

DENNIS GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2016  
DENNIS HIGHLANDS GOLF COURSE  
4:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Oman, Members Harper, and Mikkila, Alternate Scibeck

STAFF: Director Cummings, Office Manager Fabiano-Stowe

ABSENT: Members Fenton, Fiske, Alternate Richard

Chairman Oman opened by announcing the passing of former Dennis Golf Pro Jay Haberl. Mr. Oman stated there will possibly be a memorial this spring for him.

1. Tournament Schedule

Mr. Cummings went over the proposed tournament schedule with the committee, and mentioned the possibility of naming the Member/Member tournament the Jay Haberl Memorial Member/Member.

Mr. Oman asked for clarification on the Pines Championship Match Play format.

Mr. Tuttle asked if the Member/Guest has been eliminated. Mr. Cummings stated he asked staff to look at the participation level of all tournaments, and found low turnout for the Member/Guest. Discussion of the Member/Guest tournament took place.

**MOTION:**

Ms. Mikkila moved to approve the Tournament Schedule as presented.

Mr. Harper seconded the motion. The Committee voted 4-0-0.

2. Letter to the Membership Regarding Golf Course Etiquette

Mr. Oman asked each committee member to come up with some items that may need addressing in a letter to the Membership.

Mr. Cummings stated he has solicited John Boniface to give the department a "tip of the month" which will be published monthly on the website. Mr. Cummings explained that it would be a good idea for the Golf Advisory Committee to do a tip of the month as well.

Discussion regarding Golf Advisory Page on the website took place.

No action taken.

3. Director/Supt's. Report

Mr. Cummings stated at the end of December, the revenue was \$81,500 above last year. Cart fees, memberships and driving range fees are all up. Greens fees at the Highlands were down; however, play at the Pines is up.

Ms. Mikkila asked if there would be new scorecards reflecting the changes at the Pines. Mr. Cummings stated there would be and the ratings will now be posted at the handicap computers.

Mr. Cummings stated that new tee signs have been ordered. A simplified look was designed and each sign states the hole number with the Pines logo and par of the hole.

Mr. Cummings explained the Pines would be hosting the USGA qualifier on June 28<sup>th</sup> and we are expecting eighty-one players. Hole #5 at the Pines has been fixed with an additional \$9,000.00, which was paid for out of the budget. No increases have been proposed on the operational budget for FY2017; Mr. Cummings stated things were getting pretty tight.

Mr. Cummings stated the course is scheduled for a Chelsea Upgrade on Thursday this week. The Tee Sheet is not open as no business transactions can take place. We have been told it will only take one day. We will allow member play, walking only for Thursday. If it spills over into Friday, we will notify people via email/website. Hopefully that will not happen. The Tee Sheet has been closed for this Friday, just in case.

Mr. Harper asked if it could be considered to allow members to take carts for free on these days. Mr. Cummings reiterated he does not have the authority to give anything away.

Mr. Cummings stated the renovations were completed in approximately 29 days. NMP was a great outfit to work with. This crew was unbelievable, the staff is thrilled, and, as mentioned earlier, new scorecards and tee signs have been ordered.

Mr. Oman asked about the bid for the Highlands back 9 and what the timeline was. Mr. Cummings stated hopefully in August. The architect has been emailed and he anticipated working with him in February to start the process for the back nine. Hopefully we will see some preliminary plans in March or April. Mr. Cummings also stated he has been working with Gary Barber, Eric and Greg Rounseville on a Highlands Clubhouse renovation that will amount to over one million dollars. Mr. Cummings further explained that the golf course may be able to assume the debt service in year four of a ten year borrowing to complete the renovation. Mr. Cummings stated he could potentially have Gary do a presentation sometime in March or April on the renovation.

A discussion of the Capital Improvement meeting took place with regards to funding this project.

Member Jim Horvath was present and asked questions pertaining to the clubhouse renovation. Mr. Horvath also asked about the tree work being incomplete on the fifth hole at the Pines. Mr. Cummings addressed Mr. Horvath's concerns, stating there may be some potential staffing issues.

Discussion of potential staffing issues took place, stating it is an issue that keeps getting larger and larger. Resources, staff, and equipment are starting to become problematic. Mr. Horvath asked about the potential to utilize volunteers. Mr. Cummings stated he would look into it.

4. Public Input

No Public input.

5. Minutes- October 13, 2015

Ms. Mikkila moved to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2015 Golf Advisory Committee meeting. Mr. Scibeck seconded the motion. The Committee voted 3-0-1 (Harper)

6. Old/New Business

Ms. Mikkila asked if the Bouse houses would be in the same locations (particularly at the Pines). Discussion of the location of the Bouse Houses took place.

Mr. Harper suggested that if people are complaining to Ms. Mikkila about the Bouse House placement, that she should ask them to come to the meeting so their concerns could be addressed.

7. Next Meeting Schedule

The next scheduled meeting is February 8, 2016.

**MOTION:**

Mr. Harper moved to adjourn.

Ms. Mikkila seconded the motion. The Committee voted 4-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.