

OCEAN STATE WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION, INC.
2017 ANNUAL BANQUET
CHELO'S RESTAURANT
WARWICK, RI

Date: November 5, 2017

Time: EVENT – 5:00 PM

Banquet: Meeting Started – 5:57 PM

Board Members

Present: Trudy Dufault, Co-Founder
Pat Dickson, President
Carolyn Brown, Vice-President
Luanne Googins, Treasurer
Liz Duguay, Recording Secretary
MaryAnn McLaughlin- Tournament Co-Chairperson
Pat Cherenzia – Tournament Co-Chairperson
Erin Mernick – Corresponding Secretary

Membership Attendance: 112

Call to Order: OSWGA President Pat Dickson called the annual meeting to order at 5:57 PM

President Dickson welcomed everyone to the 2017 Annual Banquet and thanked the membership for their continued support with OSWGA. Mentioned the election and that since there was no opposition, voting will be by acclamation of the current incumbents for the following positions: Vice-President; Recording Secretary & Corresponding Secretary. She then discussed and explained the status of OSWGA no longer being a State Designated Golf Association by USGA and that there was only one state Association for Rhode Island, the RIGA. Because of the change, OSWGA entry fee prices may increase and getting pushed back from golf courses that OSWGA is trying to secure for next year. It will be a challenging year and for OSWGA to approach this challenge in a positive way. Currently looking at several ways to promote our mission and goals and to notify and remind the golf courses of OSWGA mission and endeavor as well as the great relationships that the Association has had over the years. President Dickson introduced and thanked the Board Members; Luanne Googins, Liz Duguay, Erin Mernick, Trudy Dufault and Carolyn Brown, the Tournament Chairpersons, MaryAnn Maclaughlin and Peg Cherenzia. Also acknowledged Wendy Ossman, Website Chair & outgoing website chair, Jackie Booth; Chris Trenholme, Handicap Chair, Sandra Harper Photographer, Vicki Johnson, Scholarship Chair, Kris Kennedy & Kathy Mis, Rules Co-Chairs for all their dedication and commitment throughout the season. Liz Duguay who has been a Board member for 12 years as Recording and Corresponding and stepping down from those duties, was also recognized and presented with a gift for her dedication.

She also mentioned many positive attributes for this year; more members volunteering for the tournaments, Speed of play improved, tournament attendance was very good, secured new courses for this year; membership numbers are healthy and more non-members playing at our events.

Scholarships – This year awarded 6 scholarships and that OSWGA has a direct

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impact on younger female golfers. She stated that her future goals are to have more involvement from the members and is looking for input from the membership as to what has worked well over the years. One of the substantial changes that occurred this year was an upgrade to the website, including securing a new vendor to manage the website. Changes will continue to be made to allow for more accessibility for registrations, tournament information etc.

President closed by welcoming any members to contact her with comments or ideas.

Voting – Since there were only one person running for each office, Vice President Carolyn Brown indicated that the voting will occur by acclamation and the members concurred that Shirley McGuire be accepted for Vice-President; Maureen Ford be accepted as Corresponding Secretary and Erin Mernick be accepted as Recording Secretary. Attending Membership voted to accept all candidates for the respective positions.

Trudy Dufault, Co-Founder thanked and acknowledged the Committee Chairs and presented them with gift certificates; Tournament Co-Chairs MaryAnn MacLaughlin & Peg Cherenzia, Handicap Chair, Chris Trenholme, Rules Co-Chairs, Kathy Mis & Chris Kennedy; Scholarship Chair- Viciki Johnson & Photographer- Sandra Harper. Trudy also acknowledged and thank all the members who volunteered at the events throughout the season.

Volunteers were given gift certificates towards a 2018 tournament: Jackie Booth, Shirley Booth, Kim Brown, Peg Cherenzia, Diane Desmond, Ann DeStefanis, Diane Dugal, Sue Dusablon, Sue Fontaine, Maureen Ford, Danielle Gamache, Linda Grasso, Leony Hartig, Sandra Harper, Deb Iafrati, Vicki Johnson, Kristin Kennedy, Pam Kelley, Kyong Kim, Sandy Koerner, Liz Lavoie, Chris Letendre, Mary Ann MacLaughlin, Carolyn Maney, Brenda Martin, Shirley McGuire, Deb McMahan, Kathy Mis, Ann Moran, Vicki Moretti, Jackie Morgan, Kate O'Neil, Beth Penkala, Holly Pond, Sue Pouliot, Chris Provost, Linda Rawlings, Dorothee Rogers, Sue Salzman, Elaine Shanley, Nancy Teves, Jane Thompson, Auring Thornley, Patty Tonge, Marie Travers & Chris Trenholme.

Carolyn Brown, Vice-President was also acknowledged for all her effort in organizing this year's banquet and securing a new venue. Raffles of the several Gift Baskets and prizes were held and the winners announced. Thank You to all who donated items towards the baskets. A total of \$1,870.00 was raised from the raffle ticket sales to support the Natalie Price Scholarship fund.

The 2016 Annual Banquet and Business Meeting Adjourned at 7:39 PM

Respectfully Submitted:
Liz Duguay
Recording Secretary