

**Golf Commission Meeting
June 28, 2010
Minutes**

Members Present: Don Espach, Chairman; Owen Evans, Vice-Chairman; Ron Dray; Jim Steidlmayer; Jonathan Turk; Bruce Gerstman; Tony Johnson

Members Absent: George Furkiotis; Dave Galla

Don Espach called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

Review and approval of the Minutes:

Review and approval of the Minutes of May 24, 2010...A motion made by Mr. Johnson seconded by Mr. Dray to approve the minutes as is. Motion carried unanimously.
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Audience Participation: None

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)
- Ten part-time greensman (Hoepfner, Markaj, Kearney, Goodwin, DeFrancisco, Ebert, Oleyar, Valuzzo, Main, Quinn)
- Seven Summer Seasonal (Bird, Bronsky, Fischer, Doyle, Tyboroski, Kish, Testani)

Maintenance Department Outline:

- Overall the course is in good shape. The greens are getting better and are rolling more consistently and speeding up. The Glen greens are good.
- All Greenside bunkers have been edged.
- Irrigation continues to be monitored.
- A major storm struck the golf course on Thursday June 24. Several trees were knocked down along with limbs and other debris. The maintenance staff and Long Hill Tree cleaned up the course.

Maintenance Department Follow Up:

- Pond number 4 was treated with success for lily pads. All ponds will be inspected and treated for algae as needed this week.

- Our gardener is pruning up trees that strike the tops of carts..

Green Committee (Owen Evans):

- Mr. Evans informed the commission of the paving plan for fiscal year 2010-11. It includes paving #1 by the tee, extending the cart paths on 11 (by the green) and 16 (by the tee). Also repairs to cart paths on 1 and 9 Glen.

Head Professional Report (Jon Janik):

Tournaments:

- May 24th – St. Vincent’s Special Needs – 217 participants
- June 7th – American Legion – 88 participants
- June 14th – University of Bridgeport – 88 participants
- June 21st – Dylan Fortunato – 75 participants
- June 26th-27th – Men’s Club 2-Day Member-Member – 80 participants
- June 28th – U.S. Kids – 54 participants

Pro Shop:

- July 4th apparel sales continue to help move merchandise. Men’s shirts are currently 25% off and all ladies apparel is 40% off.

Instructional Programs:

- Adult Programs:
 - EWGA clinics were completed June 4th
 - The first ladies golf school was held on April 18th. It was very successful with 9 attendees.
 - Adult clinics continue to see good participation
- Junior Programs:
 - Summer Camp - Begins June 29th and will continue through the end of August.
 - Junior Golf Club - Events begin July 8th and continue through the end of August. This group will be playing 9-hole events on the Knolls Course on Thursday afternoons this season, with one event being played on a Saturday in the third wave
- Afternoon and weekend programs: Participation was down slightly in June, but will be increasing back to a normal level for July. End of school functions have been cited as a main cause for the decline.

General Manager Report (Bobby Brown):

Golf Operations:

- May 2010 rounds: 8189 (Knolls – 5872; Glen 2317) vs. 7987 in 2009

- Superior effort by Mr. Nagashima and staff to clean up damage from June 24 wind storm. Golf Staff worked with no power on Friday selling green fees from the porch. Chairman Espach commented on the fine jobs performed by Mr. Brown and Mr. Nagashima and their respective staffs.

Plant & Facility:

- The solar light at the bottom of Tashua Knolls Lane is working.
- Mr. Marsilio and Ms. Pires will investigate the Tashua Knolls sign at Route 25 and Tashua Road.
- PDI security update was conducted on June 17th.
- The funds for attic insulation will be requested to be encumbered by Mr. Brown at the July BOF meeting.
- Fore Net will evaluate driving range net.

House Committee (Tony Johnson):

- Quotes are being solicited for repair to the exterior and interior of the maintenance building. Repairs would include new siding, repairs to the interior of Mr. Nagashima’s office as well as creation of an employee break room in the area of the storage room.
- Attic insulation will be scheduled to be completed in the “off-season” with a proposed month of November.

Finance

- Mr. Espach reported that as the fiscal year is coming to a close, we should be comfortably in the black for the year. Revenues are tracking slightly ahead of last year and expenses are tracking below budget. We are awaiting the final revenue and expense figures for June.

Correspondence: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Mr. Brown proposed a weekend special to attract more golfers during underutilized third wave times. The special would be for 9 holes starting at 3:39 pm off the back 9 and would run until 5 pm. At 5 pm the 9 hole special would continue on the front nine. The rate for the special (including a cart) would be \$20 for residents and \$25 for non-residents.

Mr. Steidlmayer made a motion; seconded by Mr. Evans, to approve the 3rd wave nine hole special as outlined by Mr. Brown. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Evans made a motion at 8:40 PM, seconded by Mr. Steidlmayer, to move into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to exit Executive session was made by Mr. Evans at 8:45 PM and seconded by Mr. Steidlmayer. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Gerstman, seconded by Mr. Evans, to grant a 2% raise to Mr. Nagashima, effective July 1. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Gerstman at 8:50 PM, seconded by Mr. Steidlmayer to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Espach
Chairman – Golf Commission