

Minutes of the Harwich Golf Committee
Tuesday September 30, 2014

Called to order at 4:00pm

Present: Clem Smith, John Crook, Martha Duffy, Bob Kingsbury. John Morreti arrives at 4:10

Absent: Jeff Williams, Tom Johnson

Invited Guests: Dennis Hoye, Sean Libby Town Facilities Manager

Consent Agenda:

Approval of August minutes, motioned by Martha Duffy, second by John Crook. Vote 4-0

Old Business:

Chelsea System Review – Bob Kingsbury

Based on several conversations had with Dennis Hoye, Joe McNulty, and a few members Mr. Kingsbury has come up with 3 main topics on this point.

1. Deactivate the points system at any given time throughout the year. After all of these conversations Mr. Kingsbury's opinion would be to keep it on all year.
2. Reduce time cycle of points being accumulated from 30 days down to 14 days.
3. Restructure the point system
 - 1 point given when you make a tee time
 - another point given when you use the tee time

If this is done then doing so would cause a bit of an expense. A check in point (computer) for golfers would have to be installed at the starter shed or at the desk as well as the additional labor that would be added. Mr. Kingsbury's opinion on this one is not to endorse this option.

Mr. Smith opens the floor for public comments.

Bob Pleines states that in the research he has done so far 14/15 days seems to be the normal thing most courses do. He feels this option will not greatly affect anyone.

Joe Sweeney feels that for this year the system should stay off since it is off right now and do some more research over the winter. Open up next season with this or something in place to start off with.

Pete Wall asks Mr. Kingsbury if he is suggesting that the points stay on even when the course goes to temporary greens? Mr. Kingsbury says yes but at that point it wouldn't be a factor at that time of the year anyway so it wouldn't matter.

George Boule feels that it may seem like the majority wants the points off but he feels it only seems that way because those happen to be the people that are actually able to make it to the meetings to voice their opinions. He feels the silent majority are the people who are working at the time of the meetings and can't make it and those are the people that not having the point system on all the time is a detriment.

Bob Kingsbury makes a motion to recommend that the 2015 season start with the Chelsea system to remain active year round and to reduce the accumulation of 30 days down to 14 day period. John Crook seconds motion, vote 4-1(John Morreti) motion passed

New Business:

A. Review of special meeting to prioritize capital projects:

- 1.Cart Barn Project
- 2.Concept of pond dredging
- 3.Concept of maintenance building refurbishing

The prioritization of these 3 projects was endorsed by the group. These projects are subject to change or be combined. These project will go forward to the Capital Outlay Committee

B. Prioritization of Pro Shop Revolving Fund

1. Bathrooms & Clubhouse – Sean Libby says the best time for him to start anything for the course would be in the winter. The end of October he will look for contractor \s to redo the a\walls and floors in the bathrooms as well as looking into options for new urinals and sinks. Mr. Smith asks Mr. Libby if he would have enough time between now and the November meeting to look into these things and to then come back to the committee with an update. Mr. Libby agrees to do so.

2. Renovations to the Clubhouse – Mr. Libby says the clubhouse seems to be in good shape. The next thing to take a look at would be to replace the

HVAC system. The boiler is over sized and the AC is undersized for the size of the building.

John Crook asks if there should be a formal request to the town Administrator to find out what the costs would be to have a gas line put in? Mr. Libby said he would make some calls and look into what the costs may be.

Carol Fuller wonders if Solar Energy has been look into? Mr. Kingsbury said it is currently being looked into. Dennis Hoyer said this was put out to bid a few years ago but nobody bid on it.

4. Local Advertising for Eastham, Chatham and Orleans residents' discount. Mr. Hoyer says more money needs to be put into this and about \$50,000 a year should be allotted for TV and print ads in RI, ME, Southern NH and in the Boston areas.

5. Driving range Improvements – Mr. Smith feels a 4 season lesson area should be looked into to earn revenue during the winter season as well as other enhancements.

6. Youth/Jr. Programs – Have a special section at the driving range for this.

7. Gas/Energy needs for the future are being looked into

*Golf Improvement fund handout

Director of Golf report by Dennis Hoyer:

- Financial review of the fiscal year so far is good

**Martha Duffy leaves at 5:30 pm*

Director of Golf Report, Dennis Hoyer

- Chelsea system has already been discussed
- Upcoming winter projects
- Tree projects
- Bathroom renovation
- Early detection system for #12 and #18 are on the way
- Received quotes to redo the driving range tee area. Also looking into a different mat to put down for days the range is not on grass. It's softer, nicer, and not so hard and irons can be used on it.
- Budget/warrant time line

- Sink holes – had a company come out to give an estimate to fix all of the sink holes. Estimate was \$120,000. The sink hole on 16 will be taken care of when DHA will be doing work on the course. The cost will be about \$15,000 and will come from the budget.
- The plaque for Ray Jefferson is now up in the lobby and looks wonderful
- Did a town employee clinic over a 4 week span. Good turn out and great feedback from it.
- Mr. Hoyer has about 8 weeks of vacation time he has to take before the end of the year or will lose it. Mr. Morretti suggests an executive meeting be held to see if some of that time can be bought back so he doesn't have to use all 2 months at a time.
- At the October meeting Mr. Hoyer would like to address his goals for next year

Public Comment:

Linda Sweeney would like to request once again that the minutes be updated on the town web site.

Mr. Kingsbury motion to adjourn, Mr. Morretti seconds vote 4-0 6:00 pm

***Respectfully submitted,
Jenn Heath, Sec. HGC***