

**GOLF COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
Monday, November 20, 2023, 7:00 pm
H. Smith Richardson Clubhouse Conference Room
2425 Morehouse Highway, Fairfield, CT
& Via Conference Call Bridge**

Due to technical issues, this meeting could not be recorded.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Chairman Keith Varian called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Varian waived the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Varian acknowledged that this was Commissioner Christine Hogan's last meeting as she was elected to the Zoning Board of Appeals. By Town Code, Ms. Hogan can only serve on one Board. Mr. Varian thanked Ms. Hogan for her service on the Golf Commission.

3. Staff Reports

a. Pro Manager Report

Golf Professional Bob Bigonette reviewed the 2023 season. It was successful and they are having a staff party for both golf courses on December 5th. Scores finished on the 14th and nothing has been posted. There was 100% sign up for the season and 13 outings. There was a discussion about outings and when to cap the number of events. Mondays are full with or without any outings. Estimated closing date is 12/17/23.

b. Administration Report

Parks & Recreation Director Anthony Calabrese could not be in attendance. Mike Herrington broke down numbers from the October Golf Report to make it easier to use the numbers for setting the new fees for 2024.

c. Superintendent Report

Golf Superintendent Peter Grace confirmed the closing date for the course as 12/17/23. Mr. Grace has had some complaints about Bunker Rakes so he will put more out. The crew is working hard to keep the course free of leaves. After receiving quotes for tree work, they will start after Thanksgiving. There is a drainage issue on 18 that will be worked on. Priscilla Schulz would like to keep talking about protection on the 6th tee.

4. Greens Committee Report

Priscilla Schulz played on Saturday and said the course looked great, but 18 needs work. Ms. Schulz said it was fun to play and the crew did a great job clearing the leaves.

5. Par 3 Committee Report

Golf Pro Bob Bigonette said the Par 3 looks magnificent and it is the best he has ever seen it. John is doing a great job.

6. To hear and or act upon old business:

There was no old business to discuss.

7. To hear and or act upon new business

a. Golf Rates for 2024

Chairman Varian went over the Rate Plan adopted by the Fairfield Golf Commission from the HSR Building Committee. A \$1 increase was proposed in all categories and HSR & Par 3. Par 3 rates have only been raised once in the last few years. Hourly pay rates for staff will be going up as well per state law.

2024 Carl Dickman/Par 3

Adult & Senior Resident/Non-Resident +\$1.00 all categories
Junior rates will not change

2024 Golf Rate proposal for HSR:

Adult & Senior Resident/Non-Resident +\$1.00 all categories

Jr. Resident M-Th 18	\$20
Jr. Resident M-Th 9	\$15
Jr. Resident Weekend 18	\$25
Jr. Resident Weekend 9	\$20

Jr. Non-Resident M-Th 18	\$25
Jr. Non-Resident M-Th 9	\$20
Jr. Non-Resident Weekend 18	\$30
Jr. Non-Resident Weekend 9	\$25

Season Pass Non-Resident Adult <u>Discount</u> M-Th	\$10
Season Pass Non-Resident Adult <u>Discount</u> Weekend	\$15
Season Pass Non-Resident Senior <u>Discount</u> M-Th	\$10
Season Pass Non-Resident Senior <u>Discount</u> Weekend	\$15

Christine Hogan made a motion to adopt the new rates for the courses in 2024. Priscilla Schulz seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

8. Communications

No communications.

9. Public Comment

Chris Flowers – Jr. Golf Committee Chairman - Thank you for considering his suggestions to lower Junior rates at HSR.

10. Adjourn

Mike Herrington made a motion to adjourn. Peter Secrist seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pru O'Brien
Recording Secretary