

AS SUBMITTED

**Golf Commission Meeting
May 18, 2009
Minutes**

Members Present: Thomas Galla, Chairman; Owen Evans, Vice-Chairman (arrived at 7:50 PM); Sue Casey; Ron Dray; Don Espach; George Furkiotis; Tony Johnson; Jim Steidlmayer

Members Absent: Bruce Gerstman

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 April 27, 2009... There was a motion made by Mr. Steidlmayer seconded by Mr. Espach to approve the minutes as is. Motion carried unanimously.

Audience Participation

- None.

General Manager Report (Bobby Brown)

Golf Operations:

- April 2009 rounds were 4033 on the Knolls and 1504 on the Glen compared to 4087 on the Knolls and 1039 on the Glen in 2008. Total income was \$200,814.50 in 2009 compared to \$187,964.92 in 2008.
- May 2009 activity as of the 17th is 3873 rounds vs. 3756 in 2008 on both courses.

Programs:

- 7 LPGA Junior Girls Clinics – average 32 girls per class.
- 12 adult instructional classes
- 32 junior instructional classes
- 4 league events
- 1 adult/junior tournament on the Glen

Tournaments:

- The following tournaments were held in May:
 - Trumbull Father's Club, 76 players (reserved for 2010)
 - Trumbull Police, 120 players
 - Trumbull Rotary, 127 players
 - Men's Club Member/Member, 80 players
- Mr. Galla requested that the Commission consider waiving the greens fees for a junior golfer to participate in a group at the Miklus Memorial Tournament.

<p>Mr. Johnson made a motion; seconded by Mr. Steidle Mayer to waive the greens fee for a junior golfer to participate as the fifth player in a group at the Miklus Memorial Tournament to be held August 3, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
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Marketing:

- E-blast program continues and has shown to be effective.
- A Tashua Golf Show ran on Channel 17 from May 7th to May 13th at 9:00 PM and showcased Bobby Brown in his role as General Manager as well as a tour of the course.
- Several ads will appear in the CT Post the beginning of June focusing on our rate structure, specials and Women in Golf week.
- Tashua will be involved in the GSCA partner program beginning in June. There was a question from Mr. Evans regarding the extent of Tashua's participation and if we were offering any discounts. It has previously been decided that we would monitor our rounds to see if any discounts were warranted. It was noted that rounds have been holding steady and no discounts were necessary at this time, but the situation would be monitored.

Golf Course Maintenance:

Mr. Brown began the Maintenance portion by acknowledging Mr. Nagashima and the Maintenance staff on a job well done on the course. Mr. Galla and Mr. Evans commended the Maintenance staff job as well.

Labor:

- Director of Operations – Golf Course Properties (Hidalgo Nagashima); Mechanic (Rich Plaveck); Four full-time greensmen (Jeff Cook, Jerry Cook, Chris Gallant, Craig Romano)
- Fifteen part-time greensmen (Latham, Oleyar, DeFrancisco, Goodwin, Walton, Markaj, Kearney, Ebert, Valluzzo, Main, Esposito, Tyborowski, Fisher, Bronsky, and Hoepfner) have been hired to date.

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:

- The on-course bathrooms are fully repaired
- Fairfield Sprinkler is scheduled to clean and inspect the fire suppression system.
- An AT&T phone problem system has been identified in the message system at the course. Work is continuing on the problem.
- Mr. DeVecchio of the Public Works Department has advised us that the work on the front entrance will commence shortly. Mr. Paris of the Parks Department has been asked to provide a schematic of the new sign prior to the Golf Commission proceeding with the project.
- Mr. Nagashima has met with the UI regarding replacing the lampposts on the driveway and circle with more aesthetically pleasing ones at no additional cost to the course.

Mrs. Casey asked how often the bunkers were raked. Mr. Nagashima replied that it was every other day during the week and every Saturday and Sunday. The bunkers are marked for additional sand and sifting under the new fiscal budget.

Mr. Johnson asked that the divot boxes be filled more often.

Mr. Johnson also gave kudos out to the ranger staff and in particular Mr. Robert Scott for a recent Wednesday when play was held up. Mr. Scott took it upon himself to move one group up and personally apologize to the groups behind in order to improve pace-of-play. Mr. Johnson was very pleased with the professionalism of Mr. Scott.

Greens Committee (Owen Evans)

- Mr. Evans reported on the status of the #11 green that was repaired over the winter. After discussions with Mr. Brown and Mr. Nagashima, it was decided to leave the area as an approach until the fall. The area is continuing to settle and is being topdressed regularly. Cutting the grass short before the area has completely recovered will cause the turf to be scalped. It was agreed that signage will be placed around the course to advise golfers of the situation.
- Mr. Evans has asked Mr. Brown to investigate the possibility of adding another door at the bottom of the stairs so that it would not be necessary to enter the men's locker room in order to gain access to the downstairs areas.

Plant and Facility (Tony Johnson):

- Mr. Lupkus of the Engineering department has prepared bid specifications for a replacement 15-ton condenser at the clubhouse.

Food and Beverage:

- Mr. Evans asked about a complaint received from the recent Trumbull Police tournament. The issue was tabled for Executive Session.

Executive (Tom Galla)

- None.

Finance (Don Espach)

- The fiscal year is looking good. Rounds are tracking to date on par with last year. Revenue is doing well and expenditures are doing very well. With 1-1/2 months to go in the fiscal year, we are on track to finish in the black.

Miklus Committee (Ron Dray)

- The Miklus Training Center Building Committee will submit a proposal at the June Commission meeting.

Correspondence

- A letter was received from Mr. Tom Farrelly who attended the recent Trumbull Fathers Club tournament. As a first time golfer to Tashua, Mr. Farrelly was very impressed with the course and the food at Tashua Knolls.

New Business

- None.

Old Business

- Mr. Evans asked for a clarification of the time of the rack policy. Even though the rack has been discussed and policy set at previous meetings, it was determined that a motion was necessary in order to make the policy official.

Mr. Johnson made a motion; seconded by Mr. Evans to establish the Rack Policy as follows: An individual cannot put their name on the rack list prior to 3:00 PM and the individual must remain on site and be present at 6:00 PM in order to book a time. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

A motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter was made at 8:55 PM by Mr. Evans; seconded by Mr. Espach. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:15 PM was made by Mr. Johnson; seconded by Mrs. Casey. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to adjourn at 9:17 PM was made by Mr. Dray; seconded by Mr. Steidlemayer. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Plumeau
Golf Commission Clerk