



**Ocean State Women's Golf Association, Inc.**

**Board of Directors Meeting  
July 2018 Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** July 23, 2018 **Time:** 2:00 p.m.

**Place:** Winnapaug Country Club  
184 Shore Road  
Westerly, RI

<b>Present:</b>	Pat Dickson	President
	Shirley McGuire	Vice-President
	Luanne Googins	Treasurer
	Erin Mernick	Recording Secretary
	Maureen Ford	Corresponding Secretary
	Trudy Dufault	Tournament Director
	MaryAnn MacLaughlin	Tournament Co-Chair
	Peg Cherenzia	Tournament Co-Chair

<b>Guests:</b>	Chris Trenholme	Handicap Chair
	Kathy Mis	Rules Co-Chair
	Jackie Booth	
	Anne Drescher	
	Pat Doherty	
	Carolyn Maney	
	Ann Moran	
	Laura Parziale	
	Sandi Scanlon	

**I. Call to Order:**

Pat Dickson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and acknowledged the members in attendance.

**II. Minutes from the June meetings:**

Meeting minutes were previously forwarded to the board for review.

Motion to approve the June meeting minutes as presented: - Peg Cherenzia  
Seconded: - Trudy Dufault  
Vote to approve: Unanimous  
Motion passed.



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### III. New Business: (the agenda was adjusted to accommodate members in attendance)

- Handicaps at 4 Ball
  - Several members attended the meeting to discuss handicaps during the 4 Ball Tournament and to request a change to the format.
  - A variety of issues and suggestions were presented, some of which included:
    - change the format
    - no strokes
    - no strokes in the Championship Division
    - grouping players into 4 groups
    - having a qualifying round
    - some members liked while others did not like playing 36 holes in one day
    - other tournaments, specifically the Par 3 and the Amateur, were also considered
  - Jackie Booth pointed out that the winner of the Amateur is low gross. So handicaps are not an issue.
  - Trudy explained the reason for the change of format for this year.
  - Chris and Trudy explained how the divisions (groupings) are established and that you have to have an even number of teams in each division.
  - Trudy also mentioned the complaints in previous years when some teams had a “bye” due to the uneven number of teams in some divisions.
  - Erin mentioned that, in the past, a qualifying round resulted in an A player winning the D division.
  - Jackie Booth commented on the history/background of strokes/no strokes in the Championship Division.
  - Pat polled the board. The result was 7 to 1 to play without strokes in divisions
- Jackie Booth raised a concern that Player of the Year points were not always awarded in the championship division
  - Pat explained that the number of players in each division determines the number of prizes awarded in that division. The Player of the Year points are awarded based upon the number of prizes in each division.
  - The Handbook will be changed to include “if awarded”.
- Maureen Ford questioned the awarding of gift cards versus pro shop gift certificates and subsequently, cash versus gift cards was discussed.



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- Results at Par 3
  - The question was raised as to why the results of the Par 3 tournament had not been posted on the website.
    - Chris has all of the results and will forward them to Wendy to post.
  - There was discussion about the prizes at the Par 3 tournament.
    - Maureen Ford's suggestion that we change the pay-out from "skins" to "birdies" per hole was discussed. Some members felt that "birdies" would provide a better distribution of the prize money.
    - Luanne explained the process for distributing the prize money. Paying "skins" involves 1 prize per hole which can be planned in advance. Whereas, "anyone who gets a birdie" could involve more than 18 prizes. Since all of the proceeds from the Par 3 tournament are distributed, waiting until all of the scoring is complete to determine and prepare prizes would delay the announcement and awarding of the prizes. It was decided to continue awarding prizes for "skins".
- Committee Chairs and Membership status
  - Luanne/Chris provided an update on the membership.
  - It was noted that two of the committee chairs had not submitted their membership applications for 2018.
    - Pat commented that it was probably just a misunderstanding as to which positions do and do not require an application each year.
  - There are a number of new members from the LPGA Women's Amateur Association who have joined OSWGA.
  - Banquet attendance has been holding steady.
- Jackie Booth has 17 years of handbooks which she will give to Pat for storage.

### IV. Treasurer's Reports:

- Luanne Googins provided copies of the Treasurer's Report.  
Highlights included:
  - the regular monthly/year-to-date financial summary with nothing unusual to note
  - a six month profit/loss and year over year comparison
  - the 2018 tournament details to date
- Luanne read the letter that was sent to the Gloria Gemma Foundation that accompanied the annual donation from the Memorial Tournament. The Gloria Gemma Foundation was the charity selected by Monique Boyajian and Brenda Martin.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented: Trudy Dufault

Seconded: - Shirley McGuire

Vote to approve: Unanimous

Motion passed.



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### V. Chair Reports:

**Appeals:** Shirley McGuire - Nothing to report.  
**Handicap:** Chris Trenholme - No report.  
**Membership:** No report. See unfinished business for an update.  
**Nominating:** Liz Duguay - No report.  
**Publicity:** No report.

**Rules:** Kris Kennedy & Kathy Mis – No formal report.

- Kathy Mis requested that when someone from the Rules Committee provides a ruling during or after a tournament that she be informed of the issue. Then, if someone questions the ruling, she will be able to provide the details of the issue along with the response.

**Scholarship:** Vickie Johnson – See unfinished business for an update.  
**Statistician:** Linda Paolizzi - No report. Player of the Year points are posted.  
**Website:** Wendy Ossman - No report.

**Tournament:** Mary Ann MacLaughlin and Peg Cherenzia

- Copies of the monthly tournament report were distributed to the Board.
  - Overall, things are going very well with complaints being almost not existent. For the most part, the weather has cooperated and the courses have been in good shape.
  - At one tournament, dinner was slow to be served. Trudy suggested that we change to a buffet next year.
  - At another tournament, the carts were not numbered.
    - Kathy Mis suggested that we have numbers prepared and on-hand in case we need them.
    - Chris Trenholme suggested that the new program might be able to create cart signs.

Motion to approve the Committee Chair Reports as presented: - Erin Mernick

Seconded: - Mary Ann MacLaughlin

Vote to approve: Unanimous

Motion passed.



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### VI. Tournament Director's Report:

- Trudy Dufault mentioned that Beth Penkala has agreed to coordinate two raffles to benefit the scholarship fund. Foursomes at Quidnessett and Connecticut National were donated.
- Trudy had no formal report. All of the Tournament Director's activities, issues and concerns were covered in previous discussions.

Motion to approve the Tournament Director's Report as presented: - Erin Mernick

Seconded: - Luanne Googins

Vote to approve: Unanimous

Motion passed.

### VII. Unfinished Business:

- - Update on Banquet – Shirley McGuire
  - Shirley announced that the annual banquet will be at the Quonset "O" Club.
  - The annual banquet is always held on the first Sunday in November. This year the date is November 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - Discussion of menu choices will be at the next meeting. A 3<sup>rd</sup> menu option is available for an additional \$1.
  - The cocktail hour will begin at 4:00 p.m.
- - Board Positions and Committee Chairs – Responsibilities and Task List
  - This on-going project continues.
  - Pat circulated copies of the Handicap and President positions for review.
- - Scholarship applications and funding
  - Pat provided the details of the scholarship applicants for this year.
  - There were 3 new applicants this year. One of each: freshman, sophomore and senior.
  - Pat will follow-up with the recipients from last year who didn't re-apply.
  - Pat responded to a question regarding the qualifications/requirements for applying for the Nathalie A. Price Memorial Scholarship.
  - There was discussion regarding the number/amount of the scholarships to be awarded for the 2018-19 academic year.

Motion to award \$1K scholarships as discussed: - Pat Dickson

Seconded: - Erin Mernick

Vote to approve: Unanimous

Motion passed.



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### VIII. Schedule Next Meeting:

- The next meeting is scheduled for August 23, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. at North Kingstown Golf Club.

### IX. Adjournment:

- The meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Erin Mernick  
Recording Secretary

