

Harwich Golf Committee
July 19, 2022
Town Hall Small Conference Room

Meeting called to order at 4:00PM

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

Absent: Jack Connolly

Invited Guest: Roman Greer (Director of Golf)

Public: Ellen Deary and Mary Sullivan

Ms. Fuller wanted the June minutes to reflect her thoughts that she believed the goal was to reflect a yardage lower than what was proposed by Mr. Mungeam.

Motion made by Mr. White to approve the June minutes with the above edit. Seconded by Mr. Crook. Unanimous vote (6-0)

Director's Report:

Mr. Greer gave an update on programs and events at the course:

- The First Tee program has 44 participants.
- The PGA Junior League has 30 participants at Cranberry Valley split into 2 teams. They are in a league with Dennis Highlands and Ocean Edge
- The Cape Cod Jr. Golf Association (34 players) and New England PGA Jr. Tour (52 players) had events at CV.
- USGA Agronomy consultation is scheduled for August 1st.
- Club Championship is scheduled for August 6th and 7th.
- Mass Golf will hold a qualifier for the Massachusetts Mid-Amateur on August 8th.
- CV Women's 18-Hole Golf Association held their Monomoy Girls Golf benefit tournament and raised \$1780. The Thursday Twilight League kicked in an additional \$410.
- Nauset Hockey has asked to hold a fundraising tournament at CV this Fall.
 - Mr. White made a motion for Mr. Greer to reach out to the organizers to find a mutually agreeable date in October. Approved unanimously.
- Pro Shop did \$11,000 in sales over 4th of July weekend.
- DLS and MIAA determined the staff accident in April was a "no-fault" accident. They did find 10 areas that needed to be addressed and the course has been working to correct those areas.

- Mr. Greer thanked the volunteers (Wills Hassler, Kathryn Potter, Jack Greer and Walter Shea) that came out to “beat the bushes” for range balls that get lost into the back of the driving range. They recovered 15 large bushel baskets of balls.
 - CV purchased a large quantity of new range balls and hope to fill up both range machines.
- Mr. Greer spoke to the principles of the restaurant and they are very encouraged with the direction they are heading. A new chef has been hired.
- Mr. Greer is going to send out two surveys (one for membership and one for guests).
- Mr. Greer read a letter from one of the New England PGA Jr. players thanking the course for allowing them to hold the tournament.
- Ms. Deary asked about courtesy carts in between holes 15-16 to see if CV would use them again. Mr. Greer said he would look into it.

New Business:

- Mr. Bilotta gave a report of the Sub-Committee on the Scope of Services for the short course and putting complex.
 - It was left for Mr. Greer to present it to the Town’s procurement officer.
 - Mr. Bilotta is developing a spreadsheet with the criteria and weighted scoring system to breakdown the bids that come in.
- Discussion ensued about the tee plan initiative and Mungeam report
 - Ms. Duffy, speaking for her and Ms. Fuller, has concerns she wanted to state:
 - The women have spent hours walking the course to review the proposal.
 - They believe the reason for the proposed changes was to create a more pleasurable playing experience for women, allowing them to reach more holes in regulation.
 - They are insulted by the proposal to use fairway tee markers instead of established tee boxes.
 - Two of the newer forward tee boxes won’t be used in the new Mungeam proposal they believe is a waste of resources already available.
 - Mr. Crook made a point that greens in regulation can’t be used to determine if a hole is fair or not. Most really good players don’t hit many greens in regulation.
 - Ms. Fuller mentioned the 17th hole at 164 yards is long for women. She stated Mr. Mungeam at one point called it cruel for a par 3 to be around 170 yards for women. There is an opportunity to move the tee marker up before it is re-rated or have a combo tee rated.
 - Ms. Fuller stated many times that she feels the women should have been able to meet with Mr. Mungeam and have been able to give their input.

- Mr. Greer mentioned that Mr. Mungeam is an expert in his field and was brought in to set a balanced set of tee markers, which in turn will force a re-rating of the golf course from all tees.
- Mr. Greer said the Committee could choose to prioritize a new tee build where fairway tee markers are proposed on the Mungeam plan.

Old Business:

- Priorities for the Fall were discussed.
 - RFP for the short course/putting complex.
 - RFP for bunker work.
 - Re-sodding of the driving range tee.
 - Re-skin of the maintenance building.
 - Purchase of the new dump truck using ARPA funds that were set aside.
 - Security system for the cart barn and other areas.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Bilotta, . Seconded by Ms. Duffy. Motioned approved (6-0). Meeting adjourned at 5:48 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Serijan, HGC Secretary