

Harwich Golf Committee

Tuesday, July 19, 2016

Meeting called to order at 4:00 PM

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

**Public Announcement:**

Mr. Smith notes that Mr. Greer and Mr. Fernandez were not able to make the meeting due to schedule conflicts.

Mr. Smith announced that he would consider postponing the election of officers due to concerns raised by committee member Robert Kingsbury. The issues raised by Mr. Kingsbury were: centered around the length of the term of election, and as to whether or not the chair could be re-elected for consecutive terms of office.

**Discussion:**

Mr. Smith informed those in the meeting that an unnamed source was challenging recent elections as to their validity and how they had been conducted. Mr. Johnson agreed there should be clarification on this matter before they proceed. Ms. Duffy stated she thought it was done once a year in June. Mr. Kingsbury states he was told there is a 2 year limit on a term for any one person on the committee. Mr. Kingsbury asked Mr. Boule,(former HGC Chairperson), what they did when he was on the committee. Mr. Boule stated while he was on the committee for 12 years they always did the elections every year in June and there was never anything to do with a 2 year term.

Mr. Johnson felt since there is not official notice of this being so then we should go along with the elections as scheduled. The committee agreed to proceed with elections with the understanding that the results of this election and past practices have been validated by the Town Administrator's office.

Mr. Smith will follow up with Town Hall.

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion to approve by John Wheeler, Second by Martha Duffy.

Vote 7-0

## **Directors Report: by Clem Smith -**

- Weekly Events at CV:  
Sweeps – over 130 this week!  
CVWGA – 60+  
CVWGA9 – 30's  
CVMGA9 – 20  
Sunday Scramble – 33  
Twilight League – 28
- The new Range Ball Machine has been delivered
- The walk in cooler for the Hot Stove will be in soon. The pad for it will be poured and then the cooler should be here by mid-August
- LPGA/USGA Girls Golf of Cape Cod went very well and they had a pizza party and a guest speaker being Lindsay Sullivan. She is one of the interns working in the pro shop this summer.
- Junior Course @ CV  
Designed and run by CV interns Lindsay, Kevin & Jacob
- PGA Junior League @ CV Participation  
2015 – 24  
2016 – 38\* Including Pilot Program u16
- Junior Events @ CV  
PGA JR League – 2 days per week month of July  
  
NEPGA JR Tour – 6/20  
  
CCJGA – 7/19  
  
USGA/LPGA Girls Golf! – 7/10  
  
Junior “Range Days” – 7/18 & 8/8  
  
JR League NE Regionals 9/17 & 18
- Conditions at the course have been great this summer. With all the play it's gotten Mr. Fernandez and his crew have done a great job keeping it up this summer as usual.

## **Old Business: Capital Project**

- Mr. Smith, Mr. Greer & Mr. Fernandez met with Mr. Clark and Mr. Libby on July 5<sup>th</sup>. In this meeting they were trying to portion out responsibilities and plan on where they want to be by September. Everyone is on task at this point and the goal is to have a presentation ready for Capital Outlay in September. Including the permitting, the solar portion, a more defined cost of the building and Mr. Libby will function as Clerk of the Works.

- Mr. Kingsbury suggested that a new subcommittee for the construction of this project be created. He also felt that it may be a better choice to hire an independent “Clerk of the Works”. He urged that Mr. Libby function as the chairman of a new subcommittee. Mr. Wheeler expressed concern over Mr. Libby being over extended because of various projects within the Town.

### **New Business:**

### **Committee Elections:**

Mr. Smith opens the nominations to consider the 2 positions that are up for election:

*Mr. Crook nominates Clem Smith for Chairman.*

*Mr. Kingsbury nominates Martha Duffy for Chairman.*

*Motion to close nomination by John Crook, second by Tom Johnson.*

### **Discussion:**

Mr. Kingsbury states his nomination of Ms. Duffy has nothing to do with any type of dissatisfaction with the way Mr. Smith has performed his duties. He felt that it may be good for the committee to seek new direction.

Mr. Crook states the amount of work that Mr. Smith has put in and does to make the rest of the committee’s job easier by doing so much leg work on his part has been great. He feels under Mr. Smith’s leadership, the committee has gotten a lot of really big things done. This has really helped CV become one of the premier courses to play on the Cape and a lot of that has to do with the things Mr. Smith does.

Mr. Wheeler would support a decision that if Mr. Smith is re-elected that he delegate more things to the committee to get them more involved in things and so Mr. Smith isn’t burdened down with everything he does.

Mr. Johnson states he has a tremendous loyalty to Mr. Smith with all they have done on this committee but he does feel he needs to delegate more to the committee. He will vote for Mr. Smith but he himself would not like to accept vice chair this time around.

### ***Ballot Vote:***

*Ms. Heath reads the ballots, results: 4 – Mr. Smith, 3 – Ms. Duffy*

*Mr. Crook nominates Martha Duffy for Vice Chair. Nominations moved to be closed by Mr. Johnson, second by Mr. Kingsbury. Vote for motion 7-0.*

### **USGA Visit:**

- Thursday August 11<sup>th</sup> will be the visit this year
- Mr. Kingsbury acknowledges these visits are very beneficial to us. But he feels it may be time to take a break in the visits to really make some headway on their past suggestions. He feels the last few years seem to be repeated advice so it may be time to focus on those areas rather than keep being told the same information at a cost to us. Mr. Crook understands what he is saying but its always good to get a second opinion.
- Mr. Smith feels the Pace of Play policy needs to be look at in terms of the expectation of the USGA

### **Financial Report:**

Review of spreadsheet Mr. Greer provided. The year has been excellent thus far.

All *major revenue* streams have increased with impressive gains.

### **Golf Operational Fund & Analysis: Clem Smith**

Mr. Smith reviews an aerial photo of the course he has correlated a map of work done and work to be done. Starting with work done in 2013.

Mr. Crook reviewed major expenditures from the GIF as money has been allocated from warrant articles over the last three years. This analysis will continue and will give the committee a more complete historical record of fund use.

Discussion ensues about collection of information, from who, what amounts and where information is retrieved. Mr. MacAskill (Chair, BOS Town of Harwich) states this information can be retrieved by asking Administration a direct question and they will get back to you with the information. The second way would be to go to the finance director and ask for the information and they will get back to you with it also. He also states that the exact balances should be available at any time.

### **State, Regional & National Ranking for Public access Golf - Mr. Smith**

Mr. Smith reviews the criteria of course rankings and goes over the information on the specific areas to be considered. He feels this is something that is worthy of discussion at some point in the future for the committee. Recognition was given to both the men's and women's groups represent-

ed at CV for their outstanding work on “pace of play” initiatives. The perception has changed about the negative pace of play. This has been a major negative in advancing the image of CVGC. Discussion of “pace of play” policy is a matter for future consideration by the committee. The present policy is awkward and out of step with today’s amount of play at CV.

**Public comment:**

Mr. Sweeney asked that the two articles that are going out for RFP this year, be sent out early this time. Mr. Smith states that he has had this discussion with the Town Administrator. They will be sent out early after review and preparation from the CVGC management.

Ms. Fuller asked if the public will have access to the financial report the committee went over. Mr. Smith states that this information could be retrieved by Mr. Greer.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Kingsbury, second by Mr. Wheeler. Vote 7-0. 6:12 PM.

*Respectfully Submitted by:*

Jenn Heath

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