



Ocean State Women's Golf Association, Inc.

**24th Annual Banquet and Meeting
November 2018
Meeting Minutes**

Date: November 4, 2018 **Time:** 4:00 p.m.

Place: The Quonset "O" Club
200 Lt. James Brown Road
North Kingstown, RI

Board Members

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

Excused: MaryAnn MacLaughlin Tournament Co-Chair

Guests: There were 102 members in attendance.

I. Cocktails:

- The evening began with check-in and raffle ticket sales while members reconnected with friends and enjoyed cocktails along with cheese, crackers and an antipasto buffet.

II. Call to Order:

- Following check-in and cocktails, the President, Pat Dickson called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the OSWGA 24th Annual Banquet and Meeting.



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III. President's Address:

Divisive, divided, disrespectful

These are the types of words that we hear today in our daily lives, and I know, for myself and for many of you it has been a tough year.

But, once a week, I get a break from all of the discord in the real world and I get to come to an Ocean State Event and for many hours, I enter a world where I see respect, and courtesy and honesty and I leave rested and renewed and hopeful.

It is my great privilege and responsibility to be the president of that lovely place, the Ocean State Women's Golf Association.

My name is Pat Dickson.

Golf is considered a gentlewomen's' game where values such as honesty, hard work and courtesy are required for success. The handicap system levels the playing field so that individuals of all skills can play together in harmony.

This creates and supports diversity and we have that in ages, political affiliations, religions and race. And of course, sometimes gender, when we open our tournaments to our male friends and loved ones. But, we could use more diversity – so invite more people in your life – seek them out.

It has also now been many years since the RIGS entered the Women's golf tournament arena and we have all managed to survive and even thrive.

I see the growth of the LPGA Amateurs Association and think what a lovely complement to our organization they are.

We, ourselves, are adapting and changing –

- Adding new venues

- Trying new formats

- Looking and acting on ways to grow and serve our community.

We are smaller than we used to be, but still strong.

We are financially solid and will continue to stay that way, never raising prices more than we need to in order to pay our bills.



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Unlike many years in the recent past – we don't foresee any major changes this year – of course, History teaches us that the only constant – besides death and taxes, is change.

But, I believe strongly that no matter what, 2019 brings to us in terms of weather (cold, hot or windy – the excessive heat at Midville, snow in past years, and the winds of Misquamicut and Carnegie Abbey and all the beautiful water views on courses) we will survive.

Why –

- Because we are united
- Because we are respectful
- Because we are generous with our time and energy
- Because we love playing competitive tournament golf

And –

we will always keep that common goal in our minds and hearts as we move forward together.

Thank you!

IV. Introductions:

- Pat introduced each member of the current Board and described their functions. She provided a brief explanation of the duties and responsibilities of each position.
- The President recognized two people who are not Board members, but whose functions are vital to the association: Chris Trenholme, Handicap Chair and Wendy Ossman, Website Manager. She further explained their duties and responsibilities.

V. Elections:

- Liz Duguay, Nominating Committee Chair, introduced the two candidates for election.

President – Pat Dickson
Treasurer – Luanne Googins

- She explained the voting procedures when nominees are running unopposed. Liz then asked for a show of hands for each position thereby electing Pat and Luanne to another two year term.



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VI. Awards:

- Pat presented the Player of the Year award to Luanne Googins, noting that it was a very close competition this year. It wasn't decided until the last two tournaments.
- The President congratulated Nancy Diemoz for a hole-in-one.
- Pat recognized the winner(s) of the other major tournaments.
 - Players Championship –
 - Gross – Laura Parziale
 - Net – Auring Thornley
 - Winner of the Amateur – Nancy Diemoz
 - Winners of the FourBall – Auring Thornley and Pam Kelley
 - Winner of the Par 3 – Maureen Ford
- Pat described the Co-Founder's award which is awarded every two years for service to the association. Trudy presented the award.
 - Trudy Dufault Service Award – Erin Mernick

VII. Volunteers:

- Pat recognized all of our volunteers. Those who helped at tournament check-in, served on a committee, worked at the banquets and/or regularly helped with scoring, signs and other tasks whenever asked.

Jeanne Anthony	Lauretta Girouard	Laura Parziale
Jackie Booth	Sandy Harper	Beth Penkala
Shirley Booth	Sandy Koerner	Linda Pepler
Carolyn Brown	Karen Kutnieski	Holly Pond
Karen Cabral	Chris Letendre	Sue Pouliot
Diane Chester	Helga Lind	Ann Randall
Claudia Cooper	Carolyn Maney	Dottie Rogers
Laura Davert	Brenda Martin	Sue Salzman
Diane Desmond	Deb McMahon	BettyJean Shaddock
Pat Doherty	Ann Moran	Nancy Teves
Sue Dusablon	Linda Paolozzi	Auring Thornley
Deb Fera	Robin Parella	Jeanne Vanasse



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VIII. Raffle:

- Shirley and the banquet volunteers conducted the raffle of baskets and golf gift certificates. This year, the raffle raised \$1,922 for the Nathalie A. Price Scholarship Fund.

IX. New Business

- There was no new business.

X. Closing Remarks/Adjournment:

- The President thanked everyone for attending the banquet and for their support and participation throughout the season.
- She reminded everyone that membership for the 2019 Season will begin on January 1st.
- Pat wished everyone a safe and happy off-season and said that she looks forward to seeing everyone again next year.
- The meeting was adjourned so that everyone could be home in time for the *Patriots!*

Respectfully submitted,
Erin Mernick
Recording Secretary