

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

DATE: May 2, 2011 TIME: 2:30 PM.

PLACE: Quidnessett CC  
950 No. Quidnessett Rd  
No. Kingstown, RI

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Jackie Booth	President
	Pat Dickson	Vice-President
	Trudy Dufault	Co-Founder/Tournament Director
	Liz Duguay	Corresponding Secretary
	JoAnn Bourque	Tournament Co-Chairperson

<u>ABSENT:</u>	Kathy Chorney	Recording Secretary
	Luanne Googins	Treasurer
	Carolyn Brown	Tournament Co-Chairperson

ALSO PRESENT: Chris Trenholme (Handicap Chairperson)  
Geri Lisa

CALL TO ORDER: President Jackie Booth welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 2:32 PM.

MINUTES: Minutes of the April 2011 Board Meeting were reviewed prior to the meeting.

*A motion was made and unanimously carried.*

*VOTED: to approve the April minutes as written.*

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Financial Report for April was tabled because the Treasurer was unable to attend the meeting.

**TOURNAMENT  
DIRECTOR:**

Nothing to report.

**CHAIRPERSONS' REPORTS:**

**Tournament Chairperson:** Report was submitted detailing the following tournaments – the OSWGA Team Championship – 4 held at Kirkbrae Country Club on April 11, 2011, RI Women's State Open Championship held at Rhode Island Country Club on April 18, 2011 and OSWGA Shamble held at Fall River Country Club on April 25, 2011.

The weather was cool and partly sunny and Kirkbrae was in good shape. A tee sign was left behind, but we will make a special effort to ensure that all 18 signs are collected before leaving the course.

At Rhode Island the weather was cool, sunny and very windy. The golf course was in fairly good shape. Play was a little slow, but the golf course is a little more challenging. Suggest that we mix the groups instead of grouping divisions together. This might help to speed play.

Fall River had a small field (14 teams) and for this reason there was only one division. The weather was cool and we had a little drizzle, but all in all it was the best we have had at this venue in several years. The course was in excellent condition. A mistake was made during scoring, but was handled amicably. Score sheets were not posted for review before prizes were awarded. This will not happen in the future.

**Handicap Chairperson:**

A few complaints have been made concerning divisions. Participation is smaller and that affects divisions. We will continue to try to improve this situation.

A suggestion was made that the sheets with the names of the winners should be changed to read:  
3<sup>rd</sup> net, 2<sup>nd</sup> net, 1<sup>st</sup> net.....etc. This should make it easier for whoever is announcing the winners.

Rules: Nothing to report  
Scholarship: Nothing to report  
Appeals: Nothing to report  
Statistician: Nothing to report  
Publicity: Nothing to report  
Nominating: Nothing to report

*A motion was made and unanimously carried  
Voted: to approve the Chairpersons reports as submitted*

OLD BUSINESS:

Pat Dickson checked out the facilities at Twelve Acres and reported that she did not think it was suitable for OSWGA. A discussion ensued and it was decided that we would go back to West Valley Inn. The board approved that a deposit would be sent to West Valley Inn to hold the date.

A discussion took place concerning cutoff for USGA points and to change the number of points given. It was also suggested that USGA points only be given for individual events.

A suggestion was also made to make it mandatory that players must participate in a certain amount of tournaments to be eligible to represent OSWGA as the state representative. It was also suggested that if a board member should earn enough points to represent OSWGA, the organization would not subsidize the player because most of the board receive free tournaments.

A discussion also took place concerning Player of the Year points. It was suggested that board members do not receive the 25 points for participating or if they should make the top twelve, decline, and allow the next member to participate.

Both USGA and Player of the Year points were tabled, but will be discussed again at a later meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

A discussion took place concerning the splitting of divisions and the format of the formulas being used. Some suggestions were:

- 10 stroke differential
- in BB format, base divisions on lowest handicap
- make two flights within a division
- form a committee to look into formats and dividing divisions

Also discussed was pace of play at our tournaments.

- do we need a ranger
- should a time limit be put into place
- re-educate so cards are ready when players leave course
- implement drop areas

In other business, a member sent an email wondering whether or not her check was received for Quidnessett because she did not see her name on the website. A misunderstanding of the email happened and the member did not get an answer. Trudy offered to make a phone call and apologize. In the future, someone should make a phone call if there is any doubt to a question.

Next meeting scheduled at Potowomut after golf if a meeting room is available.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Trenholme  
Handicap Chair