



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

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

**Date:** August 28, 2019 **Time:** 3:00 p.m.

**Place:** Green Valley Golf Club  
371 Union Street  
Portsmouth, RI

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

<b>Absent:</b>	Shirley McGuire	Vice-President
	MaryAnn MacLaughlin	Tournament Co-Chair

<b>Guests:</b>	Chris Trenholme	Handicap Chair
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**I. Call to Order:**

Pat Dickson welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 2:25 p.m.

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

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

Motion to approve the minutes as presented: - Peg Cherenzia

Seconded: - Trudy Dufault

Vote to approve: Unanimous

Motion passed.



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### III. Treasurer's Reports:

Luanne Googins presented the Treasurer's Report.

Highlights included:

- The number of new memberships has slowed, which is expected as the season is winding down.
- The total number of members has remained comparable to previous years.
- Luanne distributed the Financial Report through July, reporting that it shows the regular expenses for the month.
- The breakout of member vs non-members playing in tournaments is included.
- The 3 scholarships will be reflected in the August report.
- Overall, the association remains in good financial condition.
- Luanne mentioned the passing of long time member, Kyung Kim. Rest in Peace.

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

Seconded: - Maureen Ford

Vote to approve: Unanimous

Motion passed.

### IV. Tournament Director's Report:

Trudy Dufault discussed the Tournament Director's Activities.

- Trudy is considering several tournament/format changes for next season, including:
  - changing some of the multiple day tournaments to a single day events
  - eliminating consolation rounds
  - strokes vs. no strokes by division
  - eliminating playoffs, using instead a 3 hole matching cards then hole by hole if necessary
- The breakout of member vs non-member players was mentioned, along with the suggestion of raising the fee for non-members wishing to participate in tournaments.

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

Seconded: - Peg Cherenzia

Vote to approve: Unanimous

Motion passed.



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### V. Chair Reports:

Appeals: Shirley McGuire – No report (see Unfinished Business)  
Handicap: Chris Trenholme – No report  
Nominating: Liz Duguay – No report (see New Business)  
Rules: Kris Kennedy & Kathy Mis – No report  
Statistician: Donna Jennings – No report

- The Player of the year points have been updated. (see Unfinished Business)

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

- Peg distributed the Tournament Chair report which highlighted tournaments at Crystal Lake, Montaup, Connecticut National, Ledgemont, Richmond and Green Valley.
- There were few, if any, complaints.
- It was mentioned again, that the Pros and staffs at the clubs are always very helpful and go out of their way to give us a wonderful day. The Tournament Co-chairs appreciate all of their help.
- The Pro and staff at one event mentioned that our association is very self-sufficient. Then, surprised us with an additional \$5 off the menu. (Hats off to the Tournament Director and Co-chairs.)
- Some items for the future included:
  - A discussion concerning player's interpretation of "preferred lies", "lift, clean & place" and "playing the ball down". It is perceived that men use different variations which make some women uncomfortable.
  - With the variety of colors (red, gold, green, etc.) of the front (formerly women's) tees depending on the course, it might help to announce which tee we are playing.
- Overall, everything is going very well and the members are happy with the season, so far.

Motion to approve the Committee Chair Reports as presented: - Trudy Dufault

Seconded: - Erin Mernick

Vote to approve: Unanimous

Motion passed.



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### VI. Unfinished Business:

#### - Banquet Update

- Pat provided the follow-up of ideas/options for the banquet favor.
  - Variations, pricing, lead times, logo, etc. all were discussed.

Motion to allow Pat to move forward as discussed: - Erin Mernick

Seconded: - Luanne Googins

Vote to approve: Unanimous

Motion passed.

#### - Unsung Heroes

- A follow-up of the “Unsung Heroes” flyer was discussed.
  - Pat will introduce the program at Green Valley.
  - The flyer will be updated and available at upcoming tournaments.
  - An email blast will be sent out to the membership.

#### - POY Update

- Trudy reported that the trophy was engraved and is enroute to Maureen Ford.
- The new list will be posted shortly.
- Trudy is still working on the venue. Three clubs have made the short list.

#### - Scholarship Update

- There were 3 scholarships awarded this year.
- Congratulations to:
  - Alexis Florio
  - Megan Mahan
  - Olivia Murray
- The award letters and checks have been sent.
- Maureen Ford has received two thank-you emails from the recipients.



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### VII. New Business:

#### - November Elections

- The upcoming election was discussed. The seats included in the November include: Vice President, Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary.
- There are a couple of members who have expressed interest and are likely to run for the open seats on the Board.

#### - By-Laws Changes

- Pat stated that a review of the By-Laws is necessary.
  - ARTICLE IX ~ AMENDMENTS  
A committee to be appointed by the Board of Directors shall review these by-laws on a periodic basis, but at least once every five years. In the event the Board of Directors approves any proposed amendment to the By-Laws written notice of each proposed amendment or revision to be voted on shall be posted to the OSWGA website 60 days prior to the annual meeting. A simple majority of the membership voting at the annual meeting, either in person or by approved mail absentee ballot, shall be sufficient to ratify changes.
- Items such as the on-line payments need to be added.
- Pat and Erin have volunteered to serve on the committee to review the by-laws prior to the 2020 Annual Meeting.

#### - Other

### VIII. Schedule Next Meeting:

- The next meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2019 at Laurel Lane Country Club at 4:30 p.m.

### IX. Adjournment:

- The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Erin Mernick  
Recording Secretary