

**Golf Commission Meeting
June 23, 2014
Minutes**

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

Also Attending: Hidalgo Nagashima, Director of Golf Course Property; Jon Janik, Head Golf Professional; Chris Gallant, Assistant Superintendent; John Ponzio, Town Treasurer

Members Absent: none

Ron Dray, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Review and Approval of Prior Minutes:

Review and approval of the Minutes of May 19, 2014 . . . A Motion was made by Mr. Evans seconded by Mr. Guzzi to approve the minutes as is. Motion carried unanimously.

Audience Participation:

- Mr. Al Dewalt, of the Senior Men’s Club, thanked the Commission for painting the yellow line down the center of Tashua Knolls Lane.
- Ms. Janet Duffy of the Ladies 18-holers, informed the Commission that the new forward tees have been well received by their club.

Director of Golf Course Properties Report (Hidalgo Nagashima):

Labor:

- Director of Golf Course Properties (Nagashima)
- Assistant Superintendent (Gallant)
- Mechanic (Plaveck)
- Full-time Greensmen (Cook, Romano)
- Part-time Seasonal (Markaj, Rodriguez, Ferguson, Hicks, Quinn, Hoepfner, Oleyar, Messina, Riley, Martins, Summerville, Kelley, Harrison, Goodwin, Kelley, Walton, Martins)
- Summer Seasonal (Ormsbee, Spangenburg, Hare, Maciver, Derwalis, Ebert)

Maintenance Department:

- The full-time greenskeeper position has been posted. The deadline for application is Friday, June 27th. Mr. Nagashima will interview 3 – 5 of the candidates.
- Both courses are in good shape and we should be in top form for the USGA Junior Qualifier next week.
- All forward tees are open. They are continuing to be top dressed to firm up the surface.
- The 18th tee extension will open this weekend.
- The bunker surrounds are slowly being dropped; they are now at 2-1/2 inches with a goal of 2 inches.
- Mr. Nagashima began a discussion of the reconstruction of the practice bunker. He reported that the in-house work would take about two weeks to complete but that the bunker would be closed for several weeks after that for grow-in. The Commission consensus was that the work take place in the fall.
- The area on #6 Knolls is now dry and the maintenance department will now try to determine where the drainage is broken. The roped off areas are open.
- The aerators are now in the ponds.
- The clubhouse is in the process of being painted and needs several more weeks for completion.
- The hover mower has been delivered and the maintenance department will now determine if the second approved mower will be the same size or slightly larger.
- In response to a Commission question, Mr. Nagashima responded that the new bunkers will be more aggressively raked to see if the sand can be softened up.
- Also in response to a question, Mr. Nagashima stated that the entire golf complex grass is cut once a week with problem areas cut twice a week.

Green Committee (Owen Evans):

- None

Director of Golf Operations/Head Professional Report (Jon Janik):**Golf Operations:**

- May rounds trended positively at 7849 (Knolls – 5342 and Glen – 2507)

May Outings:

- June 3 – St. Vincent's Special Needs, 160 players
- June 24 – Mary's Fund, 195 players

Programs:

- All programs are in full swing with strong participation
- 2014 PGA Junior Golf League starts tonight at Racebrook
- Summer camps start tomorrow with solid participation

Follow-up:

- Mr. Janik presented the Commission with some information regarding season passes at our sister courses. At this point the research was for information only and the topic will be discussed once again in the fall.

House Committee (Ron Dray):

- The water heater at the clubhouse has been replaced thanks to the help and cooperation of Town employees Mr. Allen White, Mr. Marc Kuczo and Mr. Tom Zadlo. In addition our own maintenance department was invaluable in removing the old, extremely heavy water heater.
- The locks on the switch plates were replaced with an even more heavy-duty model because the previous locks had been compromised.

Concessionaire (Mr. Faustini):

None – did not attend.

Finance (Jonathan Turk):

May Revenue from POS System

Total Income (including carts)		
2013	2014	Change
\$287,044	\$302,667	+5.4%

Knolls (including carts)		
2013	2014	Change
\$202,102	\$211,307	+4.6%

Glen (including carts)		
2013	2014	Change
\$51,573	\$57,297	+11.0%

May Round Analysis:

Knolls		
2013	2014	Change
5,527	5,342	-3.4%

Glen		
2013	2014	Change
2,280	2,507	+9.7%

Carts		
2013	2014	Change
5,121	5,265	+2.8%

Items of Note:

- Revenue has recovered for the spring of 2014 due to better weather in May. Year-to-date numbers indicate that based on our current income/expense track, we should see an increase in retained earnings again this fiscal year. Mr. Turk will present a more precise retained earnings number at the July meeting.

Budget:

- After reviewing the MUNIS report, with the exception of utilities (heat), which is a few thousand over budget, Tashua is in line with all other budget line items. Revenues are down to a cold, wet spring in March and April, but we should be in fine shape because of our careful watching of budgeted line items. Mr. Dray commended the entire Commission for adhering to the spending freeze instituted earlier this year.

Correspondence:

- A request was received by Mr. Angelo Cordone, President of the Senior Men’s Club requesting their 2014 tournament schedule be approved:

A motion was made by Mr. Evans; seconded by Mr. Guzzi; to approve the Tashua Knolls Senior Men’s Club 20134 season requests as follows:

1. August 6 – Interclub Event – 8:00 AM (resident rates)
2. July 8 – Junior Event – 8:00 AM – Knolls and Glen

Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- The Town animal control officer was called to visit the course to check on the condition of the coyote pups on the Knolls. We were informed that the pups are in good health and golfers are advised to keep their distance from the pups and not feed them so they do not get used to humans.
- Mr. Dray informed the Commission that he would be forming a 3-member committee to review the process for obtaining IDs at the course. The committee will work on updating the policy for the 2015 golf season.
- Mr. Guzzi asked the Commission to consider passing a motion regarding the cart policy on all par 3s on the Knolls course. Specifically, all par 3s should be cart path only and proper signage should be added to inform customers.

A motion was made by Mr. Guzzi; seconded by Mr. DeLuca; to add the following language to the Trumbull Golf Course Commission, Trumbull Municipal Golf Regulations, page 8, H. Riding Golf Carts “Operator must keep cart on path on all par 3s on Tashua Knolls Course. Motion carried 7 – 2 (Against: Evans, Michaels)

Executive Session:

Mrs. Wheeler made a motion at 8:35 PM, seconded by Mr. DeLibro, to move into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter. Mr. John Ponzio, Town Treasurer, was asked to attend the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to exit Executive session was made by Mrs. Deal at 8:50 PM and seconded by Mr. DeLuca. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Guzzi at 8:55 PM; seconded by Mrs. Michaels to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine A. Plumeau
Golf Course Commission Clerk