



Meeting of the OSWGA Board of Directors
January 2020 Meeting Minutes

Date: January 16, 2020 Time: 4:30PM

Place: Country View Estates
213 Hurst Lane
Tiverton, RI 02878

Present: Pat Dickson President
Carolyn Maney Vice-President
Barbara Sitter Recording Secretary
Luanne Googins Treasurer
Trudy Dufault Tournament Director
Peg Cherenzia Tournament Co-Chair

Absent: MaryAnn MacLaughlin Tournament Co-Chair
Maureen Ford Corresponding Secretary

Guests: Chris Trenholme Handicap Chair
Jackie Booth

I. Call to Order:

Pat Dickson called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

II. Minutes from the December 2019 OSWGA board of Directors meeting:

The meeting minutes had been sent to the board members for review prior to the meeting. There were no further questions or discussion.

Motion to approve the minutes as presented: - Trudy Dufault

Seconded: - Peg Cherenzia

Vote to approve: Unanimous

Motion passed.



### III. Treasurer's Reports:

Luanne Googins submitted December 1-31, 2019 monthly financial report. Luanne summarized the report as follows:

- There are unused gift cards that will be available for future use. Luanne Googins to provide Trudy Dufault with exact number and monetary value.
- At December 2019 meeting Maureen Ford submitted receipts for new stationary purchased, this is reflected under "Stationary and Supplies".
- Since the beginning of 2020 there has been deposits made to courses that is not reflected in this report.

**NOTE:** Luanne Googins communicated that she had received a letter from the RI Community Food Bank thanking OSWGA for the donation made as part of the Memorial Tournament.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented: - Barbara Sitter

Seconded: - Carolyn Maney

Vote to approve: Unanimous

Motion passed.

### IV. Tournament Director's Report:

Trudy Dufault presented the Tournament Director's Activities.

• Carolyn Maney requested clarification on the policy for membership and tournament cost for OSWGA board members. Pat Dickson stated that in the OSWGA by-laws it states that OSWGA board members are provided membership and tournaments at no cost. The exceptions to this rule may change yearly except for the Par 3 tournament which is always at cost to the board members each year. This year, the tournament at Winnapaug is also at cost to board members.

• Winnapaug Tournament will provide each player with a turkey in addition to green fees, cart and lunch.

• Pinecrest Tournament is set for Sept 8th.

• Foster/Ledgemont Amateur Tournament - A discussion on combining the Amateur's Tournament along with a two or four person team was discussed as an option to bring in as many participants as possible. The final decision was to have the tournament stay as only the Amateur's Tournament. If the tournament participation is low a decision to bring in two or four person teams will be made as the event date gets closer.



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- Trudy Default and Pat Dickson both received an email from Fore Women about an event in Rhode Island that appears to promote women's golf. After researching the company it appears to be more of a marketing event to sell products. Pat Dickson stated that there are no efforts to look further into Fore Women at this time.

**NOTE:** Pat Dickson discussed the hacking of the emails that occurred this week to Barbara Sitter. An unknown entity sent an email that appeared to be from Pat Dickson asking Barbara Sitter to purchase gift cards. Barbara Sitter had checked with Pat Dickson verbally to verify that she sent the email prior to purchasing the gift cards and Pat Dickson stated she had not sent the email. This email hacking activity was known by the returning board members and was communicated for the benefit of the newly elected board members.

Motion to approve the Tournament Director's Report as presented: - Peg Cherenzia  
Seconded: - Carolyn Maney  
Vote to approve: Unanimous  
Motion passed.

### V. **Chair Reports:**

Pat Dickson provided an updated list of the committees and the committee chairs, they are:

Handicap Committee - Chris Trenholme

Web Committee - Wendy Ossman

Appeals Committee- Carolyn Maney

Statistician - Donna Jennings

Rules Committee - Kathy Mis and Kris Kennedy

Nomination Committee - Carolyn Brown

Photography - Betty Jean Shadeck

Publicity/Recruiting Committee - Sandra Harper

There will no longer be a scholarship committee.

### **Committee Chair Reports:**

**Handicap Committee** - Chris Trenholme - There was a discussion on the uncertainty of the new USGA GHIN system and how it will effect tournament set-up, obtaining handicaps, etc. There has been some fixes to the new GHIN system in the first few weeks of operation as noticed by friends golfing in the southern states.

**Web Committee** - Wendy Ossman - No report

**Appeal Committee** - Carolyn Maney - Carolyn is working on putting together this committee.



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**Statistician** - Donna Jennings - No report

**Rules Committee**- Kathy Mis and Kris Kennedy - No report

**Nomination Committee**- Carolyn Brown - No report

**Photography** - Betty Jean Shadeck - No report

**Publicity/Recruiting Committee** - Sandra Harper - No report

**NOTE:** Pat Dickson to get "Roberts Rules of Order" for Carol Maney.

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

Seconded: - Peg Cherenzia

Vote to approve: Unanimous

Motion passed.

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

- Proofing of the 2020 OSWGA Tournament Handbook will take place the 2nd week of February at Pat Dickson's home. Time and date to be determined.

### VII. **New Business:**

- Pat Dickson to provide an updated contact list of the current OSWGA board of directors to the OSWGA board of directors.
- A discussion on Carolyn Maney's responsibilities on organizing the year end OSWGA banquet. Pat Dickson outlined initial responsibilities and offered to answer any other questions that come up:
  - Generally held the first Sunday in November
  - Find venue for the event
  - Provide the board with 2-3 venue options to vote on
  - Venue needs to be large enough for 100 people
  - A committee can be formed to assist with the banquet
  - Obtaining gift cards for the banquet from golf courses
- Pat Dickson made a presentation on the options for taking the OSWGA tournament process online. Pat worked with Wendy Ossman to evaluate multiple options (Golf Genius with Stripe [financial arm of the system] and a "Hodge Podge" option). It was determined by them that going with Golf Genius with Stripe was the best option as the "Hodge Podge" system would be problematic. Pat presented on the Golf Genius with Stripe which is detailed below:
  - Tasks Performed:
    - Manages member and non-member profiles
    - Provides event registration
    - Allows for emails and text to specific events
    - Online payment



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- Financial information will be rolled over to Quickbooks
- Provides tournament instructions and operations
- Statistics - player of the year and other stats as defined
- Cloud Based Accessibility:
  - 24 hour support
  - Allows for multiple administrators/users
  - GHIN - online and through mobile app
  - Allows for online posting automatically
  - Live scoring by members allows others to see scoring as the tournament develops
  - Records kept in more detail
- Future Benefits
  - The ability to migrate and update the website
  - Will allow to cut the need for Constant Contact
  - Statistician post could be cut.
  - Reduced weekly work for Tournament Chair and committee, Handicap chair, Web chair and Photographer. Would allow players to upload photos.
- Online Payments
  - Provides security of all combined services:
    - Merchant account
    - Payment Gateway
    - Payment processor with anti-fraud
    - PCI compliance - industry anti-fraud standard
- Cost
  - Golf Genius - \$104/ tournament ([\$2800/year] / 27 tournaments) negotiated for 2020.
  - Stripe - \$126/ tournament (2.9% plus 0.3% per transaction).
  - Total - \$230/ tournament for a total cost for Golf Genius and Stripe of \$6,670 for 2020
  - The cost of the Golf Genius and Stripe yearly subscription can be financially managed for the next two years. Further evaluation on expense and management of cost would be reviewed.
- After the presentation, Pat Dickson made a motion to vote on moving forward with Golf Genius and Stripe.

Motion to approve hiring Golf Genius and Stripe as presented: - Pat Dickson

Seconded: - Barbara Sitter

Vote to approve: Unanimous

Motion passed.





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**Note:** There will be a need to update the OSWGA use of cell phones on the course with the approval of the Golf Genius with Stripe service.

### VIII. Schedule Next Meeting:

- The February OSWGA Board of Directors meeting will be held on February 20, 2020 at 4:30PM at:

Country View Estates  
213 Hurst Lane  
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### IX. Adjournment:

- The meeting adjourned at 6:38p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Barbara Sitter  
Recording Secretary