

**Golf Advisory Board**  
7:00 PM Monday, September 12, 2016  
Spicer House  
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, Jim Kamercia, Cindy Lathrop, Brian McCallen, Eric Morrison, Carl Neville, Bob Sedotti, Ken Wetmore

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes: June 6, 2016

Margaret noted that the Men's Club's rules expert is Dave Wheatley. She also said that under Capital Improvements, the new bathroom at No. 8 was approved as of July 1 to be built at a later date. Bob moved to accept minutes as corrected. Margaret seconded.

IV. Citizens Petitions and Comments

Margaret said at the Junior Tournament of Champions, the porta potty at No. 8 was turned over. She said it's not the first time this has happened and wanted to know what remedial measures can be taken. Todd said teenage thugs have been vandalizing the course. Eric said these vandals have damaged 8 sprinkler heads (estimated damage of \$2,000) in addition to stealing flagsticks and setting fires on greens. Todd said critter cam (night vision motion detector) could be an option. Groton City Police have been notified and have stepped up patrols, but no one has been caught as yet. According to Eric and Todd, the frequency over the summer has been nightly. It's confined to weekends now that school is back in session.

Ken asked about parking ticket problems at the course. Margaret asked Todd to call the City Police and discuss the rise in ticketing. It was pointed out the signage is incomplete and misleading.

Cindy said a player had an issue on No. 2 crossing the uneven terrain at the RR tracks. She also said the path up from the 18<sup>th</sup> green is very rutted. Eric said stone and dirt is used to fill these two areas but they're prone to wash outs.

Cindy also said she was asked by a restaurant employee about putting in a baby-changing station in the ladies' room. She also said the day of the Junior Tournament of Champions, the bathroom had not been cleaned. She asked if the maintenance team could adjust its schedule to make sure rest rooms are clean for state-wide events.

Cindy said the tees at Nos. 2, 5, 6, 16 and 18 are poor. Eric said many of the tees are substandard but said they will be aerated, top-dressed and improved this fall.

## V. Correspondence/Communications

### a. Board Members

Bob said he sent a letter to Mark stating that he will vacate his seat now that he resides mainly in Florida. He said Carl Neville, vice president of the Men's Club, will replace him. He added that the GAB has always been very professional and devoted to the continued excellence of the golf course.

## VI. Reports

### a. Golf Course Report

Todd said the course earned \$7,000 less in August than last year, explaining that play tapered off due to very hot weather. He noted that course coffers are up \$30,000 on a calendar year basis. He said the course hopes to make ground on revenues during the shoulder season. Also, a mild winter will enable the course to make money it hasn't planned for.

## VII. Unfinished Business

### a. Capital Improvement Project – update

Mark said he and Eric met with City Planning to find out what applications need to be submitted for the construction of a comfort station on No. 8, a state-funded project. Mark said it could be months before the approval is made. He said a realistic timeline for construction is Spring 2017.

Responding to Ken's inquiry, Eric said the proposed improvements to the No. 14 green were zeroed out in favor of the comfort station.

## VIII. New Business

### a. David Bower Interview – board position

Margaret said Dave has applied to become a resident member of the GAB, replacing Charlie Miller. Dave, 67, said he came to the area in

1968 via the US Navy. He is retired from Electric Boat, where he worked for 42 years. Originally a member at Elmridge CC, he started playing Shenny in the 1980's. In 2006, he said Ken Wetmore told him to consider joining the Men's Club because conditions were greatly improved. His said his main focus is course maintenance and improved playing conditions. He lives opposite the No. 10 tee box.

Bob made a motion to accept Dave Bower as a GAB member. Seconded by Cindy. Vote unanimous to accept.

Mark said the Parks & Recreation Commission will make the final decision on Wed., Sept. 14.

IX. Next Meeting Date: Monday, October 3, 2016 - 7:00 PM at Spicer House

X. Adjournment

Bob moved to adjourn. Seconded by Carl at 8:04 PM.

Minutes have been approved and accepted.

Margaret S. Hush  
Signature

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Date