



Ocean State Women's Golf Association, Inc.

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

Date: July 25, 2019 **Time:** 4:30 p.m.

Place: Foster Country Club
67 Johnson Road
Foster, RI

Present:	Pat Dickson	President
	Shirley McGuire	Vice-President
	Luanne Googins	Treasurer
	Erin Mernick	Recording Secretary
	Maureen Ford	Corresponding Secretary
	Peg Cherenzia	Tournament Co-Chair
	MaryAnn MacLaughlin	Tournament Co-Chair

Absent: Trudy Dufault Tournament Director

Guests:

I. Call to Order:

- Pat Dickson called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

II. Minutes from the June meeting:

- Previously, the meeting minutes were sent to the board members for review.

Motion to approve the minutes as presented: - Maureen Ford
 Seconded: - Shirley McGuire
 Vote to approve: Unanimous
 Motion passed.



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III. Treasurer's Report:

- Luanne Googins read a thank-you note from the RI Community Food Bank for the donation from the Memorial Tournament and congratulated the winning team of Carol Cherry, Sandi Harper, Kellie Mungo and BettyJean Shadeck.
- Luanne provided copies of the Treasurer's Report through June mentioning that the year over year income seems down, but it is primarily due to the order in which the tournaments (courses) are scheduled vs. previous years.
- She noted that expenses are also less than this time in previous years, mentioning that tournament financials are pretty standard.
- Overall, the association is in good shape financially.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented: - Erin Mernick
Seconded: - Peg Cherenzia
Vote to approve: Unanimous
Motion passed.

IV. Tournament Director's Report:

- There was no tournament director's report presented

V. Chair Reports:

Appeals: Shirley McGuire - Nothing to report.
Handicap: Chris Trenholme - No report.
Nominating: Liz Duguay -

- Pat noted that Carolyn Brown has agreed to join the Nominating Committee.

Rules: Kris Kennedy & Kathy Mis - No report.
Scholarships: Board of Directors (see unfinished business)
Statistician: Donna Jennings (see new business)

- Pat reported that the Player of the Year status report has been posted.

Website: Wendy Ossman - No report.



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Chair Reports: (continued)

Tournament: Mary Ann MacLaughlin and Peg Cherenzia

- Mary Ann distributed the report and reviewed the tournaments at Exeter, Foster, Back Nine, Pawtucket, and Laurel Lane.
 - There were many complaints about the luncheon and seating at one course which Peg and Mary Ann have discussed with Trudy.
 - Mary Ann relayed the very positive comments about how helpful and accommodating the Pros and their staffs have been; the great shape of the courses; delicious food and great weather.
 - A couple of people mentioned how much they enjoyed one course because it is so challenging.
 - The Board discussed the issue of “strokes vs. no strokes” during certain tournaments and how to address it going forward.

Motion to approve the Committee Chair Reports as presented: - Maureen Ford

Seconded: - Erin Mernick

Vote to approve: Unanimous

Motion passed.

VI. Unfinished Business:

- **Scholarship**
 - There were 2 complete scholarship applications available for consideration.
 - Both applicants were approved by the Board.
 - Maureen and Luanne will process the 2 scholarship awards.
 - There was a partial application submitted. Pat will follow-up and provide that applicant with an opportunity to complete the application.

Motion to approve \$1K scholarship awards to both applicants: - Erin Mernick

Seconded: - Shirley McGuire

Vote to approve: Unanimous

Motion passed.



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● **New Membership Recruitment**

- Pat and Sandra Harper will be meeting to discuss a flyer and/or handout.
- Sandra will bring it to courses to discuss OSWGA membership with the women at the courses and make them aware that non-members are welcome to play in tournaments.
- It was mentioned that there were some new members at the Laurel Lane event.
- Pat stated that she would like to know when we have new members at a tournament so that she can introduce herself and welcome them to the association.
- It was brought up that we could have a welcome packet for new members and/or non-members playing in an OSWGA event for the first time.
- It was discussed that we need to create a process that is easy for new members to find people with whom they could golf.

VII. **New Business:**

● **November Elections**

- Anyone not seeking re-election should make it known to Pat.
- The announcements about the positions up for election will begin at the Crystal Lake event.

● **Conference Calls for Winter Board Meetings (www.freeconferencecall.com)**

- Pat brought up the possibility of having winter Board meetings via conference call.
- Through discussion, it was clarified that members who remain local for the winter would still meet, but members who go away for the off-season could conference-in to the meetings. This would provide more flexibility and allow more people an opportunity to run for the Board.

● **Banquet – Unsung Heroes nominated by membership**

- A proposal to request input from the membership regarding people who have worked behind the scenes for the betterment of the association.
- People from the beginning who helped further the association.
- People who expended a lot of time and effort for the overall good.
- Was there someone who...
 - Encouraged you to join
 - Helped you to assimilate into the association
 - Introduced you to people with whom you could golf



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● POY update

- The latest update has been posted onto the website.
- Another update will be available in about 2 weeks.
- We need to confirm the location of this year's tournament.

● Other

- Tee sponsorship – A Board member is going to sponsor a Tee at an upcoming (external) golf tournament and is requesting concurrence to highlight OSWGA and the Nathalie A. Price Scholarship.
 - Options for the proposed signs were distributed.
 - Suggestions and modifications were discussed and agreed upon.
 - The Board agreed.

VIII. Schedule Next Meeting:

- The next meeting is scheduled for August 28th at Green Valley Golf Club immediately after the tournament.

IX. Adjournment:

- The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Erin Mernick
Recording Secretary