

OCEAN STATE WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Director's Meeting

DATE: July 23, 2015 TIME: 5:48 PM

PLACE: Green Valley Country Club
371 Union Street
Portsmouth, RI 02871

PRESENT: Trudy Dufault Co-Founder
Pat Dickson President
Luanne Googins Treasurer
Liz Duguay Recording Secretary
Erin Mernick Corresponding Secretary
MaryAnn MacLaughlin Tournament Co-Chairperson
Peg Cherenzia Tournament Co-Chairperson

ABSENT: Jen Moretti Vice-President

GUESTS: Chris Trenholme (Handicap Chairperson), Jackie Booth (Website Chairperson),
Vicki Johnson (Scholarship Chairperson)

**SCHOLARSHIP
REPORT:**

Prior to the start of the meeting, Vicki Johnson, Scholarship Chairperson, briefly discussed the scholarship recipients and the process as to how each application package submitted was rated. This year, six applicants submitted applications for consideration of the Nathalie Price Scholarship. All Scholarship applications packages were sent to every high school athletic director. Copies of the final rating sheets were provided to the Board members.

CALL TO ORDER: The President welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 5:48 PM.

MINUTES: June's Board meeting minutes which were previously sent by email were reviewed and Erin motioned to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Peg.

VOTED: to approve the June's minutes as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Handed out the monthly financial report for June. Nothing new to report with respect to expenses etc., pretty much the same as previous months. Lake of Isles did returned the deposit check per Trudy's request (cancelled due to weather). Handed out a report showing a 6 month (Jan-June) comparison of the associations' income & expenses this year compared to the expenses and income collected in 2014. Annual dues collected to date are close to the amounts collected last year. The Treasurer did note that there has been a reduction in the participation as compared to last year. This could be due to age, other commitments etc.

A motion was made by Peg and seconded by Luanne to accept the Treasurers Report.

Voted: to accept the Treasurers Report.

CHAIR REPORTS:

HANDICAP REPORT: Provided a written report. Due to the low turnouts in this years' events, suggest increasing the range of handicaps for the Championship Division and using Flights instead of Divisions. Would like to try this format to see if it will work. The Flights will be determined by the number of players and the cutoff will be based on 100% of the players' handicap. The Chair has not heard a lot of complaints regarding handicaps.

TOURNAMENT
CHAIRPERSON:

Handed out a written report. Staff from most courses were very kind and appreciative. We were informed that the staff at Potowomut were impressed with the "Thank You" letter sent by OSWGA . The only comment made regarding the tournament at Potowomut was the food served. Some thought there should have been a better selection to choose from, overall everyone enjoyed playing there. Harbor Lights – staff was very helpful, food was very good, but some were not impressed with the course. Laurel Lane – course was okay, food was good. Cranston CC – Pro shop and staff was very accommodating. The only complaint was that on Friday for the finals, the last group really didn't have enough time to order food or take a quick break before starting their next round.

APPEALS: No Report.

WEBSITE: Everything working okay. Did receive report on purchasing a new laptop and training new intern. Would like to wait until summer is over before training an intern.

STATISTICIAN: provided a written report on the top five USGA point earners to date. Would also like to continue maintaining and tracking the USGA Team Points.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Nothing to Report. Board Positions up for re-election for 2015 are now posted on the website

RULES COMMITTEE: No report.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: Discussed earlier. Scholarship awards discussed under New Business

A motion was made by Liz and seconded by Erin to accept all Chairs reports.

Voted: to accept All Chairs reports.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Raised concerns about slow play in Tournaments. Discussion on ways to improve & encourage ready golf and pace of play. Maybe include suggestion on Rules Sheet.

Potowomut – issue with food. Staffing has changed and some food ran out early. Food selection was mostly salads. Harbour Lights – food was good. Course was questionable. Laurel Lane – mixed reviews on food. Food was okay. Cranston = only issue was having to play two rounds on the last day. Upcoming tournaments – Back Nine – Everyone playing will get a \$5 dollar credit towards their food purchase. Will need to provide a menu for choosing food selection. Green Valley – Chris T. is handling ordering the food. It was also suggested to maybe consider having a Closer to the Pin for both Men & Women at the Montaup ‘Ryder Cup’ Tournament and consider running skins contest at other tournaments. Discussion tabled for now, especially having to allocate more prize money.

A motion was made by Peg and seconded by MaryAnn to accept the Tournament Director's Report.

Voted: to approve the Tournament Director's report as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

By-Law Revision – looking for someone within the association first to handle the By-Law revision responsibilities and determine any revisions needed.

Possible Board Expansion - introduced and briefly discussed at previous meeting, but will table discussion until next meeting.

Banquet Proposal Response: No report. Will be discussed at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tributes/Memorials for Spouses: tabled discussion.

Scholarship Recipients – The Board reviewed the “Rating Sheet” for the scholarship recipient prepared and handed out earlier by the Scholarship Committee Chair. The Board approved awarding scholarship to all six applicants and depending upon tax concerns will award the top qualifier \$1,250 and the other five \$1,000. If there will be tax issues awarding that amount than the awards will be \$999 to the top qualifier and \$950 to the other five recipients.

VOTED: to approve the Scholarship Awards as proposed.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM. Next meeting is scheduled for 5:30 PM on August 20th at the North Kingstown Golf Course.

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Duguay
Recording Secretary

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