

Harwich Golf Committee
August 17, 2021 Small Meeting Room

Meeting called to order at 4:00PM

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

Absent:

Invited Guest: Roman Greer (Director of Golf), Michael Lach (Executive Director of Harwich Conservation Trust)

Public:

New Business:

- Mr. Lach explained the purpose of the Harwich Conservation Trust (HCT)
- 3 ideas of collaboration
 - Protect the land use for golf that Cranberry Valley sits on by placing a conservation restriction
 - Potential to earn nitrogen credits to offset tax payer waste water costs
 - ♣ Credit would provide the Town some relief in payment
 - Explore creating and monitoring of song bird next boxes on the golf course
 - Potential for any walking trails that would not interrupt the play on the golf course

Public Comment:

- Mr. Smith mentions an email from Mary Sullivan regarding the course rating for women. The green tee distances are incorrect on two holes.
- Mr. Greer mentioned there is a +/- 100 over the entire 18 holes for distance before it qualifies for a re-rating.

Consent Agenda:

Mr. White makes motion to approve July minutes. Seconded by Ms. Duffy. Unanimous (7-0).

Director's Report:

oMr. Greer wanted to give praise to staff:

oTo the Maintenance staff for the work they've done to keep up course conditions with a lot of tough weather conditions (heat/humidity/rain).

oTo Mike Serijan's work behind the scenes with the GolfNow platform.

oTo Dick Fagan's work preparing and running all the CV leagues.

oTo the seasonal staff, especially the young kids who are heading back to school.

oA discussion ensued on an uptick in abusive behavior towards staff. Mr. Greer handles these occurrences on a case-by-case basis and will bring it forward to the Golf Committee if he can't get a resolution (acknowledgement & apology).

oCart Barn project update:

oThe cart barn charger grid has been completed.

oCarts are still on schedule for mid-October

oWi-Fi is going to be installed for cart software updates and security cameras

oParking lines have been painted in the newly paved area.

oThe Town Administrator (TA) will be signing off on contract for repair of the jockey pump.

oWill be going to get quotes in preparation for irrigation upgrades

oThe TA plans to present a plan to the Board of Selectmen in September regarding the restaurant leases at CV and the Harbor

oBOS voted unanimously to deny request by property owner abutting hole 6 for a net in front of their property

oMr. Greer congratulates the 2021 CV Club Champions – Sam Russell and Flora Marie Gaudet

oNew scorecards have arrived and have the new stroke allocation holes.

oFinancial report was given along with explanation of the revolving fund miscellaneous line item (convenience fee for memberships purchased with credit card).

Old Business:

oMr. Crook discussed the goals and priorities of the Strategic Plan which includes a Mission Statement and Vision Statement

oCommittee has different ideas of what should be in Vision Statement (too long; specific items/wording, etc.)

- Committee discussed having a separate planning session(s) or workshops apart from regularly scheduled Committee meetings.
- Mr. White makes a motion to approve the current Strategic Plan with the ability to modify/enhance the items on the plan over the coming months. Seconded by Mr. Crook. Unanimous (7-0).
- Mr. Bilotta would like the Committee to be more involved in the budget process
 - He believes that CV should not be treated under the same umbrella as the rest of the Town departments since CV generates a lot of revenue
 - He states that CV's utilization is up 25% which would necessitate an increase to the budget to help maintain the course (i.e. Additional workers as an example).
 - Mr. Greer mentioned that increases to the budget have to have an itemized accounting of what is to be increased and by how much
 - Previous requests for increases (pre-Covid) have been approved in the past without much opposition.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Crook. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Unanimous vote 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Serijan, HGC Secretary