

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

Members Present: Tom Galla, Chairman; Owen Evans, Vice-Chairman; Sue Casey; Don Espach; Bruce Gerstman; Tony Johnson; Jim Steidlmayer

Members Absent: George Furkiotis

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 March 24, 2008... There was a motion made by Mr. Evans seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the minutes as is. Motion carried unanimously.
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Audience Participation

- Mr. Jeffrey Cook, greensman at Tashua Knolls, began by thanking the Commissioners for their work on behalf of the golf course. He stated that he and his brother, Jerry Cook, greensman, previously met with Mr. Nagashima to discuss their job responsibilities. Mr. Nagashima had informed Mr. Cook that he would no longer be working exclusively on the rough mowers and now other employees would also handle the job. Mr. Cook stated that he felt using the rough mower was an art form and he very much enjoyed doing it. He said he didn't have a problem doing any other job but felt he had earned the privilege of using the rough mower due to his years of service at Tashua. He also felt that other employees might not do as good a job as he on the rough mower. Mr. Galla thanked Mr. Cook for his comments but stated that Mr. Nagashima has the responsibility for running the grounds crew. Mr. Galla also stated that the Commission had the utmost confidence in Mr. Nagashima and his handling of the crew.

Director of Golf Course Property Report (Hidalgo Nagashima)

Labor:

- Director of Operations – Golf Course Properties
- Superintendent
- Mechanic

- Four full-time greensmen
- Six part-time greenskeepers

Maintenance Department Outline:

- With six part-time greenskeepers on staff, the operation has been running lean. The seasonal hiring will ramp up now due to several projects that need to be completed.
- The greens and tees on the Glen have been aerated.
- The new 4-yardage markers have been installed.
- The bunker on #3 Knolls is finished and should be open by May 3rd.
- The practice area bunker is being remade and should be finished by mid next week. The bunker will be re-shaped slightly due to golfers walking up the face.
- Ponds #4 and 5 have been treated for algae.
- The non-slip surface has been applied to the wooded stairs on #12 and the bridges on #8 and #15 on the Knolls.

Projects:

- The clubhouse and the old cart barn will be painted.
- The old cart barn has been cleaned out and the equipment re-arranged.
- The parking lot is due to be paved in a few weeks. The lights in the lot are working and appear to be illuminating the ground well.
- There are several low spots in the fairways that are being fixed.

Mrs. Casey asked about the ropes on the fairways and said that some ropes did not allow adequate openings to get through. Mr. Nagashima said that he believed he has addressed the issue but will check to make sure. Mrs. Casey also reported that the condition of the Glen was beautiful.

Golf Pro/Director of Golf Report (Jon Janik)

Overview:

- The golf course is off to a great 2008 season with the exceptionally warm weather. To date we have only lost two days to rain. Last April's income has already been surpassed. The official opening days were March 20th for the Knolls and April 11th for the Glen.

Operations:

- The tee time cancellation policy being strictly enforced. All players have 24 hours to cancel or amend a tee time, if not a \$20 fee will be charged.
- Ranger staff is improving with the addition of six new employees. A team is being assembled specifically for the Glen.
- Mr. Ron Nihoff, Customer Fitting/Equipment Assistant, has been a positive addition to the staff.
- Security cameras are being installed by ATK in the Pro Shop.
- One of our computers in the Pro Shop is running slow and may have to be replaced.
- Signage is being developed for the Glen, practice range, and key areas on the Knolls.

Tournaments:

- The 2008 outing season will begin on May 5th with St. Thomas Aquinas who will have 80 players on the Knolls and 24 players on the Glen.
- May tournaments will also include the Trumbull Rotary and Trumbull Police – two of our larger outings.
- The Trumbull Republicans changed the date of their outing and the Oronoque Men's Club has booked an outing on the Glen for June 9th.

Greens Committee (Owen Evans)

- Mr. Evans asked that he be contacted personally if any Commissioner felt that there was some area of the Greens that needed attention.
- Mr. Johnson asked about a bunker on #10 that he felt was eroding into the collar. Mr. Nagashima reported that he would look into it. Mr. Evans stated that both he and Mr. Nagashima were aware of the fact that several of the bunkers need work. Mr. Nagashima was working with his crew to better train his staff on bunker maintenance.

House Committee (Tony Johnson)

- Mr. Johnson will work with Mr. Nagashima on the painting of the clubhouse and cart barn.

Executive (Tom Galla)

- Mr. Galla stated that the Commission would go into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter.

Finance (Don Espach)

- Mr. Espach noted that a meeting had been held to review the current budget. Overall finances are in pretty good shape. Expenditures are below budget and revenue is slightly less than anticipated. Another finance meeting will be held in May but Mr. Espach was cautiously optimistic.
- The 2008/09 budget was approved as last announced. The Town Council did not reinstate the \$5,000 professional development funds that were asked for.

Correspondence

- None

New Business

- None

Old Business

- Mr. Galla handed out the Town of Trumbull Code of Ethics booklet to any new Commissioner who had not previously had one.

Executive Session

A motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter was made at 8:00 PM by Mr. Johnson seconded by Mr. Gerstman. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:20 PM was made by Mr. Espach; seconded by Mr. Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to adjourn at 8:24 PM was made by Mrs. Casey; seconded by Mr. Steidlemayer. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Plumeau
Golf Commission Clerk