

**Golf Advisory Board
of the Town of Groton
Parks & Recreation Minutes of the Meeting
October 3, 2011**

Call Meeting to Order

Chairperson Castleberry called the meeting to order at 7:00

Minutes of September 5th

The September minutes were reviewed for comments/corrections. Tim Castleberry made a motion to accept the minutes. All were in favor.

Attendees

Amy Almond, Tom Kiely, Tim Castleberry, Todd Goodhue, Eric Morrison, Brian McCallan, Doug Ackerman, Duncan Olding, and Jim Kamercia. Bill Johnson and Ralph Little were not in attendance.

Correspondence from GAB Members

Tim Castleberry stated that several golfers complained about the bridge between eight and nine being difficult to cross because of the mud. It was requested that stones be put down to limit the mud for easier access across the bridge. Eric will look into the matter.

A question arose about the GAB and how much longer we will meet. The board agreed several years ago, that as long as there were unresolved issues, we would continue to meet. It was suggested that we go over the original suggestions from the National Golf Foundation Consulting firm to see how many have been completed.

The original board was selected by applications that were available to anyone upon request. The Board is open for suggestions and invites anyone with concerns to attend the meeting to present their issues. If there is a need to re-construct the board that also will be considered.

A few words were spoken in memory of Gary Williams who volunteered as a ranger, and passed away this past month.

Review of Monthly Revenue

Revenue is down compared to last year at this time due to an overabundance of rain causing the course to close for a total of 15 days to date.

2012 Playing Season – Rate approval and refer to Parks and Recreation Commission

The Board reviewed the rate increase, approved the changes and is ready to present it to Parks and Recreation Commission.

Review of Shennecossett Golf Course Regulations

Section III, under Reservations – A.1 General Reservations

Reservations are being re-written temporarily by Todd Goodhue until we get a new system up and operational.

Todd started a discussion before we moved on to next change.

He stated that Chelsea offered us the tee time system for \$1500 each year for two years. The offer and agreement will be reviewed at the next meeting as well as other companies Todd will be researching.

At the present time, the course is **staying open one extra hour** per day to allow tee times to be made by the phone system only, and there is just one line that is operational.

Amy Almond reminded the board that the automated tee time system was suggested by the consulting firm and they suggested we get rid of the "age-old" method of accepting tee times by person or by the pro shop. Duncan Olding agreed that the automated phone system worked much better since it had four phone lines working at one time. The problem with the phone system was not with Chelsea, it was IT, who is presently working on the phone lines to correct the situation.

Under Section IV – Rules and Regulations governing Play

Change the following under GUEST:

- E. Edit the last sentence. Limited members playing before 3:00 on Saturday and Sunday will be charged the guest fee.

Add the following new title WEEKENDS:

- F. Weekends are now Friday thru Sunday for daily fee players only. For all pass holders the weekend will be just Saturday and Sunday.

Next Meeting Date

December 5, 2011

Adjournment

Tom Kiely made a motion to adjourn, Amy Almond seconded it.

Minutes have been reviewed and accepted.



Signature

1-9-12

Date