

**Golf Commission Meeting  
February 22, 2010  
Minutes**

**Members Present:** Don Espach, Chairman; Owen Evans, Vice-Chairman; Ron Dray; George Furkiotis; Dave Galla; Bruce Gerstman

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

Don Espach called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

**Review and approval of the Minutes:**

Review and approval of the Minutes of January 25, 2010 ... There was a motion made by Mr. Evans seconded by Mr. Galla to approve the minutes as is. Motion carried unanimously.
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**Audience Participation:**

- Mr. John Gueterman, incoming President of the Sr. Men's Club, took the opportunity to introduce himself to the Commission.

**Director of Golf Course Properties Report (Hidalgo Nagashima):**

**Labor:**

- Director of Operations – Golf Course Properties (Hidalgo Nagashima); Mechanic (Rich Plaveck); Four full-time greensmen (Jeff Cook, Jerry Cook, Chris Gallant, Craig Romano)

**Maintenance Department Outline:**

- Equipment maintenance is ongoing. All reel sharpening and servicing will be complete this week on all greens, tee and fairway mowers. Only the rough units are left to be serviced.
- Snow mold spray was complete on January 26 on all the greens and the tees on the Knolls 8 and 9. The sprayer was winterized.
- The majority of the tree work is complete. Long Hill worked for four days and will work for one more. An additional day for stump grinding will be scheduled.

The focus will now be to remove the remaining wood and brush from the course.

- A drainage ditch has been dug from the 2<sup>nd</sup> green to the 3<sup>rd</sup> tee on the Knolls. A catch basin and drainage pipe will be installed to remove the water from behind the 2<sup>nd</sup> green.
- The water level by the 15<sup>th</sup> green has been lowered by approximately 8 inches due to re-grading. Hopefully this will dry up the wet spot in the rough.
- Mr. Nagashima recently attended the GCSAA Conference in San Diego where he attended seminars on bunker maintenance, irrigation technology and water maintenance. An interesting fact presented at the bunker seminar is that the majority of courses allocate a much high percentage of resources to the maintenance of their bunkers than Tashua Knolls.

#### **Green Committee (Owen Evans):**

- The Green Committee will be meeting after the Commission meeting to update the winter work list.

#### **Head Professional Report (Jon Janik):**

##### **Golf Operations:**

- The professional staff will return to work on Monday, March 1.
- I.D. cards will begin to be sold on Saturday, March 13, when the pro shop opens for business.

##### **Pro Shop:**

- The professional staff recently attended the PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando. The reports from the golf industry for the 2009 season are that rounds are up at public and municipal courses, rounds at private courses are down, and retail sales are down as well.
- The POS terminals have been updated and prepared for the 2010 season. Expired rain checks from the 2009 season have been deleted.

##### **Instructional Programs:**

- Mr. Janik is working with the EWGA to determine dates and times for clinics and will attend their March 14 Tee-Off Luncheon.
- Dave Bove is developing ideas for new adult programs.
- Junior program sign-ups will begin on March 13.

#### **General Manager Report (Bobby Brown):**

- Mr. Brown has returned to work for the 2010 season.
- A memo was received from the First Selectman informing all departments of a Departmental Line Item Expenditures and Hiring Freeze.

#### **House Committee (Tony Johnson):**

- Three estimates were obtained for the replacement of the windows in the pro shop. The lowest bid was in the range of \$1,900.
- We will be obtaining quotes for the repair of the porch ceilings at the clubhouse.

**Finance** (Dave Galla):

- The budget received from the First Selectman was essentially intact with some reductions due to the renegotiation of our debt.
- The Golf Commission budget hearing before the Board of Finance is scheduled for Tuesday, March 2.
- Preliminary audited reports for the last fiscal year have been issued but require some clarification.

**Correspondence:**

- A memo was received from Kristine Miklus of the Miklus Foundation updating the Commission that the Foundation is ready to proceed with obtaining three estimates to begin work on the Indoor Training Center. Mrs. Miklus met with the First Selectman who expressed his support for the work of the Foundation. The Miklus Tournament is scheduled for August 2<sup>nd</sup> and Mr. Janik will once again chair the event.

**Old Business:**

- After the discussions from the January Commission Meeting, several changes were made in the Trumbull Municipal Golf Regulations. The changes were circulated to the Commission. A few of the changes were discussed and a few modifications were made.

Mr. Galla made a motion; seconded by Mr. Gerstman to approve the Trumbull Municipal Golf Regulations of the Trumbull Golf Course Commission with the modifications discussed. Motion carried unanimously.

- Mr. Espach presented the Commission with a Policy Statement on Solicitations.

Mr. Dray made a motion; seconded by Mr. Furkiotis to approve the Golf Course Commission's Policy Statement on Solicitations as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**New Business:**

- None

A motion to adjourn at 9:16 PM was made by Mr. Evans; seconded by Mr. Galla. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Plumeau  
Golf Commission Clerk