Ocean State Women's Golf Association, Inc.

Executive Board & General Membership Meeting November 2025 Minutes

Date: November 2, 2025

Place: Haversham Tavern, Westerly, RI

Present: Beth Penkala President

Margaret Thomas Recording Secretary

Jane Jordan Treasurer

Maureen Ford Corresponding Secretary
Trudy Dufault Tournament Director
Carolyn Maney Tournament Co-Chair

Peg Cherenzia Vice President

Lauretta Girouard Tournament Co-Chair

I. Call to Order: Beth Penkala called the meeting to order at 12:45 pm

Beth gave a welcome address highlighting the origins of Ocean State Women's Golf Association. Founded in 1995 by Trudy Dufault and Natalie Price with a mission to promote golf and foster community and social opportunities for women golfers. The organization welcomes everyone with a spirit of inclusion and community.

There were many changes in 2025. Beth thanked Maureen Ford for taking on golf genius and constant contact. Sandi Harper took over the website. Thank you also to Luanne Googins who sets up tournaments in golf genius; Trudy Dufault, tournament director.

Beth introduced and thanked board members, especially Lauretta Girouard for producing the video and Peg Chernzia for banquet set-up and organizing all the raffles.

Beth mentioned the 2025 scholarship recipients:

Samantha Tinsley – Assumption College

Reid Barner – URI

Brook Barner – URI

Emersyn Trenholme – University of New Haven

She congratulated Maureen Ford as player of the year and Karen Recore for her hole-in-one at Swansea. She noted other highlights of the season as well as the fact that ten new members played in the tournament at Fall River CC.

Beth encouraged everyone to take the membership survey to better inform the board members.

II. Treasurer's Report: Jane Jordan

Jane reported on the balance sheet and income and expenses for 2025. She noted the figures presented were through October 31, 2025 and will be updated for the end of the year.

III. Tournament Director's Report: Trudy Dufault

Trudy thanked all of the board members who help at tournaments, especially Maureen Ford who took on golf genius this year.

She presented the following awards:

Maureen Ford – Player of the Year

Karen Recore - Hole-in-one

Robin Gershoff and Judy Gravier-Club Championship representing Triggs Golf course.

She recognized the top ten golfers for 2025:

BettyJean Shadeck

Donna Beneduce

Karen Recore

Margaret Woods

Joyce Comstock

Carol Wilson

Luann Diaz

Auging Thornley

Ann Moran

Luanne Googins

The Trudy Dufault service award presented to Carolyn Maney.

IV. Special award

Lauretta Girouard presented Trudy with a special gift commemorating the 30th year of Ocean State Women's Golf Association. It was a commemorative coin encased in lucite. She mentioned that Trudy was a trendsetter for inclusion in the sport of golf.

V. Raffles

Peg Cherenzia thanked everyone who donated prizes to the raffle and then proceeded to raffle off dozens of prizes.

VIII. Next meeting: December 9, 2025 at Montaup CC

IX. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20