

GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2017  
DENNIS HIGHLANDS GOLF COURSE  
4 P.M.

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

STAFF: Director Cummings, Office Manager Fabiano-Stowe

ABSENT: Alternate Noorian

#### AGENDA

Chairman Oman opened the meeting by introducing new alternate David DeCarolis. There is also a new alternate, Edward Noorian, who was not present.

#### REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

##### **Motion:**

Mr. Scibeck nominated Mr. Oman for Chairman. Mr. Harper seconded the motion.

The Committee voted:

Mikkila aye

Harper aye

Scibeck aye

Kidwell aye

#### 1. Highlands Front 9 Renovation Project

Mr. Robert McNeil, Northeast Golf Design Company, was present to make a presentation on the proposed changes to the front 9 holes at the Highlands. Mr. McNeil did a hole by hole explanation of the changes that are proposed.

Mr. McNeil summarized the project as enjoyable, and being the fourth phase of a master plan. Mr. McNeil stated the Highlands has its own unique character and the vision was a bold but playable style.

Member Diane Ota asked if there would be drainage between the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> tee, as it is always muddy. Mr. McNeil stated drainage can be added if necessary.

Mr. DeCarolis asked about the 2<sup>nd</sup> hole and if there could be a berm in the back of the green. Mr. Cummings stated that could be addressed with maintenance staff.

After discussion of each individual hole, Mr. McNeil indicated there is a great deal of work proposed. All may not be accomplished but the general idea of renovation is outlined in these plans. There is also tree work that needs to be done which is important, but, that will be handled in-house.

Mr. Harper moved to recommend the plans for the Highlands Front 9 Renovation as presented.  
Ms. Kidwell seconded the motion. The Committee voted 5-0-0.

## 2. DIRECTOR/SUPERTINDENT REPORT

Mr. Cummings stated at the end of March, the Golf Department was down in revenue by \$144,000.00. The membership renewals are a large portion of this.

Mr. DeCarolis asked if this was typical. Mr. Cummings stated it is weather related, as well as the fact the Highlands closed early due to renovations. These numbers indicate somewhat that the members prefer to play the Highlands in the winter months.

Mr. Cummings stated the Golf Department is still looking for maintenance help.

Aeration for the Pines is scheduled for next week. Forecast is not looking good, so Mr. Cummings stated the tee sheet has been blocked off for Thursday, just in case.

Mr. Cummings stated the new App has launched.

Mr. Cummings also stated an email was sent to the members regarding hitting personal golf balls on the range, as it is not allowed. New machines have been put in place and those do not take tokens. These changes have been implemented as a means to put better controls in. A warning letter will be issued for those in violation of the policy. A discussion of the use of range balls and the driving range took place.

Mr. Cummings did remind everyone the machines do not accept credit cards.

## 3. PUBLIC INPUT

Carl Zopatti, member, stated the courses are in great shape. Asked there was any chance of tee markers for the driving range. Mr. Cummings stated a two sided easel was ordered and will report the yardages daily.

## 4. MINUTES

1/9/17

Ms. Mikkila moved to approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Scibeck seconded the motion. The Committee voted 5-0-0.

3/13/17

Ms. Mikkila moved to approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Harper seconded the motion. The Committee voted 5-0-0.

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Harper asked how Mr. Cummings seemed to have remedied the goose problem at the Pines. Mr. Cummings did update the committee that he has been in discussion with the Board of Health. At this point in time, the geese are not considered a public health problem.

Mr. MacLellan stated the Board of Health will be coming into the Dennis Pines restaurant tomorrow. They are also awaiting the liquor license from the state.

Mr. Oman stated the clubhouse architect has completed the bid drawings and Mr. Barber will be approaching the Historical Committee for approval. The renovation should commence sometime in September.

Ms. Ota asked if there would be electric carts. Mr. Cummings stated the current issue is the current battery in the electric carts and the unavailability to turn carts over during the day.

6. NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting is for May 15, 2017.

7. ADJOURN

Mr. Scibeck moved to adjourn.

Ms. Kidwell seconded the motion. The Committee voted 5-0-0.