

**Golf Commission Meeting
June 22, 2009
Minutes**

Members Present: Thomas Galla, Chairman; Owen Evans, Vice-Chairman; Sue Casey; Ron Dray; Don Espach; George Furkiotis; Bruce Gerstman; Tony Johnson

Members Absent: Jim Steidlmayer

Chairman Tom Galla called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

Review and approval of the Minutes

Review and approval of the Minutes of May 18, 2009... There was a motion made by Mr. Furkiotis seconded by Mr. Espach to approve the minutes as is. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Galla asked the Golf Commission to allow the Miklus Foundation to present their proposal before audience participation as part of Old Business. The commission accepted Mr. Galla's request.

Mr. Dave Galla presented the Miklus Center proposal (attached). A discussion ensued regarding who bears the responsibility of cleaning the Training Center. Several Commissioners were very much in favor of the positive publicity the center would bring to the course. Mrs. Kris Miklus informed the Commission that the 501(3)(C) was approved recently and she was proud to say that additional members of the Miklus family were going to be getting involved in the Foundation.

The following steps for the Center are that the building be cleaned out and a banner announcing the center be in place for the August 3rd tournament.

Mr. Dray made a motion; seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the proposal for the Miklus Training Center. Motion carried 7 - 1 (Abstain: Evans)

Audience Participation

- Mr. Al Dewalt asked about the status of the Tashua Knolls Golf Course sign on Rt.25 (Main St.). Mr. Brown has had discussions with Mr. Delvecchio and Mr. Dimitri Paris (Parks & Recreation) about its whereabouts and was told Mr. Paris

has the sign and will put it back up. Mr. Dewalt asked about putting the sign up in the new island on Tashua Road. The commission asked Mr. Baldwin about this possibility and Mr. Baldwin replied Long Hill Tree has a small sign currently there and will ask Mr. Jacques if he would allow the golf course to add a Tashua Knolls sign.

- Mrs. Joyce Michaels informed the commission about the Ladies bathroom on the golf course (15th hole). The sensor does not respond consistently to allow for flushing. Mr. Galla asked Mr. Brown to correct the situation. There was discussion about retro fitting the unit to allow for manual flushing.

General Manager Report (Bobby Brown)

Golf Operations:

- May 2009 total rounds were 8273 (Knolls 6093/Glen 2180) compared to May 2008 of 7737 rounds (Knolls 5683/Glen 2054). Total income was \$302,924 compared to \$286,950 in 2008.
- June activity as of Sunday, June 22nd : \$181,574.50 vs. \$246,066.77 (2008)
- 16 rainy days out of 22. We have lost 3 ladies' days and 3 Fridays. The Southern Women's shotgun was cancelled and rescheduled to Monday, August 17th at 8 AM.

May Programs:

- 224 participants in the LPGA Junior Girls Clinics
- 12 participants Adult instructional classes
- 25 participants- Junior clinics
- 28 participants-Spring junior league
- 56 participants-Adult/junior tournament on the Glen
- Equipment Days: June Nike (6/12), Callaway Tour Van (6/19) & PING (6/24)

Tournaments:

- The following tournaments were held in June:
 - St. Thomas Aquinas, 70 players Knolls, 15 players Glen
 - American Legion- 77 players
 - University of Bridgeport- 88 players
 - Southern Women's Golf Association- Rescheduled to August 17th
 - Dylan Fortunato Golf Outing- 74 players
 - Chalkhill School Parent/Junior on the Glen- 56 players

Marketing:

- Ran 2 Ads in CT Post Thursday "Go" sections. Have received calls in response to ad.
- Sent out (3) Email blasts.

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Dray indicated they had not received the e blasts. They may be going into spam. Mr. Gerstman and Mr. Galla asked Mr. Brown to run a test to the commissioners to validate the e blasts.

Golf Course Maintenance:

Labor:

- Director of Operations – Golf Course Properties (Hidalgo Nagashima); Mechanic (Rich Plaveck); Four full-time greensmen (Jeff Cook, Jerry Cook, Chris Gallant, Craig Romano)
- Sixteen part-time greensmen (Latham, Oleyar, DeFrancisco, Goodwin, Walton, Markaj, Kearney, Ebert, Valluzzo, Main, Esposito, Tyborowski, Fisher, Bronsky, Hoepfner, Testani) have been hired to date.
- Three summer seasonal (Matt Matera, Jack Messina & Joe Corsen)

Course Status:

- The practice greens were aerified on May 11th
- The edging, weeding, and rock clearing of the bunkers begins this week. Sand will be added as necessary.
- The cart path paving project is in process.
- Irrigation parts have been ordered for the Knolls.
- Septic system drainage is scheduled for this week.
- A second pond aerator has been repaired and placed in Pond #4.
- Several winter/spring projects have been completed:
 - Catch basin on #8 Knolls.
 - Removed the curb behind #2 Knolls and regraded the area.
 - Sand has been added to the #3 bunker on the Knolls.
 - Work is progressing behind #2 on the Knolls green.
 - Raised the catch basin on #7 on the Knolls.
 - Split rail fence added on #16 Knolls.
 - Railroad ties replaced on #17.
 - The creek on #15 Knolls is 1/3 completed.

Projects:

- Bunker work is ongoing by picking rocks, adding sand and edging.
- The ponds were treated June 2.
- The sprinkler heads were edged on both courses.
- Aerovated and roped off most worn spots on the Knolls
- Sprayed 12 acres of clover/broadleaf control on the Glen
- Creeks through 8, 7, 16 were sprayed
- Drain across Glen 8 tee

Mrs. Casey asked about a hole #7 about a bear spot that is always wet as well as a spot on #4 Knolls. Mr. Nagashima responded that he would look into the matter.

Upcoming Projects:

- Aerify the Glen greens on June 30 with ¼ inch hollow tines
- Aerify the Knolls greens on July 6 with ¼ inch solid tines
- Guard Rail along number 1 Glen
- Sod dead spots on #4 tee Glen and #6 tee Glen

Mr. Gerstman asked for an updated on the 11th Knolls. Mr. Nagashima responded that it is being topdressed once a week and believes the problem has been solved. Mr. Nagashima was very optimistic about the area returning to a green height in the Fall.

Greens Committee (Owen Evans)

- Mr. Evans reported on the status of several projects, some complete and some on-going. He is continuing to meet with Mr. Brown and Mr. Nagashima on the completion of these projects.
- In the discussions a drain behind #2 Knolls green that will require a plumber to snake and the area will be re-graded and the old drainage area will have to be hand dug.

Plant and Facility (Tony Johnson):

- Nine bids were received for the Air Condenser. The winning bid was A&B Mechanical at \$10,150 inclusive of the low ambient control.
- Two sketches were presented to the Commission of the front entry sign at Tashua Knolls Lane. One sketch had a flat top and the second had a step up type top.

Mr. Furkiotis made a motion; seconded by Mr. Johnson to sketch number one with the flat top. Motion carried unanimously.
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- Fairfield Sprinkler performed an inspection on our Fire Supression system.
- Powerpoint Energy submitted a proposal in conjunction with the UI and the State of Connecticut to replace the existing overhead light in the entire golf complex with energy efficient lighting. Because we are a municipality we are eligible for a 3-year 0% financing program from the state. Even with the replacement costs, the estimated electrical savings would result in a positive cash flow of \$222.61 over three years. After that it would result in a positive cash flow or \$551.03 – exclusive of the maintenance on the present overhead lighting/

Mr. Espach made a motion; seconded by Mr. Furkiotis to accept the proposal from Powerpoint Energy Motion carried unanimously.

Food and Beverage:

- None.

Executive (Tom Galla)

- None.

Finance (Don Espach)

- Mr. Espach was optimistic about the revenue to date with the exception of the month of June given the amount of rain. He believes we will finish the year in the black with expenses managed prudently.

Correspondence

- None

New Business

- None.

Old Business

- Mr. Brown brought up the policy of allowing small coolers on the course. Even though this had been brought up in a previous meeting, clarification was needed to determine proper size of a “smaller cooler.” Recommended size was that it had to fit into the back of our existing golf cart baskets – 15” x 6.5” x 12”.
- Mr. Evans asked Mr. Brown about the possibility of a doorway at the bottom of the stairway to the men’s locker room. Mr. Brown will look into it for the next meeting.

Executive Session

A motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter was made at 8:45 PM by Mr. Evans; seconded by Mr. Espach. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:45 PM was made by Mr. Johnson; seconded by Mrs. Casey. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to adjourn at 9:47 PM was made by Mr. Dray; seconded by Mr. Steidlemayer. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Plumeau
Golf Commission Clerk