

Harwich Golf Committee
October 25, 2022
Town Hall Griffin 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 Guests: Roman Greer (Director of Golf)

Public: Members of the golfing community

PUBLIC HEARING:

- Mr. Greer read his recommendation for 2023 rates and fees.
 - Highlights include a \$6 increase in “prime time” greens fees, \$1 increase in guest and member 18-hole cart fees and a bulk-purchase discount for range tokens. Also, there will be a Harwich Resident Adult Membership and an Adult Non-Resident Membership.
- Public comments included:
 - Could CV consider a discount for disabled veterans?
 - CV should not discount memberships to young adults.
 - Members should get a bigger discount for 18-hole carts.
 - Can CV cap membership?
 - Can members not get a point for league play so they would carry less points when making tee time requests?

Motion to adjourn public hearing portion of the rate and fees by Mr. White. Seconded by Mr. Bilotta. Unanimous vote (6-0). Meeting adjourned at 4:24pm.

SPECIAL MEETING OF GOLF COMMITTEE FOR RATES AND FEES:

Mr. Crook made a motion to accept the Director of Golf’s rates and fees recommendation in total. Seconded by Mr. White.

- Mr. Bilotta is in favor of the final year of the 3-year plan to have Adult Harwich Memberships and all other Adult Memberships in the two categories.
 - Mr. Billotta proposed a \$2 decrease in member 18-hole cart fees.
 - Ms. Fuller and Ms. Duffy agreed with Mr. Billotta’s proposed decrease in cost for member cart fees.
- Ms. Fuller would like to look at the possibility of capping membership numbers for the 2024 season.

- Mr. White liked the ideas brought forward by the public and the Committee. He would like to know more about the contractual agreement with the golf cart vendor.
- Mr. Crook referred acknowledged the choice of getting carts with gps and lithium batteries that was made knowing the cost of cart fees would go up.
 - Some public and Committee comment on how cart rounds are tracked and what qualifies for comp use vs. paid use.

Vote on the motion: 3 in favor (Mr. Smith, Mr. Crook and Mr. White), 3 not in favor (Ms. Duffy, Ms. Fuller, Mr. Bilotta). Vote does not pass. The Golf Committee does not give an endorsement of the rates and fees as presented by Mr. Greer.

Motion to adjourn at 5:16pm by Ms. Duffy. Seconded by Ms. Fuller. (Unanimous vote).

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Serijan, HGC Secretary