

**Golf Commission Meeting
April 22, 2013
Minutes**

Members Present: Ron Dray, Chairman; Owen Evans, Vice-Chairman; Teri Deal; Dick DeLibro; Tony Guzzi; Joyce Michaels; Jonathan Turk

Also Attending: Hidalgo Nagashima, Director of Golf Course Property; Jon Janik, Head Golf Professional

Members Absent: Joe DeLuca, Diane Wheeler

Ron Dray, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Review and Approval of Prior Minutes:

Review and approval of the Minutes of March 25, 2013 . . . A Motion was made by Mr. DeLibro seconded by Mr. Guzzi to approve the minutes as is. Motion carried unanimously.

Audience Participation:

- Mr. Dave Galla, Mrs. Kristine Miklus, and Mr. Rich Volonino, trustees of the Miklus Foundation appeared before the Commission to update them on their progress this year. The Foundation has been in touch with the Kennedy Center, the Cardinal Sheehan Center, Gaylord Hospital, the Shepherd Foundation, Near & Far, and Norwalk Community College regarding setting up some programs. The Foundation will also be holding a tournament on August 26th in conjunction with Bill Heher of Rare Earth Mining.

Director of Golf Course Properties Report (Hidalgo Nagashima):

Labor:

- Director of Golf Course Properties (Nagashima)
- Mechanic (Plaveck)
- Full-time Greensmen (Cook, Gallant, Romano)
- Nine part-time Seasonal (Balkun, Quinn, Goodwin, Hoepfner, Bowden, Oleyar, Edvardson, Markaj, Kelley)

Maintenance Department:

- Both courses are finally greening up. Most primary areas have been fertilized. All greens have been aerated with the exception of the two practice greens on the Glen. Aeration recovery has been good and will speed up even more with warm weather. The tees will be aerified and seeded next week.

- Mr. Nagashima passed out the initial recommendations for bunker reconstruction as submitted by the architect. Mr. Evans asked that any comments be directed to him so that the Commission can vote on proceeding with the project at the May meeting.
- The landscaping by the 1st and 10th tees will be complete this week.
- Mr. Nagashima asked that the Commission consider purchasing special flags for the Mary Sherlach tournament.

Mr. Dray made a motion, seconded by Mr. Evans, to purchase special flags for the Mary Sherlach tournament at a cost of \$600 to be allocated from the supplies account. Motion carried 6 – 1 (Oppose: Deal).

- Mr. Dray asked that Mr. Nagashima describe the aeration procedure at the course. Mr. Nagashima responded that we aerate four times per year with the spring aeration the only one that pulls plugs. The area is then topdressed and brushed twice. Any more would actually damage the area. The fall aeration is done with solid tines and no plugs are pulled.

Green Committee (Owen Evans):

- None.

Director of Golf Operations/Head Professional Report (Jon Janik):

Golf Operations:

- The season is off to a slower start due to the cold weather.
- Both junior and adult programs are enjoying good participation.
- The first demo day was hindered by cold weather, but several more are scheduled for the coming weeks.
- The Tashua Knolls Golf Course has a Facebook page and Twitter account where customers can get the most up-to-date information.

House Committee (Ron Dray):

- The shingles on the roof of the range shed and Miklus Center damaged over the winter have been fixed. The shingles on the scoreboard will be fixed next.
- The compressor on the water fountain in the clubhouse is broken. Due to the age of the fountain a new fountain is recommended at a cost of \$500. Mr. Turk recommended we wait to make a decision until the May meeting to determine where our expenditures stand.
- Several safety improvements will be made to the club repair station in the Miklus Center. These include eye guards, dust collection, security door, and cut-off switch.

Finance (Jonathan Turk):

Monthly revenue - March (Off of POS System)

Revenue

Total Income (including carts)		
March 2012	March 2013	Change
\$137,838	\$34,377	-75.1%

Knolls (including carts)		
March 2012	March 2013	Change
\$93,494	\$16,765	-82.1%

Glen (including carts)		
March 2012	March 2013	Change
\$19,078	\$ 3,874	-79.7%

Round Analysis

Knolls		
March 2012	March 2013	Change
2,915	431	-85.2%

Glen		
March 2012	March 2013	Change
1,085	186	-82.9%

Items of Note:

- Revenues are down substantially this year due to a late opening compared to an early March opening last year. In addition, exceptionally cold weather after opening day has detoured golfers from playing Tashua this year.

Budget

- Repair-Service Contract & Repair-Equipment / Building line items are rather high at 93.3% and 90.5% respectfully of their annual budget amounts. Some factors were repairs made to cart paths on hole 14 and the annual water treatment of our ponds. Part of Buildings increases were due to damage of the outside sprinkler system in the ceiling of the porch and unforeseen repairs to the heating and air conditioning system over the past few months. Mr. Turk suggests we keep a close watch on this budget item until the end of the fiscal year ending June 30th.
- Heating line item is grossly over budget. We are in the process of investigating whether the gas appropriated for category Transportation / Gas has been mistakenly charged to the wrong budget item. We will give an update at next months' Commission meeting.

Correspondence:

- None.

Old Business:

- Mr. Guzzi updated the Commission on the pace-of-play project. New decals for the carts and new signs near the starter shed have been ordered. Reminder sheets have been placed throughout the clubhouse as well.
- Score cards with the new Fence Me In ad have been received.

New Business:

- Mr. Dray proposed a new Rack Policy for Tashua Knolls Golf Course. He began a discussion regarding the policy as to if an individual be allowed to submit an ID for other individuals provided they were playing on the course at the time or if an individual should only submit a card for themselves. The Commission discussed the issue and also agreed that an ID should be considered a driver's license or a Junior ID pass.

Mr. Dray made a motion, seconded by Mr. Guzzi, to establish that an individual may only submit their own driver's license or junior ID in person when racking. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dray made a motion seconded by Mr. DeLibro, to approve the new Racking Policy at Tashua Knolls Golf Course (attached). Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session:

Mr. Evans made a motion at 8:30 PM, seconded by Mr. Evans, to move into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter. Invited to attend the Executive Session were Mr. Brown and Mrs. Plumeau. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to exit Executive session was made by Mr. DeLibro at 9:15 PM and seconded by Mrs. Michaels. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mrs. Deal at 9:17 PM; seconded by Mr. Turk to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine A. Plumeau
Golf Course Commission Clerk

Rack Rules

The rack will start at 3:00 PM when driver's licenses or junior ID cards will be collected and end at 6:00 PM when start times are decided.

Any individual with a driver's license or junior ID card in the rack may not leave the facility. The facility is defined as the clubhouse, the two practice areas, the two courses, and the range. After leaving a driver's license or Junior ID card in the rack, an individual may play golf on either course.

Any individual with a driver's license or junior ID card in the rack that leaves the facility will be taken off the rack list. At the end of the rack, if any times have not been claimed, the times may be given out to those individuals in the order they return to the facility.

At any time during the rack, individuals may be called into the clubhouse to check the rack list. Golfers on the course will be checked by cart. Any individual not present for the check will be taken off the rack list.

An individual may present only their driver's license or junior ID for racking.