



Ocean State Women's Golf Association, Inc.

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

Date: October 17, 2019 **Time:** 4:30 p.m.

Place: Cowesett Inn
226 Cowesett Avenue
West Warwick, RI

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| Present: | Pat Dickson | President |
| | Shirley McGuire | Vice-President |
| | Erin Mernick | Recording Secretary |
| | Maureen Ford | Corresponding Secretary |
| | Trudy Dufault | Tournament Director |
| | MaryAnn MacLaughlin | Tournament Co-Chair |

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| Absent: | Luanne Googins | Treasurer |
| | Peg Cherenzia | Tournament Co-Chair |

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| Guests: | Chris Trenholme | Handicap Chair |
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I. Call to Order:

Pat Dickson called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

II. Minutes from the September meeting:

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

Motion to approve the minutes as presented: - Shirley McGuire

Seconded: - MaryAnn MacLaughlin

Vote to approve: Unanimous

Motion passed.

III. Treasurer's Reports:

There was no Treasurer's Report.



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IV. Tournament Director's Report:

Trudy Dufault presented the Tournament Director's Activities.

- The 2020 tournament schedule planning well underway.
- Trudy presented the proposed base prices (private vs. public courses) for next season.
- There was an exchange of ideas regarding some of the major tournaments, e.g., Club Challenge, 4Ball, etc.
- Everything is on-track for another great golf season next year.

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

Seconded: - Shirley McGuire

Vote to approve: Unanimous

Motion passed.

V. Chair Reports:

Appeals: Shirley McGuire - Nothing to report.

Handicap: Chris Trenholme - Nothing to report.

Nominating: Carolyn Brown - No report.

- Pat announced that Carolyn Brown has agreed to replace Liz Duguay as the Nominating Committee Chair.

Rules: Kris Kennedy & Kathy Mis - No report.

Statistician: Donna Jennings - No report.

Website: Wendy Ossman - No report.



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Tournament: Mary Ann MacLaughlin and Peg Cherenzia

- MaryAnn distributed the Tournament Chair report for September, noting the support and assistance she received from Carolyn Brown and Luanne Googins in Peg's absence.
- Highlights included the tournaments at Midville, Segregansett, Potowomut, and Crestwood.
- The pros and staffs were very helpful and accommodating.
- The courses were in good shape. The weather was beautiful. There were no complaints.

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

Seconded: - Maureen Ford

Vote to approve: Unanimous

Motion passed.

VI. Unfinished Business:

● Banquet Update

- Shirley presented the updated and final plans for the banquet.
- Hillary (The Imperial Room) will provide centerpieces for the dining room and cocktail area at no additional charge. (Floating candles with lavender hydrangeas.)
- Shirley distributed the proposed Schedule of Events for review and final approval. There was a minor change to the timing on the Surprise Event.
- She explained the layout and flow of the evening including:
 - Check-in
 - Ticket Sales
 - Cocktails and Hors D'oeuvres
 - Raffle Items
 - Dance Lesson by Maureen Ford
 - Dinner
 - Election
 - Raffle



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- After the Social Hour, the staff will relocate the raffle items into the dining room.

- Shirley provided the status of the scholarship raffle items:
 - There is a separate ticket for a special gift card/money tree
 - Gift baskets
 - Golf club gift certificates

- **Elections**
 - Pat provided an update on the elections.
 - Carolyn Brown has canvassed the membership for candidates for the open Board positions.
 - Candidates are listed on the website.
 - Pat has contacted each of the candidates to prepare a bio for the website and banquet tables and/or a speech at the banquet.

- **POY Update**
 - The Player of the Year results have been posted on the website.
 - Congratulations to Maureen Ford.
 - The Players Championship was held at Green Valley Country Club.
 - Congratulations to the winners:
 - Gross: Wendy Ossman
 - NET: Joyce Picard
 - A good time was had by all.
 - Results also have been posted on the website.
 - Once again, Green Valley Country Club was commended for their hospitality and great food.

- **By-laws Changes**
 - Instead of reviewing and voting on the By-Laws changes at the banquet, the vote will be included in the website update.
 - This will allow all members to vote instead of only those at the annual banquet.
 - Pat will mention this at the banquet as part of the President's address.



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VII. New Business:

- Grad Student Scholarship Late Application
 - There was discussion regarding a grad student asking if she could still apply for a 2019 scholarship.
 - Although she is eligible for the scholarship, based upon the new criteria, some felt that it is too far past the deadline to apply for this year.
 - Others felt that this is the type of person that we should be recruiting and that we should consider allowing it.

Motion to allow a late scholarship award: - Pat Dickson

Seconded: - Erin Mernick

Vote to approve: 3

Vote to reject: 4

Motion does not pass.

VIII. Schedule Next Meeting:

- The next meeting is the annual banquet on November 3, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at the Shriners Imperial Room, One Rhodes Place, Cranston, RI
- The December meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. at the Cowesett Inn, 226 Cowesett Avenue, West Warwick, RI

IX. Adjournment:

- The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Erin Mernick
Recording Secretary