

Harwich Golf Committee
April 19, 2022
Via Zoom Meeting

Meeting called to order at 4:00PM

Present: Clem Smith, Steve Bilotta, Jack Connolly, John Crook, Martha Duffy, Carol Fuller, and Paul White

Absent:

Invited Guest: Roman Greer (Director of Golf)

Public: Debbie Heffernan, Leo Heffernan

Motion made by Ms. Fuller, to approve the December minutes. Seconded by Mr. White.
Unanimous vote (7-0)

Director's Report:

- CV has two articles on the warrant for Town Meeting
 - Design and feasibility study for a 3-hole short course and putting complex
 - Change in the Revolving Fund to allow expenditure for driving range expenses
- The cost for a new maintenance truck was approved by the Board of Selectmen (BOS) through ARPA Funds.
- JJ Cardossi is preparing a quote for re-skinning the maintenance buildings
- Mark Mungeum is coming out this week to give assessment on tee boxes to provide information to have Mass Golf come back this Summer for re-rating and yardage changes.
- Brewster Ironworks is fabricating an electric gate for the front entrance.
- On the maintenance side, the course opened on March 18th.
 - Greens have been aerated
 - New electric cart fleet started April 2nd
 - Bouse Houses were delivered April 15th
- On the operations side, non-member tee times can be booked online for the entire season (previously could only be booked online 3 weeks out).
 - A hat display unit has been ordered as part of the continued upgrade of the Pro Shop renovation.
 - Jake Rooney's won the restaurant bid and scheduled to open late April
- Mr. Greer showed the Committee how the GPS on the carts are tracked by the Operations Staff.
- A new covering for the rental push carts was built by maintenance
- A Women's Championship board was created to match the Men's Championship board. Funds for new boards and updating will come from tournament entry fees

- Membership sales are ahead of pace compared to 2021 which was a high
- Ms. Fuller questions how the feasibility study became a warrant article and wanted to know what the return on investment would be.
 - It was a warrant article in 2019, but was shelved because it wasn't deemed essential after the tornado, and then Covid-19, events.
 - The study was discussed and approved by the Golf Committee back in 2019
 - Ms. Duffy would like to go back to the minutes in 2019 to see if vote was taken by the Committee
 - Mr. Greer mentioned there are grant opportunities that would build the short course/putting complex at no expense to CV.
- Mr. Crook had a few questions
 - Are we receiving the benefits of the solar panels yet? (Credits being applied to pump house account. Working on spreading credits to all accounts to figure out savings).
 - On the Town Meeting warrant, Article 44 says Town Administrator will administer revolving funds (TA can designate person to approve expenditures. No difference from current procedures).
 - Tree work and bunker restoration? (Tree work comes out of budget, bunker restoration has already been allocated and bid will go out in the Fall).
- Mr. White had some questions about the restaurant.
 - When will they open and will any of the previous staff be rehired? (Those that want to come back are doing interviews. Some chose not to come back).
- Mr. Smith asked the Committee for a motion to send a thank you acknowledgment to Ron Leidner and staff.
 - Motion made by Mr. White. Seconded by Ms. Fuller. Vote 6-1 in favor (Mr. Billotta a no).
- Mr. Bilotta had some suggestions/comments about the new carts.
 - Radio reception is not good.
 - The GPS does not show other carts location on the course which is needed for blind shots. Can we research why that isn't an option.
- Mr. Bilotta questioned the timing of how the restaurant lease came about. Feels the timeline was not good enough to have an operator in place in time for the start of the season.

New Business:

- Mr. Greer gave a rundown of the events being held at CV this year.
- Former Golf Committee member Tom Johnson will be honored at the Salute Military Golf event next month.

- The First Tee will be led by Gordon Napier and held on Wednesday's from June 29th – August 17th.
 - The program is open to Monomoy middle schoolers in the Spring and Fall.
 - The program is open to all kids in the Summer program.
- Mr. White made a motion to endorse the First Tee program's schedule to be on course on a couple of days during the Summer. Seconded by Mr. Bilotta.
 - Ms. Fuller wanted an adult to accompany the juniors
 - Mr. Greer shared a memo from The Toro Company has an incentive for discounts if a facility dedicates 250 or more hours to a First Tee program.
 - VOTE was unanimous (7-0).

Old Business:

- Discussion of a Vision Statement was discussed
 - Ms. Fuller wanted to table discussion until the Committee can meet in person
 - Mr. Greer was asked for his thoughts on the Vision Statement
 - He feels the Vision Statement should be very simple and not rehashing the Mission Statement
 - Example – The best place to learn, play and enjoy golf on Cape Cod.
 - Ms. Duffy agrees with Mr. Greer
- The Committee will look to finalize a Vision Statement at the May meeting.
- Mr. Bilotta asked about the status of a Pace Technology app to give walkers the GPS capabilities the riders have
 - Mr. Greer mentioned that is in the works
- Mr. Connolly asked about rangers on the course this year now that the carts can be tracked by the Operations Staff
 - There is no plan to hire rangers at this point. It can change if there is a need.
- Pace of play is set at 4 hours 15 minutes.

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Duffy. Seconded by Mr. White. Unanimous vote 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:31 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Serijan, HGC Secretary