



Ocean State Women's Golf Association, Inc.

**Meeting of the Board of Directors
May 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Date: May 23, 2019 **Time:** 4:30 p.m.

Place: Laurel Lane Country Club
309 Laurel Lane
West Kingston, RI

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

Absent:	Maureen Ford	Corresponding Secretary
	Peg Cherenzia	Tournament Co-Chair

Guests:	Chris Trenholme	Handicap Chair
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I. Call to Order:

Pat Dickson called the meeting to order at 4:50 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

II. Minutes from the April meeting:

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

Motion to approve the minutes as presented/amended: - Shirley McGuire

Seconded: - Trudy Dufault

Vote to approve: Unanimous

Motion passed.



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III. Treasurer's Reports:

Luanne Googins provided copies of the Treasurer's Report.

Highlights included:

- The Financial Report for April and the year-over-year comparison.
- Luanne explained which course entry fees vs. expenses are included in this report and what will be expected in the next report. The difference is due to the credit card billing dates.
- Overall, the association is in "good shape" financially.
- Luanne provided the deposit for the annual banquet which will be held at The Shriners Imperial Room in Cranston.
- A membership update was also provided - see unfinished business
- **Vickie Moretti** was recognized for her donation to the scholarship fund.

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

Seconded: - Mary Ann MacLaughlin

Vote to approve: Unanimous

Motion passed.

IV. Chair Reports:

Appeals: Shirley McGuire – Nothing to report.

Handicap: Chris Trenholme – No report.

- Chris mentioned that she has not heard a single complaint this season.

Membership: No report.

Nominating: Liz Duguay – No report.

Rules: Kris Kennedy & Kathy Mis –

- Pat mentioned that the new rules for relief areas and unplayable lies were reviewed at recent tournaments.
- When taking relief, the player must stay in the same playing conditions.

Statistician: Donna Jennings - No report.

Website: Wendy Ossman - No report.

- Pat is planning to learn the web operations in case there is a last minute delayed start or cancelled tournament while both Wendy and Jackie are both playing in a different tournament.



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Tournament: Mary Ann MacLaughlin and Peg Cherenzia

Mary Ann distributed the May report.

Highlights included:

- Overall, the tournaments have been going very well, with very few complaints.
- The Pros and staffs have been very helpful and welcoming.
- The courses have been in great shape.
- A few women mentioned that they didn't care for the format at one of the tournaments. They felt that it penalized them unnecessarily.
- One club invited us back again in the fall and asked what suggestions we had to make the day more enjoyable.

Motion to approve the Committee Chair Reports as presented: - Luanne Googins

Seconded: - Trudy Dufault

Vote to approve: Unanimous

Motion passed.

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

Trudy Dufault presented the Tournament Director's Activities.

Highlights included:

- Everything is going well.
- Members are happy.
- Only minimal complaints.
- Some members mentioned concerns about the format used in the Quota tournament. The board discussed the issues and how to improve that tournament for next season.

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

Seconded: - Shirley McGuire

Vote to approve: Unanimous

Motion passed.

VI. **Unfinished Business:**

- **Membership update**

- Luanne provided the update on paid memberships. It continues to almost identical to past years.



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- Bag Tags

- Pat is making the bag tags that are available each tournament.
- OSWGA Bag Tags will be provided at the June 4th LPGA – Amateurs tournament.
- The cost is less than \$1 per bag tag.

- Weekly Handout Sheet

- Kathy Mis will be assisting in the pre-tournament rules review.
- She will be available to help with discussion/clarification of the new rules.

VII. New Business:

- Gift Certificate Request Letter

- Shirley received the OK to proceed with the letters for the banquet.
- There were several ideas for the scholarship fundraising at the banquet, including:
 - Baskets
 - Dessert Raffle
 - Silent Auction with a few high-end items
 - Separate raffle with high-end items.

- Online Payment Portal for next season

- Pat provided the progress of the on-line registration/payment for tournaments next season.
- Perhaps we should consider consistent opening/closing dates for all events.
- There was discussion of the cancellation policy.
- Consider providing credits for cancellation rather than incurring an additional fee for each transaction.

- Other

- A member suggested that something be set up to assist new members in finding other playing partners.
- It was also mentioned that sometimes a team may need an additional member to make-up their foursome.
- Currently, there are 2 options:
 - Contact Trudy
 - Use the website
- Some Board members mentioned splitting up their regular teams in order to invite other players.



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VIII. Schedule Next Meeting:

- The next meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. at North Kingstown Golf Course.
- The August Meeting is scheduled for August 28th at Green Valley Golf Club immediately after the tournament.

IX. Adjournment:

- The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Erin Mernick
Recording Secretary