

Minutes of the Harwich Golf Committee

Tuesday July 15, 2014 Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm

Present: Clem Smith, Tom Johnson, John Moretti, John Crook, Martha Duffy, Bob Kingsbury and Jeff Williams.

Invited guests: Dennis Hoye and Shawn Fernandez

Consent Agenda: Approval of June minutes - motion to approve by John Crook, second by Bob Kingsbury. Vote 7-0

New Business: MGA Amateur Public Links Championship will be on August 5-6.

Director of Golf report by Dennis Hoye: met with the women's 18 hole group in June with regards to issues that related to the ladies bathroom. They had some concerns with the cleanliness of the restrooms and feel they also need to be redone. He has already budgeted an amount of money for this to be done in the new budget cycle that as of July 1st is available. Dennis has met with the new Town building maintenance director about making a prioritized list of what needs to be done at the course.

Sori Belz- membership chair of the Ladies 18 hole group spoke.

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The ladies have 2 major concerns in regards to the restrooms:

1. Improvement of space on what they feel is a health and safety issue
2. the maintenance and cleaning or lack of cleaning in the restrooms* the ladies sub committee got estimates on renovating the restrooms just to see what it would cost to have them redone. The estimates do not include redoing the floors or adding a bench.* the rims of the sinks have filth and dirt under them, there is rust on the stalls, mold and mildew on the floors and dust everywhere. Sinks are not even level or square so there is always water on the counter and therefore the paper towels that are on the count get wet.

Martha Duffy asked Dennis Hoyer who is in charge of cleaning, and when/how often it is done. Dennis explained that he has a cleaning company that come every day, either early in the morning or late at night. In the money he has budgeted he does plan in getting the floors, sinks and stalls redone, he also is looking into a new hand drying system. Possibly the blow drying system rather than paper towels.

John Moretti feels since the ladies have taken the time to come to the committee and already done some leg work on this that it is only appropriate that the committee take this seriously and this issue should be addressed immediately. Since the money is now available the work should be done right now and this issue should be taken care of now. Jeff Williams comments that he looked at the re-

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restrooms and feels as though the concern the ladies have is very valid. The restrooms are dirty and this is something that can be taken care of right away with the cleaning company. As far as doing any renovations right now is not the time.

In the winter when the course is not busy would be the optimal time for this to be taken care of not in the middle of the season. Clem Smith asks Sori Belz if the ladies would be satisfied for the time being if the cleanliness issue were to be taken care of right away if they would be satisfied with that for the time being.

Knowing that in the off season the renovations would be taken care of. Sori says that would be fine for the time being. Sue Stinson asks if there is a cleaning company that takes care of the bathrooms and they still look like this then why hasn't this been addressed with them? Dennis Hoyer said he has given the cleaning people the pictures the ladies took of the bathrooms and has asked them to take care of the complaints. ***John Crook motions to give the cleaning***

company 48hrs to review the current sanitary conditions in the rest rooms and if they can't clean it properly then someone else should be hired to do so. Bob Kingsbury seconds motion. Vote 7-0 Tom Johnson makes a motion to use the material provided by the ladies be accepted as a beginning step to get a plan together to address this with sanitary issue first and then to modernize the restrooms. Martha Duffy seconds, vote 7-0

Tom Johnson would like to thank the CVWGA for all of the club donations they have given to the girls high school golf team.

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Dennis Hoye continues his directors report: *Met with Kevin Eldredge from the MGA about the Pubic Links Championship. There will be 126 players starting at 7:30am, lunch will be served in the restaurant, there are 4 CV members in it. The week before they will be able to come up and do a practice round. The course is in excellent shape for the tournament. The MGA will be doing all of the scoring and channel 18 will be there. Comcast advertisement was run for the World Cup, the British Open, and Ryder Cup Mondays.

The Jr. clinic program is full and has been going very well. *Golf Week magazine come to the course and has put CV in for a national ranking status. Dennis Hoye will be doing a clinic at Fenway park on July 16th for children with cancer. This is his second year of participation in the "Expect Miracles Foundation".

Memberships are finalized for 2014, they have gone up across the board. A few categories went down but the ones that went up made up for it.

Superintendent report by Shawn Fernandez: Audubon International has received our packet and should be getting back to him in 2-4 weeks. In being a part of this Shawn Fernandez and his crew has to document any wild life they see on the course. He has documented a box turtle, 15 turkeys, a red tail fox and today an 8 point deer.* Kudos to his crew for doing a great job on the course this year. It is in the best shape he has ever seen it in and they have been working very hard to make it so. July 29th the USGA will visit to the course. They will be there at 8:00 AM*a week before the Pub Links Tournament. Shawn will dou-

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ble cut every day to prep the turf so it is a little stiffer to get the 10 - 10 1/2 speed for the greens. After the tournament the greens and fairways will be solid tined.

The cedar screen treatments for the Bouse Houses have been ordered.

The new lightning detectors have been ordered*. Fall projects include tree work for September 1st. Cart paths and work on the 16th fairway sink hole will be undertaken. Shawn recommends that the driving range be stripped and re-sodded* Shawn wants to make sure everyone knows that the course will continue to stay in the great shape it is in with "Mother Natures" help of course. He feels the work they have been doing over the past few years is now coming to light. The 7th green area and 8th tee box can now be landscaped because the home owners there are done with the things they were doing. The flags for Charlie Mooney range are being ordered.

Capital Outlay Projects: John Crook

Reads over handout and asks committed to go over it and come up with a priority list and figures for each project. Joe Sweeney would like to know why there is not a senior tee. Dennis Hoye says there is one, it is the silver Tees. Joe Sweeney would like a separate senior tee from the ladies. Reply is that it is not cost efficient to do so when it is already there as the same marker as the Ladies. Clem Smith would like to add to the priority list to the infrastructure side a 4 season teaching area.

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Rich Larios - Chair of Capital Outlay Committee asked to address the committee: A new form for requests to Capital Outlay is now complete. They are choosing 3 departments and 1 committee to test it out for them. The Golf Committee is the committee they have chosen to test for them.

Restaurant update - Jeff Williams: Met with Ian Philbrick for about 1 1/2 hr. *still at least 1 employee short from what he would like - with the nice weather the revenue has been up - having gone to china has been received well. He has not had an issue with having to block off tables - *implemented a \$1.99 breakfast special that people have liked* - new phone application has not been used much but feels that in time people will use it. Ian Philbrick's goals: *would like to do a member dinner at some point but right now the lack of employees is hampering this idea at the moment* - would like to somehow get more members to come into the restaurant as well as non golfers.

Public Comment:* Linda Sweeney informs the committee that the town web site has the wrong meeting date and time posted* George Boule would like to be put on the next agenda to discuss issues with the Chelsea system* Susan Pleines (CVWGA - President) says a lot of members bring their own food and drinks and that may be why not many members go into the restaurant. If people were not allowed to do so the restaurant would see more business.

Motion to adjourn by Jeff Williams, second by Tom Johnson. Vote 7-0

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Respectfully submitted,

Jenn Heath, Sec. HGC