

**Golf Advisory Board**  
7:00 PM Monday, April 11, 2016  
Spicer House  
Special Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order  
Meeting was called to order by Margaret Hirsch at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Roll Call  
Mark Berry, Todd Goodhue, Margaret Hirsch, Cindy Lathrop, Brian McCallen, Eric Morrison, Bob Sedotti (by phone), Ken Wetmore; Chris Connelly arrived at 8:05 pm
- III. Approval of Meeting Minutes: February 1, 2016  
Motion to approve amended minutes made by Cindy. Seconded by Brian.
- IV. Citizens Petitions and Comments  
None
- V. Correspondence/Communications
  - a. Board Members  
Margaret asked if the women's club group continues to grow in size, from six to eight or nine groups, how can tee times be accommodated on Tuesday mornings? Todd said more tee times could be allocated. Eric said his maintenance schedule is adversely affected by starting on No. 15. Margaret said she understands the logistical challenges involved. Various altered routings were discussed to remedy the problem, as were earlier start times. Margaret said this is a good problem to have—the women's golf association is growing.  
  
Ken said he's noticed that back tees on Nos. 2 and 18 are rarely moved all the way back. He wondered if there's a prohibition on back tee use. Eric said it's not a conscious decision to avoid the use of the back tees on those two holes. Ken also remarked that for Saturday players, pins are often set in the same place. Eric said pin placements are totally random.
- VI. Reports
  - a. Golf Course Report  
Todd said robust business this spring has been weather dependent. Eric said that Easter weekend, typically busy, was a bust this year due to inclement weather. However, March revenue numbers are up \$113,000 over last year, with shotgun and double shotgun events sold out in March.
- VII. Unfinished Business
  - a. Capital Improvement Project – update  
Eric said he hopes that town golf course projects are moving forward. Paperwork is being submitted so repair work can begin on the bunkers on No. 13. A further delay will mean the work will be put forward to fall. Eric said the decision rests with Public Works. Mark said the budget was submitted to the Town, with \$50,000 approved for rest rooms at No. 8. Eric said other improvement project is relate to new satellite irrigation heads, but it got pushed off. Bob asked when funding would actually be available. Eric said he expected that a determination would be made by the end of May.

VIII. New Business

a. Review Survey Results

Cindy said she took notes from the survey and wondered about the 'impression of the clubhouse' question. Mark pointed out that the clubhouse falls under Public Works. To Ken's query, Mark said survey results are posted on the website. Three survey questions, Cindy said, dealt with bathroom, pro shop and clubhouse / restaurant cleanliness. Bob asked who was paying gardener's salary. Eric said SGC paid the woman. Mark said certain restrictions apply to capital improvements, and did not think expenditures could be applied to landscaping.

Mark laid out the proposed capital expenditures for the next five years, totaling \$270,000, mainly in the form of clubhouse upgrades. Eric said the GAB needs to show up at town meetings and make the case for clubhouse improvements and maintenance building upgrades. Margaret said she would make a list and go before Town officials to make the case for better conditions. Mark pointed out that if major revenue-producing tournaments go elsewhere because of SGC's substandard clubhouse conditions that would be a persuasive argument to address issues. Referring to the survey, Ken said bunkers are a culprit, as are pace of play issues. Eric said reconstruction projects address bunkers every year. He also said he has ordered more sand for bunkers that require it.

Mark gave an overview of future planned golf course improvement projects, including a revision of the 18<sup>th</sup> tee and numerous bunker improvements. Todd said four Pace of Play signs are on order. He also said the maintenance crew needs to be careful about the rough, adding that fescue is a good choice because stray shots are findable, which speeds up play. Todd also said the ranger program is robust. The ranger program, he said, works best when a ranger is dispatched to correct a specific problem or delay.

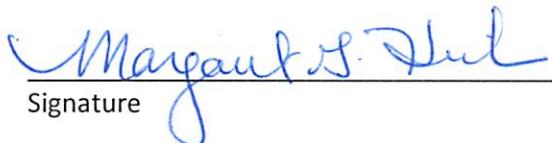
Bob said he'd like to add to the new business agenda for next meeting the fact that the GAB's bylaws do not require a quorum to conduct a GAB meeting.

IX. Next Meeting Date: Monday, June 6, 2016 - 7:00 PM at Spicer House

X. Adjournment

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

Minutes have been approved and accepted.

  
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