

**Minutes of the HGC**  
Tuesday November 18, 2014

**Present** – Clem Smith, Tom Johnson, Bob Kingsbury, Jeff Williams, John Crook, Martha Duffy, John Moretti

Meeting called to order at 4:00 PM

**Consent Agenda:**

Approval of October minutes with corrections to be made as follows:

*Capital Plan was from Jeff Williams not John Crook*

*Revenue of \$420,000 should be changed to profit or excess fees*

*Move to approve by Tom Johnson, second by John Crook Vote 7-0*

Invited guests- Dennis Hoyer and Shawn Fernandez

**Superintendent report by Shawn Fernandez:**

**Projects that have been completed:**

- Early warning light system is installed and working
- Tee Sentry System is installed & working on holes #18, & 12
- Verti-cut/De-thatched all tee's and fairways
- Verti-Drain all greens and will be top dressed/applying snow mold control once greens are closed for the season
- Re-leveled/Re-sodded driving range tee/ teaching Tee
- Sink Hole repair on #16 – striped/leveled/re-sodded & re-graded

Jeff Williams asked how much these two things cost, Shawn Fernandez said the Driving Range was about \$23,800 and the sink hole on 16 was about \$13,000

- Tree work - in house – limbing of trees in various areas around the course to allow more air movement and light to better enhance growing conditions for turf. Will continue to the right side of the 8<sup>th</sup> Tee and 2<sup>nd</sup> fairway.

### **Projects to be done:**

- Tree work outside contractor – waiting for bid numbers from contractors, marking tree's on hole #18, 17, 16 and so on. How far they get will depend on the cost. John Crook feels as though the 14<sup>th</sup> hole should be finished off and level the tee
- Sink hole repair in house- already stated on #17 filling in with debris from range tee and capping with loam to be seeded or sodded. Will work on sink holes on back nine.
- Equipment maintenance – repair and sharpening of all equipment in preparation of next season.
- Cleaning and painting of all golf accessories (ball washers, tee markers, flag poles, trash container)
- Cleaning and painting of lunch room, locker room, bathroom, and office space and shop area in new building.
- Prep plan for new plantings on hole #7 & #9 – take down trees and grind stumps. Layout ideas on ground and establish a cost to each depending plants, shrubs and water availability.

There is no water that will reach this area that needs to be addressed on #7 so will be looking into plants that don't need much water.

#9 will probably put 6-8 Arborvitaes in a zig zag position.

Clem Smith asks the homeowner how she feels about the landscaping plan and she said she had a long conversation with Mr. Fernandez and feels he will do a great job and make it look very nice. She has put a lot of time and money into making her side of

the property line look nice and appealing for golfers and knows Mr. Fernandez will do a god job also.

Bob Kingsbury asks Shawn Fernandez that there has been a lot of discussion on trying to delineate the courses property line, can

Shawn and Dennis Hoye touch base with the town engineering company to do a proper boundary line? Mr. Fernandez said the Engineers have so much going on right now that this is not something that would happen any time soon. Bob wonders if the Selectman's office might be able to help fast track it by stressing the fact that there are some immediate issues that need to be address? Mr. Fernandez reminds the committee that he has suggested to them a few years ago that there be a liaison put in place that the neighbors of the course can go to if there is ever a problem.

#### **Director of Golf Report by Dennis Hoye:**

- Working on the budget and it is due by the end of November
- Pricing for articles and uses of improvement fund rates
- Tournament schedule will be ready for next meeting
  
- moving money from 5243 to 5341
  
- Meeting with Dennis, Brewster, and Eastward Ho about a junior league for age 7-13 for next year. He would like to set up a team from Cranberry Valley also. The idea would be to play these other courses after 5:30 pm and have everything go through the PGA and would have uniforms and really try to get some young kids into the game.
- Has had a few meetings about management of Chatham Seaside links. Chatham will put out an RFP. We will be waiting and further information
- Driving range is now closed to let the new sod heal up and will re-open in the spring

- Things to think about for next meeting:
  - Tournaments
  - Block tee times in season
  - Weekend tournaments – participating has been down so they will be run through the pro shop instead of the men's & women's league.

Tom Johnson reads an article from The Boston Globe that was written about Cranberry Valley. Feels as though it was a very negative article, criticizing the course for not allowing carts out on a particular rainy day this person had a tee time. This person then went over to Captain's course and they were allowing carts out.

Shawn Fernandez informs Mr. Johnson that on this particular day the course was opened up to walkers at 10:00 am and open to carts at 2:00pm. There was over 2" of rain and Cranberry valley is made up mostly of loam where as Captains is made mostly of sand so it drains a lot better. His main goal is to make sure Cranberry valley is protected 100% of the time. Mr. Johnson has always understood this and would like to write a letter addressing this to the Globe.

### **New Business:**

- A. Warrant article submission projects from the pro Shop revolving fund
- Renovations of bathrooms in Clubhouse – Clem Smith wants to let the men's and women's league know that if they would like to be more involved in the process of re-doing the bathrooms then he would humbly suggest that they donate something to do so. If there is a particular something they would like to have or see done in the bathrooms. Connie Mahady -President of the women's league informs the committee that they don't keep money in their accounts. They have had one fundraiser and

they donated all of the money that was raised being \$980. They don't feel as though they should be asked to donate money for something that is a town responsibility. Clem Smith says he absolutely understands and just wanted to offer this if they wanted something in particular. There have been numerous contributions made in the past to enhance clubhouse amenities.

- A. Warrent Article submission projects for 2015 from Golf Improvement Fund
- 1. Tree work (TBD) for \$25,000
- 2. Drainage and Hole completion
- 3. Level 10th Tee/14th Tee (tree work) drainage on 10 can be added into while 10th Tee is being worked on. Shawn Fernandez will look into getting quotes for this.
- 4. Landscaping to include
  - - 10th Tee/putting green
  - - 9th hole/driving range
  - - 7th/8th hole

Clem Smith suggests packaging all work that needs to be done on each hole and have it done all at the same time rather than singular items on each hole all around the course.

The parking lot sink hole needs to be addressed right away. Shawn Fernandez will contact the Town Engineer to get his opinion on what needs to be done with this and how fast it can be addressed.

B. Year end review of the CV Ladies Golf Association by liaison Martha Duffy

**9 Hole Women's League**

1. 39 active members
2. A 25 or lower nine hole handicap is required for incoming members
3. Back 9 is played on Tuesday mornings

4. Shotgun invitational in September every other year and a member/member every other year
5. Cranberry Bowl for 2 weeks in August for the league championship

### **18 Hole Women's League**

1. 103 active members
2. Had 27 tournaments on Tuesdays from April 9- October 28 as well as 3 weeks into November
3. 2 shotgun tournaments as well as a member/member tournament and a member/guest tournament
4. 1 benefit tournament that \$980 was donated to the Monomoy Girls Golf Program
5. Also had their version of the Solheim Cup
6. During June-September they averaged in the 50's of women who played on Tuesdays and in the 30's between September and October
7. The league runs extremely well and is very organized due to the women who volunteer

### **C. Men's association year end review by liaison John Morreti**

1. \$11,043 in the bank
2. Donated \$4000. In scholarships
3. 374 members (356 active, 6 juniors, 12 associates)
4. 72 players at the Cranberry Cup
5. Donated \$500. To the food pantry
6. Held 18 sweeps this year on Thursdays
7. Bob & Sue Plienes do an amazing job with the leagues
8. Pro shop credits have been down this year by \$2500.

Tom Johnson motion to adjourn at 6:00 pm, John Moretti seconds.  
Vote 7-0

Respectfully submitted,  
Jenn Heath, HGC Sec.

