.

**State Tournament Winner Clarification with regards to playoffs required in handbook** - It was noted that only the Amateur Event and the Ryder Cup held at Montaup requires a 3 hole playoff. All the other association tournaments use the USGA matching cards guidelines to break ties. This may need additional clarification to be included in the handbook.

**Formation of Committee to search & design New Website including online payment options.** – Pat discussed the idea of redesigning the website to include features whereby applications and payments can be submitted online for membership and tournaments. At this point would like to organize a committee to start researching and obtaining information on what would be required to add these features and the associated costs. Considering forming a 5 person committee. Board concurred to pursue the idea and form a committee.

**MINUTES:**

June's minutes were reviewed and there were no revisions made to the minutes.

A motion was made by Erin and seconded by MaryAnn to accept the June's minutes.

***VOTED: All in Favor***

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM. Next meeting is scheduled after the conclusion of the August 17<sup>th</sup> Tournament Event being held at Green Valley Country Club, Portsmouth, RI.

Respectfully Submitted,

Liz Duguay  
Recording Secretary

