

Harwich Golf Committee

September 20, 2016

Meeting called to order at 4:00 PM

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

Announcements -

Mr. Smith informs the public that if they ever want any of the papers that are handed out to the Committee they can get them from Mr. Greer at the Pro Shop.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Motion to approve August minutes by Tom Johnson, second by John Crook.
Vote 7-0

Directors Report - Roman Greer -

Tournaments:

- August 16 - CVWGA9 Cranberry Bowl
- August 20 & 21 - Club Championship
Men's Club Champion - Tyler Kett
- Ladies Club Champion - Helen Dailey
- White Tee Champion - Max McCarthy
- September 6 & 13 - CVWGA Solheim Cup
- September 12 - CVMGA9 Memorial Tournament
- September 14, 21 & 22 - CVMGA Ryder Cup
- September 18 - Sunday Scramble
- September 16-18 - PGA Junior League NE Regionals - teams from Long Island, NY, Erie, PA, Hartford CT, and NH. Two PGA officials came to run it. There was a lot of good press from hosting this tournament and something we should keep doing in the future.

- The Pro Shop has been doing great in sales. With the Jr League tournament we had a \$3500 weekend in sales. The goal was to turn over all of our product this year and it looks like we are going to accomplish that. We have a few fall items coming in shortly but there isn't much left so there won't be that huge sale everyone is waiting for this year..

School Field Contract:

- The proposed contract will be from April 1 - November 30 for about \$82,000. Mr. Williams asks how criteria will be implemented to make sure this is a good thing to continue to do.
- Mr. Greer states this is all done in overtime and not done on CV work hours and would not have any impact on CV and this contract will be looked at again after a year to evaluate the project.
- Mr. Crook went on further to clarify the fact that this contract was executed between the Town Administrator and the Superintendent of the Green. It is the responsibility of the Committee to monitor this entire process to insure that the primary responsibility involved with turf management at cvcc is not compromised. There are also, implications that involve budget, equipment and personnel considerations that have to factored into this relationship in the long term.

Interns:

Mr. Greer states having the interns this summer was a great success. He has contacted a number of schools for interns for next year already. It worked out great for the inside and outside staff and we had really great kids.

- Seeking Level 1, 2 & 3 PGM Interns
- Schools include:
- Penn St
- Methodist University
- Campbell University
- University of Maryland Eastern Shore
- Florida Gulf Coast University
- NC State

- Coastal Carolina
- Johnson & Wales

Restaurant Parking:

- The parking area is completed and ready to be used. There are Handicap parking and spots strictly for the Restaurant. We have signs posted as of today also.

Maintenance Report: Roman Greer

Course Conditions:

Making a strong recovery, all fairways and tees have been aerified, over seeded and fertilized. Next phase will be greens in Oct and then start rough.

Continued on going daily maintenance and prep for tournament play

Mr. Greer would like to take a second to acknowledge Mr. Fernandez and his staff for doing such a great job on the course this summer. There are so many places that have no grass due to the lack of rain this year but Shawn and his staff have really done a great job in keeping CV in the green this year...

Old Business –

Capital Project:

- Mr. Smith and Mr. Greer have a meeting September 14th
- Review and discussion of several handouts in regards to Capital Outlay, Estimates, Permits and Timelines.

Prioritization of Golf operational funds and analysis, Fall RFP's for work related to warrant article adoption May of 2016. Forward tees and tree removal. – Roman Greer

- Shawn Fernandez is working with Bob Cafarelli to draw up RFP's for both the tree work and the forward tees. He feels a good spot for forward tees would be holes 2, 4, 5, 8, 16 & 18. The USGA had those suggestions as well.

- They are going to put in for 6 forward tees in the RFP
- RFP's should be available for review by the October meeting Mr. Smith says
- Hope to include stump removal even though that would mean less trees coming down.
- The cart path on hole 12 would be redone and that would be from the budget

USGA Visit Review – Roman Greer

- Was just received this morning and was a great report as expected
- Going to look into the Dry Sand application, the slice seeder machine and the recommended tree removal. They will budget this out and see what the process to be implemented would be
- Tree areas he pointed out were 17 green area, 16 and 12 green area that he would like to see thinned out.

New Business:

Audubon International – Martha Duffy

has met with Mr. Fernandez and they have set up a schedule for everything to be submitted to the Audubon association by mid-April of next year. Should be about 3-5 weeks for approval and be completed.

Land Development – Tom Johnson & Matt Hart

Mr. Hart discusses the option of leasing a portion of property at Cranberry Valley on Oak Street for Housing. This would bring in property taxes and a lease fee but would be managed and taken care of by an outside company. This idea could even help with bringing in income to help with renovations at the club house, fixing the septic, renovations in the kitchen and such.

This is a small amount of land being suggested for this use. He wanted to just discuss this with the committee and let them know the idea that is there. Short Discussion follows. Mr. Hart just wanted to give the committee a courtesy discussion about this. The matter will be discussed again at a further date.

Winter Work Plan – Roman Greer

- Tree work plan – holes 15-18 will be addressed
- Cart path extension – Various holes both on the front and back that need some attention
- Forward tee's picking holes and areas on course to construction/specs are being prepared for bid docs
- Bunker re-sodding – picking bunkers that are in dire need hoping to do about 10 bunkers

Winter work plan –

- In house stump grinding/various areas on front nine will be addressed
- Tree work – take down of standing dead mostly on front nine
- Equipment maintenance – repair and service all 75 pieces for next season
- Paint and repair all ball washers and tee markers for next season
- Prepare course for winter/blow out irrigation / snow mold applications.

Public Comment –

Mr. Sweeney feels the 12th hole needs to be fixed badly and should be fixed even before 15-18.

Wants to know where the money will go to from the school contract? Mr. Greer says that goes into the operating budget.

Mrs. Sweeney asks how much is allocated to tree work in the budget. Mr. Greer states he thinks it is about \$10,000. She asks if that will be increased in the future since there is always so much tree work to be done.

Ms. Carol Fuller asked that the committee keep in mind that there are alternative uses for the land parcel earlier in discussion. The committee had raised the prospect of golf specific uses: for example an executive 6 Hole course, a 9 Hole Junior pitch and putt, and also a challenging putting green complex. She felt this type of alternative land use was more in keeping with the CVGC operation and its mission.

Motion to adjourn by Jeff Williams, Second by Martha Duffy Vote 7-0

Respectfully Submitted by

Jenn Heath

HGC Secretary