

## **Golf Advisory Board (GAB) Minutes Monday, December 7, 2009**

### **Call meeting to order**

Meeting was called to order by Co-Chairperson Duncan Olding at 7:00 PM.

### **Attendees**

John Silsby, Deb Montero, Brian McCallen, Tom Kiely, Dick McCarthy, Duncan Olding, and Todd Goodhue.

Amy Almond, Eric Morrison, Tim Castleberry, Ralph Little were not in attendance.

### **Minutes of October Meeting**

The October minutes were not available for review.

### **Correspondence from GAB Members**

Todd Goodhue identified that he'd received correspondence from members of the Women's Club expressing appreciation that complaints they had previously voiced with regard to facilities in the clubhouse were being addressed by Public Works.

### **Review of Monthly Revenue Report**

John Silsby noted that the FY10 revenue is approximately 12k ahead of the previous FY at the same point in time; however, the CY to date is lagging behind the previous CY at the comparable report period. This disparity was associated with an increase of both course closures and rain events which decreased the potential for play. With that, it was also pointed out that the increase in rain events within the FY has not had a similar effect.

### **Meeting with Women's Club**

Todd Goodhue and John Silsby reviewed highlights of a meeting they attended with the Women's Club to discuss upcoming changes to the course design as recommended in the Master Plan. It was noted that the discussion quickly turned to numerous grievances with conditions within the clubhouse, and in particular, the bathrooms. Following those concerns the course changes were addressed and the women voted to endorse the redesign. Their concerns about course rating and handicapping remain to be resolved when SNEWGA comes in the spring to provide that service. Alternate score cards will need to be drafted to supplement the existing score cards until new stock is ordered.

### **Market Plan for 2009 Season**

Todd Goodhue discussed an opportunity that the Golf Course received to take on temporary members who will be displaced next summer when the Mohegan Sun Country Club at Pautipaug is scheduled to close for approximately twenty months. Todd was asked to put together a price package that their members could be offered as an alternate membership. Prices are being sought from other clubs in the area and the members will be given the opportunity to select a course and price scheme of their choosing.

## **CIP Project Update**

John Silsby discussed a document that had been submitted by Eric Morrison detailing current status of in process CIP:

- The Equipment Wash Station, approved in the FYE 07 plan, is moving along well with construction approximately 2/3 complete.
- The twelfth tee project from the FYE 09 plan was completed earlier in the calendar year; however, progress on the cart paths also targeted in the plan have been pushed to a Spring 2010 time frame. Duncan Olding expressed his concern that these cart paths continue to be put off since initially discussed at the inception of the GAB. John Silsby acknowledged that the project is moving slowly, but also highlighted that scheduling with Public Works Department is the most cost effective way to proceed.
- The projects approved in the FY 10 plan are showing good progress with the 4<sup>th</sup> tee complex already having been completed and the clubhouse windows ready to go out to bid.

## **Proposed Budget for FYE 2011**

John Silsby briefly discussed both the Golf Course Fund and Capital Improvement Project plans and identified that the February meeting will have a completed plan for review.

## **Other Business**

The GAB agenda had a bullet for "Post Season Review of Operations" to allow the board an opportunity to reflect on issues that may not have been fully resolved or that warrant follow-on discussion. Todd used the opportunity to discuss complaints he'd received on the call-in procedure for Chelsea reservation system. Also, Todd is interviewing firms that offer e-mail blast capability since Chelsea pulled that capability from their product earlier this year.

Duncan Olding wanted to address concerns regarding the amount and location of fescue along the fairways. With Eric not in attendance we agreed to discuss this at a later time.

## **Review of Tournament Policy**

Todd Goodhue presented the revised Tournament Policy for review and comment. Brian McCallen noted that the Dress Code should better define the expectations of proper attire. Todd also agreed to note alternatives to starting methods that were omitted.

## **Election of Officers**

A motion was made to retain the current officers in their present capacity. The motion was seconded and approved.

## **Next Meeting Date - Monday, February 1, 2010 at 7:00 PM**

Brian McCallen made a motion to adjourn, Tom Kiely seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Tom Kiely - Board Member

Minutes have been approved and accepted.

  
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