



Ocean State Women's Golf Association, Inc.

Meeting of the Board of Directors

January 2021 Meeting Minutes

Date: January 18, 2021

Time: 5:30PM

Place: Zoom Conference Call

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

Absent: MaryAnn MacLaughlin - Tournament Co-Chair

Guests: Chris Trenholme
Pam Kelly
Wendy Ossman

I. Call to Order:

Pat Dickson called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

II. Minutes from the November meeting:

Previously, the meeting minutes had been emailed to the board members for review. An error in spelling of Luanne Googin's name was identified and will be corrected.

Motion to approve the minutes with name correction: - Luanne Googins

Seconded: - Trudy Dufault

Vote to approve: Unanimous

Motion passed.

III. Treasurer's Reports:

Luanne Googins had previously emailed the treasurers report to the board members for review.

The following questions were discussed:

- Luanne indicated that ~50 members have signed up for the 2021 season
- Wendy Ossman will be sending a Stripe report to Luanne Googin's and Trudy Dufault with the complete information of the members who have joined OSWGA in 2021 to date.

Motion to approve the May 2020 Treasurer's report as presented: - Maureen Ford

Seconded: - Peg Cherenzia

Vote to approve: Unanimous

Motion passed.

IV. Tournament Director's Report:

Trudy Dufault had sent the Board of Directors an updated 2021 projected tournament schedule.

The following discussion points were noted:

- The four-ball tournament was not listed on the website, Pat Dickson to have Wendy Ossman update that information.



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- CT National on Oct 13th replacing the second Valley tournament.
- Chris Trenholme and Trudy Dufault have been working on the tournament formats and times.
- There was a discussion about trying a tournament at Stonington Country Club in CT. The cost is high and Trudy Dufault asked Barbara Sitter what her experience at the course was. Barbara indicated that the course was in good shape but that she wouldn't compare it to a Quidnessett. Barbara also indicated that there was a nice area inside and outside for dining. At this time the tournament venue will not be added but considered for potential future tournament.
- There are a few tournaments on the schedule that are not offering food but instead providing money towards lunch. It was discussed to reduce the entry fee vs. giving money for lunch. It was also discussed whether individuals with a tournament fee exemption would also get the money for lunch. At this time it was decided to leave as we have done in the past and review it as the tournaments get closer.

Motion to approve the Tournament Directors report as presented: - Barbara Sitter
 Seconded: - Carolyn Maney
 Vote to approve: Unanimous
 Motion passed.

V. Chair Reports:

- Appeals:** **Carolyn Maney** - It was requested that the members of the appeals committee members be updated on the website. Carolyn to mail Wendy Ossman the names of the committee members.
- Handicap:** **Chris Trenholme** - Chris asked for clarification on who appoints the committee chairs and Pat Dickson informed her that the committee chairs are chosen by the President and approved or disapproved by the Board of Directors.
- Nominating:** **Carolyn Brown** - No Report.
- Rules:** **Kris Kennedy & Kathy Mis** - No report.
- Statistician:** **Donna Jennings** - No report.
- Website:** **Wendy Ossman** - Wendy indicated that the website was going well and also that the election was also going ok. The election is still on-going and will conclude on Jan 20, 2021. There was a small glitch that was fixed and didn't amount to any influence of the election results. Wendy also stated that she would take care of the Board members registration and they only needed to go on if any information needed to be updated.
- Tournament:** **Mary Ann MacLaughlin and Peg Cherenzia** - The tournament responsibilities were clarified and going forward Trudy Dufault will be responsible for prizes to be allocated and Chris Trenholme will be responsible for the distribution after the tournament. Also discussed was the use of Walmart gift cards for prizes. The current procedure for getting gift cards is done at the register and takes a lot of time to complete. Trudy Dufault will go to the Walmart office and see if there is an easier way to obtain gift cards if we buy in bulk. It was also discussed to standardize



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the prize money distribution so that each tournament the same amount would be given for 1st place, 2nd place etc. At this time there will not be any standardization of the prize money.

Motion to approve the book being changed to the bond version and to be provided to members only at tournaments - Carolyn Maney

Seconded - Barbara Sitter

Vote to approve - Unanimous

Motion passed.

Publicity: Sandra Harper - No report.

Photography: Betty Jean Shadeck - No report.

Motion to approve the Chair reports as presented: - Carolyn Maney

Seconded: - Trudy Dufault

Vote to approve: Unanimous

Motion passed.

VI. Unfinished Business:

Elections:

- The election is on-going and it also shows that Pat Dickson's Year End speech is being viewed.

Handbook:

- Pat Dickson indicated that the handbook will be sourced by the same supplier (Allegra) and additional cost sourcing will be completed for the following year.
- The price is less for the folded card style vs. the bounded book style, however, due to the premium paper and lamination that is done the cost isn't necessarily very significant.
- As voted on in the last meeting, the handbooks will be distributed at the tournaments to members and not mailed.

Tournament schedule comparison:

- The 2021 OSWGA tournament schedule was compared to the RIGA schedule and there doesn't appear to be too many conflicts to cause any concern.

VII. New Business:

The following new business was discussed:

- Pat Dickson asked that everyone begin to include Pam Kelly on any emails as she will be the President of OSWGA starting at the February board meeting.
- Pat Dickson asked for a formal vote on the continued use of Constant Contact and Golf Genius.

Motion to accept the renewal of Constant Contact and Golf Genius - Barbara Sitter

Seconded - Maureen Ford

Vote to approve - Unanimous



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- Luanne Googins discussed that some insurance policies that we have are no longer providing rebates as our membership is below 200 members. She will continue to have discussions with the insurance companies to understand the cost going forward. The expectation is that we will be at 175 members annually and that will be used for guidance with the insurance companies.
- The 2021 tournament fee exemption was discussed. It was first clarified that all board members and Committee chairs will be provided a free membership into OSWGA. There is a new change in the by-laws that, upon approval by the membership, requires an annual review of the tournament exemptions to be given to board members, committee chairs and committee chairpersons. These tournament fee exemptions can be used at any tournament on the 2021 OSWGA tournament schedule. The following fee exemption tier designation was discussed:

TABLE # 1

Tier #	# of tournament exemptions	Positions and Committee Chairs eligible for this tier
1	unlimited	Tournament Director
2	20	Data Coordinator, IT Coordinator and Treasurer
3	15	Tournament Chair Person(s)
4	10	President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary
5	2	Photography Chair Membership Chair Recruitment/Publicity Chair
6	0	Appeals Chair Nominating Chair Rules Chair Scholarship Chair Statistician

Motion to approve the 2021 Tournament fee exemptions as shown in table #1 - Barbara Sitter
 Seconded: - Peg Cherenzia
 Vote to approve: Unanimous
 Motion passed.



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Schedule Next Meeting:

The next OSWGA Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for:
February 25, 2021
5:30PM
Zoom meeting

VIII. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Sitter
Recording Secretary

