

**Golf Advisory Board**  
7:00 PM Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2015  
Spicer House  
Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Mark Berry at 7:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present: Mark Berry, Todd Goodhue, Margaret Hirsch, Jim Kamercia, Brian McCallen,  
Eric Morrison, Bob Sedotti

Absent: Christine Conley, Bruce Flax

III. Approval of Minutes: Dec. 1, 2014

Motion to accept amended minutes made by Mark.

(Brian McCallen was not in attendance at Dec. 1 meeting, Roll Call needed to be changed). Seconded by Bob. Motion passed.

IV. Citizens Petitions and Comments

V. Interviews for potential GAB members

A. Charles Miller (absent).

B. Phillip Manzo (present). Originally from Rhode Island (former member of Hillside, a 9-hole course). He recently moved to Groton and works at the Sub Base in the commissary. Todd explained why the GAB exists and what it does. Manzo has run a number of charity golf tournaments and plays 2 to 3 times per week. Manzo said course conditioning and staff friendliness were important factors in choosing a course, along with affordability.

Because Manzo is a newcomer to the area who has only played SGC once, the GAB determined that he should first get involved with the Men's Club to get familiarized with SGC, with possible future consideration for a GAB chair.

VI. Correspondence/Communications

A. Board Member

VII. Reports

Golf Course Report

There has been lots of snow. Todd said the course has been closed 21 days in January.

VIII. Old Business

A. Junior Membership

Mark, who noted that discussions have already been held about junior memberships, presented a series of graphs to show the negative correlations between price and membership enrollment figures for Adult – Res Economy and Youth Non–Res categories. Price was determined not to be a factor in lost youth memberships. Todd proposed dropping the youth rate (resident and non-resident) to \$295 in the hopes of attracting more youths (ages 21 and younger) to grow the game at SGC. Todd said the new rate

would be promoted on the website. Jim suggested that a letter be mailed to area golf coaches to announce the new rate.

**B. 9-hole membership**

Mark said there was a discussion about changing the starting time for 9-hole play. The proposal was to change the Weekend/Holiday time to 1 PM.

**IX. New Business**

**A. Proposed Golf Rates**

Todd noted that on the SGC 2015 Rates page, the Youth rate (resident and non-resident) is now proposed to be \$295. Rates for Adult Season Passes will increase in all categories by 3%. The 18 Hole Youth rate is to be \$20. An additional entry, a Weekend/Holiday Youth rate (after 1 PM), is proposed to be \$20. All other rates are status quo, i.e., a 0% daily fee is proposed for 2015. Margaret made a motion that the rate structure, to be presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission on Feb. 11, be accepted. Brian seconded.

**B. CIP Update**

No work has started to the right of the 11<sup>th</sup> green, Mark stated. The grove of roughly 35 trees slated to be removed are in question. A resident to the left of the 11<sup>th</sup> fairway claims that tree removal would lead to basement flooding. Mark said an engineering firm has determined that tree removal would not result in runoff or flooding. Eric would like to restore the Donald Ross-era dune structure that once existed as a transitional feature between the 11<sup>th</sup> green and the 12<sup>th</sup> green.

**C. Revisit 2015 meeting schedule**

Mark proposed amending the meeting schedule to accommodate Labor Day weekend and make the GAB meeting date the second Monday in September. Bob made a motion to amend. Margaret seconded.

**D. Policy change**

Margaret said the ladies' club name has been changed to conform with the state tax code. It is now known as the Shennecossett Women's Golf Association. The GAB made several minor changes to the Shennecossett Golf Course Regulations, both for clarity and policy reasons. Margaret made a motion to accept the amended SGC regulations. Bob seconded.

**X. Next Meeting Date: Monday, March 2, 2015 - 7:00 PM at Spicer House**

**XI. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by Margaret. Seconded by Bob. Motion passed.

Minutes have been approved and accepted.

---

Signature

---

Date

would be promoted on the website. Jim suggested that a letter be mailed to area golf coaches to announce the new rate.

**B. 9-hole membership**

Mark said there was a discussion about changing the starting time for 9-hole play. The proposal was to change the Weekend/Holiday time to 1 PM.

**IX. New Business**

**A. Proposed Golf Rates**

Todd noted that on the SGC 2015 Rates page, the Youth rate (resident and non-resident) is now proposed to be \$295. Rates for Adult Season Passes will increase in all categories by 3%. The 18 Hole Youth rate is to be \$20. An additional entry, a Weekend/Holiday Youth rate (after 1 PM), is proposed to be \$20. All other rates are status quo, i.e., a 0% daily fee is proposed for 2015. Margaret made a motion that the rate structure, to be presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission on Feb. 11, be accepted. Brian seconded.

**B. CIP Update**

No work has started to the right of the 11<sup>th</sup> green, Mark stated. The grove of roughly 35 trees slated to be removed are in question. A resident to the left of the 11<sup>th</sup> fairway claims that tree removal would lead to basement flooding. Mark said an engineering firm has determined that tree removal would not result in runoff or flooding. Eric would like to restore the Donald Ross-era dune structure that once existed as a transitional feature between the 11<sup>th</sup> green and the 12<sup>th</sup> green.

**C. Revisit 2015 meeting schedule**

Mark proposed amending the meeting schedule to accommodate Labor Day weekend and make the GAB meeting date the second Monday in September. Bob made a motion to amend. Margaret seconded.

**D. Policy change**

Margaret said the ladies' club name has been changed to conform with the state tax code. It is now known as the Shennecossett Women's Golf Association. The GAB made several minor changes to the Shennecossett Golf Course Regulations, both for clarity and policy reasons. Margaret made a motion to accept the amended SGC regulations. Bob seconded.

**X. Next Meeting Date: Monday, March 2, 2015 - 7:00 PM at Spicer House**

**XI. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by Margaret. Seconded by Bob. Motion passed.

Minutes have been approved and accepted.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

3/2/15  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date