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**OCEAN STATE WOMEN’S GOLF ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**Board of Director’s Meeting**

DATE: June 16, 2016 TIME: 5:34 PM

PLACE: Gregg’s Restaurant

4120 Quaker Lane-Rte.2.

North Kingstown, RI 02852

PRESENT: Trudy Dufault Co-Founder

Pat Dickson President

Carolyn Brown Vice-President

Liz Duguay Recording Secretary

Erin Mernick Corresponding Secretary

MaryAnn MacLaughlin Tournament Co-Chairperson

Peg Cherenzia Tournament Co-Chairperson

ABSENT: Luanne Googins

COMMITTEE

CHAIRS: Chris Trenholme (Handicap) & Kathy Mis (Rules Co-Chair)

GUESTS:

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

MINUTES: The minutes from the April and May’s Board meeting were reviewed and a few corrections were noted with April’s minutes. Carolyn was absent for the April meeting, though her name was listed as making a motion. Minutes were approved per changes as discussed. A motion was made by Trudy to accept the minutes from both the April and May meetings, as corrected and seconded by Peg.

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

TREASURER’S REPORT: Carolyn handed out a written financial report for the month of May in Luanne’s absence. She mentioned that nothing unusual listed and if anyone has any questions to contact Luanne.

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

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

CHAIR REPORTS:

HANDICAP REPORT: Handed out a written report .Complaints about handicaps and divisions have been minimal this year to date. Chris is trying to be consistent in deciding the divisions and have based the divisions for two person teams on the lowest player handicap and four person teams on the two lowest players handicap The only exception was the mixed tournament held at Alpine and divisions were based on the male and female lowest handicap. Pat also agreed that complaints this year have been minimal.

TOURNAMENT

CHAIRPERSON: Provided a written summary for the following events: Carnegie Abbey- Very cold day. Complaints mainly about the weather. No complaints about the food. Valley Country Club – New Pro very helpful. Only complaint was about the greens. Putting was difficult. No complaints about the food. Mohegan Sun GC – staff very helpful. No complaints about the food. Very friendly wait staff. Most woman loved the course. Alpine CC – great day except for the food, which was not cooked and also ran out of food and long delay in replenishing some of the food

APPEALS: No report at this time

WEBSITE: No report at this time.

STATISTICIAN: No report at this time.

NOMINATING

COMMITTEE: No report at this time.

RULES:

COMMITTEE: Kathy handed out a written report. Reported that there were no Rules issues at the Carnegie Abbey and the Valley Tournaments. However, it appears there was an issue regarding Mohegan Sun tournament, whereby some of the teams couldn’t finish due to the weather. All but four teams had finished play before the club blew the horn for a “dangerous weather situation” as it was thundering and lightening. Our call was that the four teams could resume play after the dangerous situation of thunder/lightening had passed and wait for the course to give the go

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ahead. However, the golf course indicated the course would remain closed and that no one would be allowed to continue to play. The rules committee suggested that due to Rule 33-2d, since everyone was unable to finish due to weather conditions, that the tournament be voided, however, not everyone was in agreement and decision was made to still award prizes to those teams that had finished. After a lengthy discussion, Pat made a motion that should a tournament be unable to be completed due to a decision made by the golf course involved that the tournament be considered void and the prizes distributed by lottery. Erin seconded the motion. Pace of Play again became a topic and how it could impact the end of a tournament result. There was a suggestion to begin tracking players who have difficulty keeping pace of play.

**Voted: Motion accepted & passed by the Board.**

SCHOLARSHIP

COMMITTEE: Liz who is on the Scholarship committee mentioned that the Newport Daily News has been posting a Notice of the scholarship availability on a weekly basis and usually will be posted until the application deadline date. She also contacted the Providence Journal, however they do not provide for postings of scholarship information in their paper. Discussion on the number of applications that OSWGA has received in the past few years as the number of applicants are dwindling.

***Voted: Pat made a motion to accept the Chairs Report, seconded by Carolyn. All in Favor***

TOURNAMENT

DIRECTOR: Trudy mentioned that a few changes were made to some of the tournaments and lowered some of the entry fee prices to encourage more players. Other changes were Four-Ball Event – the division placement was done by combining the handicap indexes vs how it was calculated in the past which was based on the lowest handicap of each team. She also pointed out that with the Pawtucket Event , the Four Ball Tournament, that the USGA Points conflict with giving USGA points in match play if players are not holing out. The issue is giving points in a team event without holing finishing the hole. Because of Match play USGA points should not be given since they could end their round before finishing all 18 holes. The Board discussed that the Four-Ball Event should no longer be eligible for USGA points because of it being Match Play.

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***Erin made a motion seconded by Carolyn to accept the Tournament Directors report and not awarding USGA Points to the Four Ball Tournament as long as it is a Match Play Format.***

***Voted: All in Favor***

OLD BUSINESS: **Scholarship Update** – discussed earlier

**Fall Election Notices** – Pat will be sending out notices early for upcoming Board positions to be posted on the website.

**Recruitment** – EWGA has new leagues at Fall River & Triggs CC as well as Swansea & No.Kingstown. Pat will visit to try to recruit new members.

**Gift Certificates**- Board members can use their free tournaments for courses even though member gift certificates may not be eligible.

NEW BUSINESS: **Tournament Interruption Policies** – As per earlier discussion, Pat will draft a written policy to address protocol to follow when a tournament has been called due to serious and dangerous conditions.

**Banquet** – Carolyn is currently checking different venues for Annual Banquet.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM. Next meeting is scheduled for 5:30 PM on July 21st at Green Valley Country Club, Portsmouth, RI

Respectfully Submitted,

Liz Duguay

Recording Secretary