

**Golf Commission
Special Meeting
March 5, 2013
Minutes**

Members Present: Ron Dray, Chairman; Owen Evans, Vice-Chairman; Teri Deal; Dick DeLibro; Joe DeLuca; Joyce Michaels; Jonathan Turk; Diane Wheeler

Also Attending: Robert Brown, Director of Golf

Members Absent: Tony Guzzi

Ron Dray, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Tournaments (Ron Dray):

Due to several requests of golf course personnel, Mr. Dray asked that the Commission set policy regarding requests for special pricing for golf tournaments.

Mr. Dray made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeLuca, to consider a rate change for a golf tournament only under extraordinary circumstances. The only exception being the First Selectman's Cup. In addition the rate can only be changed with Commission approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dray made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeLuca, that the Commission approve a one-time offer of either a \$10 discount on the first 100 players or a donation of \$1,000 to both the Mary Sherlach and Victoria Soto tournaments depending on what the Town legal advice will permit. Motion carried unanimously.

Bobby Brown/Miklus Indoor Training Center (Ron Dray):

Mr. Dray began a discussion regarding the permission for ATK Golf Services to use space in the Miklus Indoor Training center for club repair and fittings. He asked that the Commission determine whether or not this use was a proper and fitting use of the space that honors the mission of the Miklus Foundation. He also proposed the following motion:

Mr. Dray made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeLuca, that the stated mission of the Miklus Indoor Training Center of:

Mission

The Donald Miklus Foundation has been established to encourage the youth of the area to grow and learn through the game of golf. The Foundation introduces, instructs, and enhances youth golf through the Miklus Training Center.

Be honored into perpetuity. Also that the center can be used for other purposes only with Commission approval. In addition this motion should be made part of the Tashua Knolls Golf Course Rules & Regulations. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brown apologized to the Commissioners for the need for a special meeting. He began by reading the terms of his Addendum to Golf Course Management Agreement at Tashua Knolls Golf course giving him to exclusive right and financial benefit to operate the Miklus Golf Center at Tashua Knolls.

Mr. Brown stated that it was never his intention to do anything to violate that contract and the mission statement of the Miklus Foundation. He also stated that he and Kris Miklus have had many discussions and meetings and have begun programs with the Sheehan Center, Gaylord, and Bedford House. He also stated that at this time, the Miklus Foundation does not have the money to fund these programs and he was looking to sources to cover staff, utility, and equipment expenses. The foundation was also looking into applying for grants to enhance these programs.

Mr. Brown has been doing club repair out of a small room downstairs but the demand is greater than he can currently accommodate. He stated that the space in the Miklus Center will be for service rather than retail. He stated that Mr. Mike Martin will be an employee of ATK Golf Services and that Mr. Martin had extensive experience in the industry and is considered an elite club repair professional.

Mr. Evans asked for and received Mr. Brown's assurance that the area will be used for club fitting and repairs only. Mr. Turk asked for and received assurance that Mr. Martin will not be a subcontractor but an actual employee of ATK and that any transactions be made through the ATK cash register. Mr. DeLuca asked for and received assurance that the space will not be used for retail transactions and that no cash would be exchanged in the building. Mr. Brown also agreed to a full review of the operation at the end of each season.

Mr. Dray made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeLuca, to allow ATK Golf Services, Inc. use of the Miklus Indoor Training Center for service, club repair, demonstrations and lessons. If another use is to be considered, it must be brought before the Commission for review and approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session:

Mr. Evans made a motion at 8:25 PM, seconded by Mr. DeLuca, to move into Executive Session

to discuss a contractual matter. Invited to attend the Executive Session were Mr. Brown and Mrs. Plumeau. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to exit Executive session was made by Mr. Evans at 8:25 PM and seconded by Mrs. Deal. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dray made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Michaels, to require that Gralor Inc. remove its vending machines by the 15th hole and the practice range. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. DeLuca at 8:32 PM; seconded by Mr. Turk to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine A. Plumeau
Golf Course Commission Clerk