



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

**Board of Directors Meeting  
March 2019 Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** March 28, 2019 **Time:** 4:30 p.m.

**Place:** Cowesett Inn  
226 Cowesett Avenue  
West Warwick, RI

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

**Absent:** Maureen Ford Corresponding Secretary

**I. Call to Order:**

Pat Dickson called the meeting to order at 4:42 p.m.

**II. Minutes from the February meeting:**

Previously, the meeting minutes were sent to the board members for review.

Motion to approve the minutes as presented: - Trudy Dufault

Seconded: - Luanne Googins

Vote to approve: Unanimous

Motion passed.

**III. Treasurer's Reports:**

Luanne Googins distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report.

- Highlights included a review of the typical deposits and expenses for the month including Norton software renewal and the annual insurance payment.
- Luanne read a very nice letter from the family of Rosemary Richardson/Soares.

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

Seconded: - Pat Dickson

Vote to approve: Unanimous

Motion passed.



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### IV. Chair Reports:

Appeals: Shirley McGuire – Nothing to report.  
Handicap: Chris Trenholme – No report.  
Membership: No report.  
Nominating: Liz Duguay – No report.  
Rules: Kris Kennedy & Kathy Mis – No report.

- Pat noted that she and Kathy are still considering a “rules review” for some time in May. They feel that with all the new/changed rules that it would be beneficial to provide an opportunity for members to ask questions.

Statistician: Donna Jennings – No report.

- Trudy will provide the final list of members as of 4/1/19 that will be eligible for Player of the Year.
- Then, Pat will make arrangements to bring the new statistician up to speed with her duties and responsibilities for the season.

Tournament: Mary Ann MacLaughlin and Peg Cherenzia – No report.

Website: Wendy Ossman –

- Pat mentioned that Wendy has been working with Constant Contact to only send emails to the pertinent members. For example, the notice regarding membership applications are only being sent to former members who have not sent in their current year application.
- They are continuing to investigate membership applications and tournament registration being on-line, sign-up and payment. Pat mentioned that accepting on-line payments would cost approximately 3%.
- There was discussion about the many possibilities and steps involved in that transition along with possibly raising the membership fee to \$55. One person stated an objection to raising the membership fee.
- Another option is to request a nominal fee to attend the banquet.

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

Seconded: - Peg Cherenzia

Vote to approve: Unanimous

Motion passed.



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### V. **Tournament Director's Report:**

Trudy Dufault presented the Tournament Director's Activities.

- Trudy reviewed some of the changes that have arisen at some of the golf clubs such as sale/construction and how that might impact our schedule. She is still working to minimize that impact.
- Trudy mentioned her efforts to secure courses for the Player of the Year Championship along with potentially adding another mixed event to the schedule.
- Trudy mentioned that she has already started to secure tournament prizes.

Motion to approve the Tournament Director's Report as presented: - Pat Dickson  
Seconded: - Mary Ann MacLaughlin  
Vote to approve: Unanimous  
Motion passed.

### VI. **Unfinished Business:**

#### ● **Membership update**

- Luanne/Trudy provided the updated data thru March.
- Membership is on par with previous years.
- There are 19 new members.

#### ● **Rules Books**

- Pat passed around a copy of the new Rules of Golf Players Edition.
- The prices (not including shipping) for rules books are:
  - Rules of Golf Book is \$5
  - Decisions of Golf is \$15.95
  - Principles of Golf is \$21.50
- Copies will be secured and available at tournaments to assist the Rules Committee, as necessary.



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### VII. New Business:

- **1st tournament**
  - Everything is all set
  - Registration opens April 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Pat expects to have the committee books and new bag tags available at the sign-in table.
- **Letter from member re: 4 vs 2 person teams (Trudy)**
  - Trudy reviewed the letter from a member suggesting/requesting more tournaments with divisions for 2 person teams.
  - Tournament formats/teams are determined based upon enrollment(s) from previous seasons.
  - Several board members mentioned that in addition to the established tournament format, the current schedule accommodates teams of 2 females where ever possible (see note opposite the table of contents in the 2019 Handbook).
  - It was also noted that there must be a sufficient number of 2 person teams registered to warrant prizes for that division.
  - Based upon the subscription this season, consideration will be given to continuing to offer a separate 2 female division in the future.
- **New bag tags**
  - Pat is re-doing and updating the bag tag. The proposed tags will be in color with the "celebrating 25 years" logo and include some of the most common rule changes.
  - Pat also discussed quantities and pricing.
  - It is expected that the new bag tags will be available for the first tournament.
- **Rules meeting(s)**
  - See discussion under Rules Committee report.
  - Luanne mentioned that she knows a person who may be helpful with the rules meeting.
- **Remaining email schedule before weekly reminders start**
  - See Web Managers report for details.
  - It was also noted that emails pertaining to a specific tournament will only be sent to the members registered for that tournament.



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### ● Venues for Banquet

- Shirley suggested that we begin to establish a recurring relationship with a single venue. Assuming that everything goes well, we might just book the next event immediately following the banquet.
- She also reviewed some new venues that she has visited and the meal options available at each one. Someone suggested/requested that there be a vegetarian meal option. Another idea was to eliminate the prime rib and replace it with a different beef selection.
- She has calls into a couple of places and still needs to contact a few more before finalizing the decision.
- The board agreed that Shirley can book the banquet once she is satisfied with the accommodations.
- There will be a raffle again this year, as it was mentioned that most of the members enjoy it. It was also noted that several members have asked about the return of the desert auction.

### ● Other New Business

- Maureen Ford is updating the thank you letters.
- Mary Ann requested that everyone send her an email. Her computer crashed and she lost a lot of data, including her contacts lists.

### VIII. Schedule Next Meeting:

- The next meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. at Cowesett Inn, 226 Cowesett Avenue, West Warwick, RI.

### IX. Adjournment:

- The meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Erin Mernick  
Recording Secretary