

Harwich Golf Committee

August 16, 2016 4:00 PM

Present - Clem Smith, Martha Duffy, Tom Johnson, John Crook, Jeff Williams

Absent - Bob Kingsbury, John Wheeler

Invited Guest - Roman Greer

Announcements - Clem Smith

- Martha Duffy and Shawn Fernandez will be working on the Audubon certification completion
- Tom Johnson will develop a veterans policy
- Jeff Williams will work on a more refined Pace of Play policy
- John Crook and John Wheeler will look at the capital project being undertaken

Consent Agenda -

Motion to approve July minutes by Jeff Williams, Second by Martha Duffy vote 5-0

Mr. Smith would like to include the extensive revenue report that Mr. Greer provided at the July meeting.

Directors Report - Mr. Greer

- Walk in cooler has been installed and will be ready to be used shortly
- Paving for the new handicap & restaurant parking was completed today
- Some Forward/family tee's are in place
- This week sign ups
 - Club Championship 70 people so far

Superintendents Report - Mr. Greer

- A break in the weather is really needed. We are about 4 inches low this year since June. But he has kept the course in really great shape.
- There has been some power surges that to the pumps but seem to be ok
- Standard maintenance right now and will do some aeration after the Club Championship

Member Satisfaction Survey - Mr. Greer

Survey was done the same time last year and had very similar amount of people who replied.

2015 - 241 responded

2016 - 298 responded

Full results are available to anyone who like to see them in the Pro Shop. Overall the survey turned out with some great results and feedback. The Customer Service has gone up, the Pro Shop, Restaurant and pace of play has all done very well. The results is great data to see where we need to work on and what seems to make the members happy.

New England Golf Monthly - Best in Golf Award recently came out. Cranberry Valley was voted

#5 in New England

#2 in Massachusetts

#1 on Cape Cod

#4 Best practice area in New England

#10 Top Instructor in New England - Bob Miller

#25 Top Instructor in New England - Roman Greer

Old Business

Capital Project - Clem Smith

Mr. Smith, Mr. Greer, Mr. Clark, Mr. Fernandez and Mr. Libby met about the Capital project on August 15th.

- Mr. Libby will be the Clerk of the Works for this project
- Mr. Clark does not feel that a subcommittee is needed for this project at this point in the planning
- A back-up generator may be added to this project

John Crook goes over the Cart Barn Initiative timeline and responsibility report

New Business:

USGA Visit- by Jim Skorulski

Present at the visit: Shawn Fernandez, Roman Greer, Rob Donovan, Chris Clark, Clem Smith, John Crook, John Wheeler, Martha Duffy, Tom Johnson, Pete Wall and Joe McFarland. The visit lasted for most of the morning.

Thoughts on the visit by John Crook - 3 observations

- Need to take a look at our watering patterns. There seems to be a few spots being over watered which can lead to disease growing
- Seems to be a need for a slice seeder. There seems to be a few areas in the fairways that could benefit from this
- Dry sand application to the greens to create a better root growth, maybe 2-3 times a summer

Thoughts on the visit by Martha Duffy

Martha felt it was very educational and had a lot of information on what we need to look at. Feels it's a great benefit for Mr. Fernandez

in regards to all he does to make the course in the great shape that it is.

Thoughts on the visit by Roman Greer

Mr. Greer agrees with Mr. Crook in regards to the dry sand application. They are going to look into that. The Slice seeder is a great thing also. He sees the wet spots and it is concerning. It's a hard thing to be ahead of the competition in browning out your course. The number one priority he got from the visit is turf conditions around greens, turf tree removal and air flow around greens.

Mr. Johnson would like to see the posted report and have some important part highlighted for the members.

Mr. Skorulski put Cranberry Valley's name in for a USGA Case Study which would be a huge thing for the course.

Golf Operational Funds & Analysis - John Crook

- Discussion on New tees/extended tee's
Review of handout on 7 holes that could use forward tees
- Discussion on potential projects
Review of handout covering several projects on the course to be completed

Public Comment:

Henry Kreuter wanted to say thank you for a great season this year. He has enjoyed yet another summer at Cranberry Valley which happens to be the reason he has kept his house in Harwich.

Jack Connolly wonders if there is a way the public could get a copy of the material that the committee is provided for the meeting? Mr. Smith states he will look into trying to figure something out. Possibly post the handouts to the web site after the meetings, but will look into other options.

Motion to adjourn by Martha Duffy, second by Jeff Williams. Vote 5-0

Meeting adjourned 5:48

Respectfully submitted by;

Jenn Heath

HGC Secretary