

**Golf Advisory Board  
Town of Groton  
Parks & Recreation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Oct. 7, 2013**

Call Meeting to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Tim Castleberry at 7:00 p.m.

Attendees

Tim Castleberry, Chris Conley, Todd Goodhue, Margaret Hirsch, Tom Kiely, Jim Kamercia, Ralph Little, Brian McCallen, Eric Morrison  
Mark Berry and Jim Streeter were not in attendance.

Minutes of Sept. 9, 2013

Under New Business, Eric pointed out that the correct number of new seasonal promotional membership recorded in 2012 was three (3), not 21, with an upside of \$1,200. Motion to accept amended minutes made by Margaret, seconded by Chris.

Correspondence from GAB Members

Margaret said everyone at SGC is very happy with how quickly the greens have healed following the recent aeration.

Margaret also proposed that a bylaw change to Article 7, Section 3 be changed to read, "any Shennecossett Women's Golf Association member, not living locally at the time of any meeting, may cast ballots on all questions arising therein in absentia via proxy." A brief discussion was held on how to administer this. Ralph moved that the GAB accept this bylaw change. Seconded by Brian.

Todd said members have approached him about creating a memorial area with engraved bricks. This group wants to contribute money to advance the process. Eric said he wanted to integrate the memorial area with existing landscaping features around the clubhouse. Todd said the off-season would be a good time to formalize the proposed memorial. Jim noted that the donation charged for each brick needs to be considered. He said \$150 per brick might be a good

starting point. Tim said it might make sense to bring in an outside firm to create a strategic plan for the proposed memorial area.

On the subject of memorials, Ralph asked about a bird plaque on No. 15 to commemorate Tim Sisk's hitting a seagull with his tee shot in the 2012 club championship final.

Tim said he visited Portland CC to find out more about its implementation of the "Adopt a Hole" program, whereby groups of players "adopt" a hole for a day to repair ball marks, replace divots, rake bunkers, etc. The Portland program is successful, but Tim reported that there is pressure on the grounds crew to keep sand/seed boxes filled for divot repairs.

### Review of Monthly Revenue Report

Todd reported that September rounds for 2013 are slightly higher than last year's totals. Cart rentals are also up over last year. September 2013 revenues are up roughly \$10,000 over 2012, this despite numerous seasonal weather setbacks.

### Old Business

#### 10<sup>th</sup> Hole CIP Plans

Eric said the construction crew will start work at No. 10 on Oct. 9. The construction process should last three weeks. Bare dirt, bunker faces and the approach area will be sodded. With a complete reconfiguration of the bunker scheme, No. 10, which began as a par 3, became a par 5 and is now a par 4, will be significantly improved.

Tim asked about the golf carts, but Eric said the lease will be reviewed at a future date. Eric also said the Porta Pottie cleaning schedule cannot be changed without incurring an additional expense. Todd said the local rule on the 8<sup>th</sup> hole indicating a free drop on the right away from imbedded rocks in rough has been reported to the CSGA and will be incorporated with other local rule updates in the off season.

### New Business

Tom asked if rates will be discussed at the next meeting. With a vote scheduled at the December meeting, Todd said the GAB should starting thinking about 2014 rates. Margaret noted that it's a good promotional strategy to broadcast off-season memberships just before the holidays.

Next Meeting Date

Nov. 4, 2013

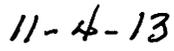
Adjournment

Time – 7:40 p.m. Tom motioned to adjourn, seconded by Chris.

Brian McCallen  
Secretary, GAB

Minutes have been approved and accepted.

  
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Date