

Minutes Harwich Golf Committee

July 18, 2017 Griffin Room Harwich Town Hall

Meeting Called To Order At 4:03PM

Present: Clem Smith, John Crook, Martha Duffy, Tom Johnson, Bob Kingsbury, John Wheeler, and Jeff Williams

Invited Guest: Shawn Fernandes

Public Present: Jack Connely

Consent Agenda:

- Minutes from June Golf Committee meeting minutes approved. Moved by Mr. Kingsbury, seconded by Ms. Duffy. Unanimously approved 7-0.
- Director's Report given by Mr. Fernandes
- Course in great shape despite lots of humidity and wetness
- Solid tined all fairways and greens, light sand topdressing on greens, verti-cut greens, edged bunkers and continuing to remove liners in sand
- Projects for 2018 – irrigation controller ordered and in the process of being built. Also in the final stages of ordering slice seeder.
- New shed being built on the lesson tee portion of the driving range
- Leyland Cypresses will be moved from current cart barn area and replanted in between 9th green and the driving range
- Tree work being mapped out for holes 5, 6, and 7
- Golf Operations – Starter using iPad to help monitor pace of play. Mr. Kingsbury mentioned to keep a log of the text messages to review issues from year to year
- Company came in and had a drone do fly-over videos of all 18 holes. Mr. Johnson requested to see if Cranberry Valley owns copyright
- MGA re-rated all the tee boxes including new Green Tees
- Annual Member Satisfaction Survey was sent out on July 15th
- Mr. Wheeler praised the decision to leave two golf carts at the 15th green as a courtesy for players to use to drive to 16th tee box

- Charleen Greenhalgh, Assistant Town Administrator, assumed duty of direct liason to the golf department and will attend the weekly Golf Management meetings
- The PGA Jr. League has 3 teams at Cranberry Valley and 1 at Harwichport to form an all-Harwich teams with over 48 kids 13 and under
- Report on the fence being built on 6th hole on the property of Robert Lothrop. Town issued cease and desist order until proper permits are applied for and issued.
- Mr. Fernandes will try to get a copy of the variance for the committee

Old Business:

- Third reading of the Land Management Policy by Mr. Smith
- Mr. Kingsbury wants wording to include all parcels not developed
- Mr. Crook wants wording consistent with the wishes of Mr. Marceline
- Committee agreed to vote on policy at next meeting once final wording has been changed
- Received letter from Massachusetts Department of Fisheries and Wildlife that states the building project will not adversely affect the habitat of wildlife species
- Mr. Crook wants the RFPs written in advance due to the many projects being done by the town
- Committee all expresses concern that the building project will start on time

New Business:

- Financial review given
- Revenue less than year before, but wet Spring and change in advanced reservation policy affected those numbers
- Mr. Crook goes over priority list for FY17 – FY20 and requests quarterly review
- Mr. Smith wants to review all service contracts
- Discussion of the Member-Guest tournament numbers. Men's and Women's weekly tournaments on week of Member-Guest affect the numbers
- Ms. Duffy feels the perception is the club's Member-Guest has no theme, favors, etc. It's just another tournament
- Committee will look at tournament schedule to see what can be revamped to increase participation

- Committee and Mr. Fernandes agree to hold off on having the USGA come in this year for a visit so we can continue to implement their suggestions
- Mr. Fernandez talked about cart path work on holes 6, 10 and 12

Motion to adjourn at 5:55pm – Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Crook. In favor (7-0)

Adjournment: 5:55pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Serijan