

Golf Advisory Board
7:00 PM Monday, December 1, 2014
Spicer House
Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Bob Sedotti at 7:02 p.m.

II. Attendance

Members: Margaret Hirsch, Jim Kamercia, Bob Sedotti

Representatives: Chris Conley, Bruce Flax

Staff: Mark Berry, Todd Goodhue, Eric Morrison

Excused: Ralph Little, *BRIAN McCALLEN*

III. Approval of Minutes: October 6, 2014

Motion to accept minutes as amended made by Chris. Seconded by Bruce. Motion passed.

IV. Citizens Petitions and Comments

None

V. Correspondence/Communications

A. Board Members

None

VI. Reports

Golf Course Report

Todd reported that November was a good month compared to 2013. For the current calendar year, the number of closures was up and yet revenues are close to 2013.

Chris asked if the winter shotgun schedule was going to remain in effect. Because of the threat of frost in the mornings, the risk of significant delays would impact the play for the entire day.

VII. Old Business

A. Junior membership

The Junior rate was discussed. Norwich and Elmridge also offer Junior memberships, and Norwich offers a student membership for students under 30 years of age. The rates are for weekday play and after a specified time, 1:00 pm, on the weekend or a holiday - Shenny currently allows play after 3:00 p.m. on weekends and holidays.

Mark discussed the impact of pricing for Youth rates on the number of Youth members. The number of Youth members has decreased from 12 to 9 for residents, and 26 to 5 members for non-residents, from 2008 to 2014.

Mark proposed reducing the Youth rate in 2015 from \$325 to \$295. A suggestion was also made to move up the time on the weekends and holidays when they can start. This consideration would also apply to senior and adult economy members. Setting up a Youth program as a draw for kids, besides a decrease in cost was discussed. Bruce suggested that offering a reduced single play rate could be offered and once a threshold is reached, they would become members.

Proposal: Reduce Youth rate and move up the limit time to 1:00 p.m. to make memberships (Economy and Youth) more attractive.

- B. 9-Hole membership
No discussion.

VIII. New Business

A. Proposed Golf Rates

The proposed 2015 rates for SGC were discussed. We are competitive with Norwich and Elmridge on both membership fees and daily rates. The current proposed increase is 3% for most rates, including carts. Chris proposed excluding the carts from the increase. The Youth rate would also be modified per the discussion above.

B. CIP Update

The work has been delayed due to contractor availability.

2015 Proposals: \$50K for a comfort station near 8th tee, and \$50K for work on bunker(s) on Hole 13.

The port a john contract will be up for discussion in July 2015. A suggestion to empty the latrines a 2nd day of the week was made by Chris.

C. Revisit 2015 meeting schedule

Bruce is proposing a meeting schedule that is the 1st Monday of every month for 2015.

D. Policy change

For members who become injured or ill during the year, and are unable to play is there a possibility of getting a refund of membership fees instead of providing a credit in the following year? The policy will be reviewed and a proposal for change made at the February 2015 meeting.

IX. Next Meeting Date: Monday, February 2, 2015 - 7:00 PM at Spicer House

New Topic

Applications for open positions on the Golf Advisory Board were received. Applicants will be reviewed and additional solicitation for candidates will be done. Further discussion will be held at the February 2015 meeting.

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Chris and seconded by Bruce. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Minutes have been approved and accepted.

Signature



Date

2/10/2015