

**Golf Commission Meeting  
June 17, 2013  
Minutes**

**Members Present:** Ron Dray, Chairman; Owen Evans, Vice-Chairman; Teri Deal; Dick DeLibro; Joe DeLuca; Tony Guzzi; Joyce Michaels; Diane Wheeler

**Also Attending:** Hidalgo Nagashima, Director of Golf Course Property; Robert Brown, Director of Golf; Domenick Faustini, Concessioner

**Members Absent:** Jonathan Turk

Ron Dray, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

**Review and Approval of Prior Minutes:**

Review and approval of the Minutes of May 20, 2013 . . . A Motion was made by Mr. DeLuca seconded by Mrs. Wheeler to approve the minutes as is. Motion carried unanimously.
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**Audience Participation:**

- None

**Director of Golf Course Properties Report (Hidalgo Nagashima):**

**Labor:**

- Director of Golf Course Properties (Nagashima)
- Mechanic (Plaveck)
- Full-time Greensmen (Cook, Gallant, Romano)
- Part-time Seasonal (Balkun, Quinn, Goodwin, Hoepfner, Bowden, Oleyar, Edvardson, Markaj, Kelley)
- Summer seasonal (Fairfield, Messina, Talamelli, Fowler, Maciver, Summerville)

**Maintenance Department:**

- The course is in great shape and is weathering the wet conditions.
- The greens will be solid tine aerated on July 8<sup>th</sup>. This is not a disruptive process and is done every year at this time to allow for air movement in the soil.
- Bid documents are on schedule to go out the end of the month.
- Equipment approved for the next fiscal year is in process of being ordered.
- The rain shelter on #7 has been rebuilt with new footings.
- An offer to a candidate for Assistant Superintendent should be made this week.

- Mr. Nagashima distributed a summary from the CT Agricultural Experiment Station on the bees that are nesting in our bunkers. The report states that the bees are not aggressive bees and are necessary pollinators for the environment. It is recommended that the bees be left alone. Information on the bees will be posted in the clubhouse.

**Green Committee (Owen Evans):**

- None

**Director of Golf Operations/Head Professional Report (Bobby Brown):**

**Golf Operations:**

- Rain and cool weather impacted May play with a complete rain out on Saturday of Memorial Day weekend.
- May Rounds: 7807 (Knolls 5527, Glen 2280)
- Pace-of-play signs are posted on the porch pillars. Pace-of-play has been good this year with only a few exceptions.
- Outings for May: St. Vincent's 142 players; CCCD 74 players; Mary Sherlach 210+ expected with a double shotgun.

**Programs:**

- All programs are in full swing with strong participation.
- A new program for 2013 is the PGA Junior Golf League open to 9 - 13 year olds. It is a national program with players competing against other clubs.
- Demo days have struggled with the wet weather. Callaway and Adams are scheduled for demos this week.
- Tashua is one of three local sites piloting a National 5-week course of "Get Golf Ready" in conjunction with the trade show organizer Reed Expositions of Norwalk.

**House Committee (Dick DeLibro & Ron Dray):**

- As requested, Mr. DeLibro provided the Commission with a cost to install automatic garage door openers in the cart barn. The cost came in at \$1,195. Mr. Brown was asked for his opinion of the necessity of installing the doors. He reported that many employees prefer the door to be open as a way to control ventilation in the barn. It also makes it easier to determine the status of the carts to control their use on the course. A decision was made not to proceed with installing automatic door openers.
- Mr. Dray provided the following list of items requiring attention:
  - The Commission should consider the need to budget for painting the outside of the clubhouse in the upcoming budget. Also the inside of the clubhouse should be considered for painting as well, but could possibly be done in-house in the off-season.
  - Mr. Nagashima will give some attention to trying to grow grass around the scoreboard. It is a difficult area due to the fact that the septic system is located in the area.

- The present matting on the scoreboard floor has disintegrated and has become a safety issue. Mr. Nagashima will pull it up and look into replacement.
- Mr. Dray will provide a quote for a wholesale price for replacing the double doors to the clubhouse. Mr. Nagashima will provide for the installation.
- The player assistants have asked for an awning at the back of the cart barn to protect them from the weather when they clean the golf carts. Mr. DeLibro will investigate the cost.
- Mr. Nagashima will look into repairing the fence at the back of the cart barn.
- Mr. Nagashima will look into the problem of water pooling at the back of the cart barn.
- The installation of a fence at the left of #10 will be investigated.
- When the season ends, the bird nests in the cart barn will be taken down and the areas treated with bleach.
- Mr. Nagashima will look into the condition of the plantings by the doors facing the circle.
- Mr. Nagashima will be getting a quote to repaint the lines and markings in the parking lots.
- Mrs. Plumeau will call the UI to get the lights fixed in the parking lots.
- We will be getting quotes to add more security cameras to the existing system.
- The open Monday dates will be promoted for play via an e-blast.
- Mr. Evans will be working with Mr. Faustini to install signs on the course regarding the food at the turn.
- The siding on the cart barn has some mold and dirt and needs to be power washed.

**Concessionaire** (Domenick Faustini):

- An epoxy coating will be installed in the men's room this week to improve the appearance of the floor for this season. New tile will be installed in the men's room over the winter.
- The coating on the floor in the ladies room appears to be alleviating the problem of slipperiness.
- The outside renovation of the bar area is progressing. An outside sprinkler and a smoke alarm have been installed.
- People are beginning to use the dedicated phone number to order food at the turn.

**Finance** (Jonathan Turk):

- None

**Correspondence:**

- None

**Old Business:**

- Mr. DeLuca advised the Commission that the new signs will be delivered shortly for installation by Mr. Nagashima.

**New Business:**

- Mr. Brown informed the Commission that he was aware of and will be working on some necessary improvements and repairs at the range.

**Executive Session:**

Mr. DeLibro made a motion at 8:20 PM, seconded by Mr. Evans, to move into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. DeLuca left the meeting at 9:00 PM.

A motion to exit Executive session was made by Mrs. Deal at 9:25 PM and seconded by Mrs. Michaels. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dray made a motion, seconded by Mr. Evans, to require all employees who work with the public (with the exception of Mr. Brown, Mr. Janik, and Mr. Bove) to visibly wear a name badge at all times. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Guzzi will work with Mr. Brown to obtain the new name badges.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Mrs. Deal at 9:30 PM; seconded by Mr. Turk to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine A. Plumeau  
Golf Course Commission Clerk