

Minutes of the Harwich Golf Committee Meeting
September 22, 2015

Meeting called to order at 4:00 PM

Present – Clem Smith, Tom Johnson, John Moretti, and
Martha Duffy.

Absent – Jeff Williams, John Crook, Bob Kingsbury

Invited Guests – Roman Greer & Shawn Fernandez

Consent Agenda:

*Tom Johnson motion to approve special Executive session
minutes & regular August meeting minutes. Second by
Martha Duffy Vote 4-0*

Directors Report by Roman Greer:

- Ladies had their member/guest tournament that was a great turn out. A good time was had by all.
- Ladies 9 holers had their Cranberry Bowl that was also a good turn out
- PGA Jr. League Tournament was last week. 4 teams in the 8 -13 yr old division, from New York, Massachusetts, Vermont and Connecticut. The Connecticut team won and will now go to Orlando Fl for the finals. Everyone raved about how great the course is. The PGA official was very impressed with

- the course which could lead to more PGA involvement at CV in the future.
- The Men's sweeps have their 3 day Ryder Cup coming up.
 - Ladies also had their Sohlhiem Cup
 - Running a weekday special right now of \$50 including a cart.

Superintendent's Report by Shawn Fernandez:

- All fairways are done
 - finished the fgreens in October
 - Course is exactly where it should be, soil test is right on target and PH is right where it should be
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- Major projects underway
 - Tee Work
 - cart Path work
 - Drainage work

Tom Johnson asks if the Audubon is any closer to being completed. Mr. Fernandez says there are a few projects holding it up right now. Things like the pond and solar energy takes time and money to complete so it won't happen for a while.

Mr. Smith asks if he has been able to set the warning signal on hole 12. Mr. Fernandez said he just got it and needs to get the electrical set up properly before it's installed.

Old Business:

Memberships Rates & fees:

Recommendations from Mr. Greer

- Raise green fees by \$2 across the board and capture the \$2 in anticipation of paying a note on the future cart barn project.
- Raise cart fees \$1 across the board for the same as above
- Offer a 9 hole rate on Thursday on Sunday afternoons. These are the slowest times on the golf course and may allow us to fill in some gaps on the tee sheet. This should also appeal to the senior, beginner and family golfers who are looking for 9 hole options.
- Offer first hour back 9 to public (currently members or accompanied guests only) in all months except July and August.
- 10% active Military discount
- Move twilight from 3:30 to 4PM in June, July and August. Results of which will extend Mid-Day Rate from 1-4PM
- Encourage more members to become range members by lowering the rate from \$300 down to \$250. Raise the price of member buckets (small bucket from \$2.50 to \$3. and Large from \$4 to \$5)

Warrant Article Update:

1. Cart pathing by 12th men's tee box will be taken - stumps removed - and will become grass
2. Drainage work on #10 fairway
3. #13 green on left is always wet so they will drop the apron down so it drains better

Top of #10 Tee irrigation will be taken out, leveled and rebuilt along with the 14th tee box

4. Irrigation pond no decision made

4:50 Bob Kingsbury arrives

New Business:

Ladies Golf Association monthly report by Martha Duffy
Mr. Greer covered everything that's going on with the Ladies group right now.

Ladies 9 Hole group will have their Invitational on Sept 29th

Men's Golf Association monthly report by Jack Connolly
Mr. Greer covered this as well

Contract Renewal for the Restaurant:

The current contract will be up in the spring. The committee needs to decide if they are going to extend a 1 year add on to Mr. Philbrick. There have been a few issues with the restaurant that need to be addressed at the next regular meeting that Mr. Philbrick will be at.

- Staffing has still been an issue
- Hours of service has not been what it should be per the contract
- Consistency of food on the turn and off the menu has been limited. Always out of items on the menu
- Ladies have not been happy with the functions they have done

Contract Renewal for Golf Instruction:

Mr. Greer feels this worked out great this year. Mr. Miller was very happy with it also. Mr. Miller would like to renew for next year as well with a multiyear contract. The committee needs to decide if they want to do this and at what price.

Mr. Smith asks Mr. Fernandez to address the article that came out in the paper about being asked to give a quote to do the schools fields.

Mr. Fernandez explains he was simply asked by the Town Administrator to put together a quote as to what it would cost to do the school fields. It was nothing more than a quote with no commitment to do anything else. He

understands this was talked about with the committee in the past and it was decided it would not be done.

He has not committed to doing anything at this point and just simply put together a quote. The committee feels they were by - passed in the way this came about.

Public Comment:

Connie Mahady feels the Driving Range membership at \$250 is still to high for a family that is paying for 2 memberships and would also like to get 2 Range memberships.

Motion to adjourn by Tom Johnson, Second by Martha Duffy. Vote 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Jenn Heath, HGC Secretary