

**AS APPROVED**

**Golf Commission Meeting  
January 28, 2008  
Minutes**

**Members Present:** Tom Galla, Chairman; Don Miklus, Vice Chairman; Sue Casey; Don Espach; Owen Evans; George Furkiotis; Bruce Gerstman

**Members Absent:** Tony Johnson; Jim Steidlmayer

Chairman Tom Galla called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Mr. Galla took the opportunity to welcome Mr. Don Espach as the newest member of the Golf Commission.

**Review and approval of the Minutes**

Review and approval of the Minutes of December 17, 2007 ... There was a motion made by Mr. Gerstman seconded by Mr. Miklus to approve the minutes with the change on page 2 under Projects to read A&A Paving paved the path behind the green on Knolls # "3". Motion carried unanimously.

Review and approval of the Minutes of December 27, 2007 ... There was a motion made by Mr. Furkiotis seconded by Mrs. Casey to approve the minutes as is. Motion carried unanimously.

**Election of Officers**

Mr. Miklus moved to nominate Tom Galla as Chairman, seconded by Mr. Furkiotis. There being no further nominations, the clerk cast one unanimous ballot for Tom Galla.

Mr. Miklus thanked Mr. Galla for his work and dedication leading the Golf Commission for the past several years and his willingness to lead the golf course into the future.

Mr. Galla moved to nominate Don Miklus as Vice-Chairman, seconded by Mr. Gerstman. There being no further nominations, the clerk cast one unanimous ballot for Don Miklus.

Mr. Galla took the opportunity to thank Mr. Miklus for his 32 years of service to the Golf Commission and in particular all of his dedication to the financial operations of the golf course.

## **Audience Participation**

- Mr. Dan Lynch of Mattatuck Consulting presented the Commission with printed copies of the new golf course brochure. He reported that he would personally deliver a supply of the brochures to the Trumbull Marriott. He will also meet with Mr. Brown and Mrs. Plumeau to determine a plan to distribute the brochures to the surrounding area.

## **Director of Golf Course Property Report (Hidalgo Nagashima)**

Mr. Evans will report for Mr. Nagashima under the Greens Committee.

## **Golf Pro/Director of Golf Report (Bobby Brown)**

Mr. Jon Janik, Assistant Golf Professional, gave the report for Mr. Brown.

### **Pro Shop:**

- ATK Golf Services is advertising for an assistant golf professional. The leading candidate is Scott Targowski who is the former PGA Head Professional at Oxford Greens. During the 2007 season, Mr. Targowski worked with the junior summer camps and lessons.

### **Tournaments:**

- We have received contracts/commitments from eleven organizations.
- We have pending commitments from six organizations.

### **Golf Cars – GPS Update:**

- Mr. Brown had previously submitted to the Commissioners a 5-year lease contract from Ranger Plus to provide a GPS system for 80 golf carts. The cost of the lease is approximately \$37,800 per year. The first year of the contract is reimbursed fully by Ranger Plus and we will split the advertising income with Ranger Plus 50/50 for the remainder of the lease.
- The topic was tabled for further discussion under Executive Session.

## **Greens Committee (Owen Evans)**

### **Tashua Glen Update:**

- Cart path barriers have been installed on #3, 6 and 7 paths and match the previous barriers on the bridges.
- Foliage has been pruned from the back of greens #5, 7 and 8. Additional work will be done in back of #4 and 6 greens and #2 tee.
- Additional trees have been removed to allow sunlight and air flow. More trees are scheduled to be removed.

- The drain hole in back of #3 green has been repaired and covered with dirt. The hole will be topdressed and seeded in the spring. Curbing to the right of #3 green has been cut to allow water drainage.
- The knoll to the left of #4 tees has been reseeded.
- Winter blankets were placed on #7 and 8 greens.
- Approximately 3/4s of the wood behind #7 green has been removed.
- Brush and an old power pole have been removed from the left of the #9 cart path.

**Tashua Knolls Update:**

- Drainage issues on the corner of #18 will be addressed – weather and frozen ground conditions permitting.
- Shortening the bunker on #3 will be done – weather and time permitting.
- Pond maintenance has been contracted for and will be ready to go in the spring.

**Other:**

- Snow fences have been put up around the practice and other greens.
- The clubhouse septic tank has been cleaned. Rotor Rooter will be called in to make a video of the drainage pipe under the clubhouse floor.
- The parking lot light conduits have been installed, as have the light bases. We are awaiting installation of the actual lights from the UI.
- There has been some damage to the course from construction equipment, which will be repaired in early spring.

**House Committee (Tony Johnson)**

- Mr. Miklus reported that Mr. Faustini, Concessionaire, was billed through December 2007 for all utilities.

**Executive (Tom Galla)**

- None.

**Finance (Don Miklus)**

- The budget was submitted to Town Hall. Mr. Miklus received a copy of the Town of Trumbull financials as of 6/30/07. The reports showed the golf course had net assets of approximately \$2 million and a fund balance of approximately \$327,000.

**Correspondence**

- Mr. Galla received a letter from Mr. Baldwin, First Selectman, informing Mr. Tony Johnson that the Trumbull Town Council has reappointed him to the Golf Commission for a term expiring December 3, 2012.

- Mr. Galla received a letter from Mr. Baldwin, First Selectman, informing Mr. Don Espach that the Trumbull Town Council has appointed him to the Golf Commission to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Frank Burke for a term expiring December 1, 2008.

Mr. Evans made a motion; seconded by Mr. Gerstman to approve the Women's Golf Association 18-holers request to change their SNEWGA Tournament with a shotgun start at 8:00 AM from Tuesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at resident rates to Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Evans made a motion; seconded by Mr. Miklus to approve the Tashua Knolls Golf Club requests for the 2008 season as follows: 1) May 18, One Day Member/Member, shotgun start; 2) May 31, June 1, 14, and 15, Presidents Cup; 3) June 20, Tashua Glen, shotgun start, Master's Par 3 Tournament; 4) June 21 and 22, Two Day Member/Member, shotgun start; 5) July 26, 27 and August 2, 3, Club Championship; 6) August 16 and 17, Two Day Member/guest, shotgun start, resident rates; 7) September 13 and 20, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ryder Cup, 14 tee times. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Doug Blohm, VP Men's Club, informed the Commission that he has worked with Mr. Faustini to arrange the food for the above tournaments. Mr. Blohm felt that the price of the food was getting rather high and it was getting very difficult to pay for some of the functions. Under the terms of Gralor, Inc.'s contract, the House Committee will look into the cost of the restaurant food.

### **New Business**

- None.

### **Old Business**

- None.

### **Executive Session**

A motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter was made at 8:10 PM by Mr. Miklus; seconded by Mrs. Casey. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:45 PM was made by Mr. Furkiotis; seconded by Mr. Gerstman. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Furkiotis, seconded by Mr. Evans to approve a bonus of \$10,000 for the Head Golf Professional pursuant to the terms of his contract for service performed in 2007. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Espach approve a salary of \$91,000 for calendar year 2008 for the Director of Golf Course Properties pursuant to the terms of his contract for service performed in 2007. Motion passed unanimously.

During the Executive Session a discussion was held as to the merits of the GPS system in the golf carts. The Commission reached a consensus that the deal was too risky as there was no guarantee in the amount of advertising dollars that could be recouped. The Commission asked Mr. Janik to contact Ranger Plus to advise them that we would not be going forward with the GPS system.

A motion to adjourn at 9:55 PM was made by Mrs. Casey; seconded by Mr. Evans. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Plumeau  
Golf Commission Clerk