**THE OAK ISLAND WOMEN’S GOLF ASSOCIATION BYLAWS**

The purpose of this Association shall be to promote good sportsmanship and enjoyment of golf activities at Oak Island Golf Club. Emphasis shall be placed on good fellowship among its members in all its business, social and recreation activities.

**ARTICLE I- OFFICERS**

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall consist of : President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

 Section 2. Nominations for the officers shall be made by a committee of three(3) appointed by the President.The Nominating Committee shall allow all members to place their name for consideration. Members of the Nominating Committee may not be elected as an Officer of the Association for that year.

 Section 3. Officers shall be elected and installed at the December meeting and assume office at the January meeting.

 Section 4. Officers shall be elected for a term of one (1) year with the exception of the Treasurer who may be elected for a two (2) year term. President and Vice President must be a golfing member with an established USGA index. Secretary and Treasurer may be a Social Member.

Section 5. Vacancy in any office may be filled by the President with the approval of the Executive Board.

Section 6. The Executive Board shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the immediate past President. Absentee Executive Board Members may vote by written proxy.

**ARTICLE II- DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Section 1. The President shall preside at meetings of the Association and of the Executive Board. She shall be an advisor of all committees, except for the Nominating Committee. She shall prepare and present an intake/output Budget to the general membership at the first General Meeting of the New Year. The President shall conduct all correspondences of the Association and its Executive Board to the membership.

 Section 2. The Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President in her absence. *In addition, she will welcome and inform our new members of OIWGA local rules, regulations, and website information.*

 Section 3. The Secretary shall keep records of all meetings and shall be responsible forcorrespondence to outside parties and to the Executive Board. All OIWGA records and correspondence should be retained for a minimum of *three (3) years electronically and one (1) year hard copy.*

 Section 4. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds and responsible for the disbursement of the same. Monies over the sum of one hundred ($100.00) dollars, not in the budget, may be spent only by approval of 51% of the members present at the meeting. The balance shall never fall below $200.00 or a special assessment against the membership may be levied.

**ARTICLE III- MEETINGS**

 Section 1. The Association shall meet four (4) times a year on dates to be determined by the Executive Board. Additional meetings may be called when deemed necessary by the Executive Board.

**ARTICLE IV- MEMBERSHIP ANDDUES**

 Section 1. Yearly dues shall be payable at the January meeting. New members may joinat any time on fullpayment of dues. After May 31st, new member dues will be 2/3 of the total amount. The Executive Board shall set the yearly dues.

 Section 2. Only dues paying members shall have voting privileges.

 Section 3*.* Requirements for membership shall not be limited to members of Oak Island Golf Club.

Section ~~4~~. The Executive Board shall have the option to designate a member as an honorary member. For consideration of honorary membership a member must have a history and service record to the OIWGA and is no longer able to play golf. Membership dues shall be waived~~.~~

**ARTICLE V- COMMITTEES**

 Section 1. The standing committees shall be: Lady Bird Representatives, Club Championship Tournament, Sadie Hawkins Tournament, Member- Guest Tournament, Member-Member Tournament, Sunshine/Member Care, Publicity, Rules, Weekly Events, Historian, Birdie Tree, Memorial Garden, WGA Website and Social. To be eligible for the Club Championship a member must have played six (6) OIWGA play days or OIWGA sponsored tournaments within one year after completion of prior Club Championship.

 Section 2. The President shall have the power to appoint special committees when necessary, i.e. Bylaws committee.

 Section 3. Committees shall have autonomy to make decisions concerning their area of responsibility guided by budgetary limitations. Problems will be referred to the Executive Board. A Committee or Tournament budget must be presented to the President from the prior Committee or Tournament Chairperson before the President presents the next year’s budget.

**ARTICLE VI- BYLAWS**

 Section 1. The Bylaws may be amended by two thirds (2/3) of members present at a meeting provided notice of the proposed amendment has been submitted to each member at least ten (10) days prior to a regular or called meeting. Absentee members may vote by written proxy presented to the President or Bylaw Committee member(s) prior to the meeting.

**ARTICLE VII- PLAY DAY AND AWARDS**

 Section 1. Play days and tournamentsshall be on days and times set by the Weekly EventsCommittee.

 Section 2. All members and guests must have an established USGA INDEX to qualify for awards.

 Section 3. Special awards shall be made as follows:

 Pin for an Eagle

 Pin for Hole in One

 Pin for first time breaking 100, 90, 80 or 70

The above awards will be given for play on play day only except for a Hole-in-One. A player having a certified Hole-in-One at any time will be recognized, however, the scorecard must be signed by at least two (2) witnesses.

 Section 4. The end of year play day awards shall be made as follows:

1. Most wins; 1st, 2nd & 3rd Low Gross
2. Most wins; 1st, 2nd & 3rd Low Net
3. Most Birdies
4. Most Chip Ins
5. State Play Day Winner
6. Trophy Day Winner
7. Most Improved

The above awards will only be given for play on play day. To be eligible for Most Improved a member must have played and scores entered into the handicap system on ten (10) play days*.*

**ARTICLE VIII- RULES GOVERNING THE ASSOCIATION**

 Section 1. The rules contained in Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the Association in all cases for which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Bylaws of this Association.

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Bylaws Amended: May 15, 2013

 -Article I, section 4

 -Article V, section 1

Bylaws Amended: May 28, 2016

 -Article I, section 4 – treasurer term

 -Article IV, section 4

 -Article VII, section 4 #4

Bylaws Amended: October 22, 2016

 -Article I, section 4

Bylaws Amended: February 10, 2018

 -Article V, Section 1

Bylaws Amended: February 9, 2019

 - Article II, Section 2

 - Article II, Section 3

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 - Article IV, Section 4 (#1&2)