

GOLF COMMISSION
Monday, March 13, 2023, 7:00pm
Fairfield Parks & Recreation Conference Room
75 Mill Plain Road, Fairfield, CT
& Via Conference Call Bridge

A recording of this meeting can be found here: [Golf Commission 3/13/2023](#)

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice-Chair Peter Secrist, Michael Feinstein, Mike Herrington, Christine Hogan, Priscilla Schulz

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chair Keith Varian, Liam Herron

OTHERS PRESENT: Golf Pro Bob Bigonette, Golf Course Superintendent Peter Grace

1. Call to order

Vice-Chair Peter Secrist called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice-Chair Peter Secrist led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. Act on minutes of 2/13/23

Priscilla Schulz made a motion to approve the minutes of 2/13/23 as written. Mike Herrington seconded the motion which carried 4-0-1 (Secrist abstained)

4. Staff Reports

a. Pro Manager Report-Golf Pro Bob Bigonette

- 80 new carts arrived. Bob hasn't taken one out yet. The chargers came in without handles to hang from the ceiling, but they are working it out.
- Proposed new score card that he sent out with the new tees. USGA is scheduled to come out in 2025. Since the yardage is the only thing that has changed, there is an algorithm that will rate the slope at each tee. There was a discussion about using colors or numbers for the tees. Trying to make them more ability based than gender based. The discussion will be continued in the April meeting.

b. Administration Report-Parks & Recreation Director Anthony Calabrese
Anthony Calabrese was not in attendance.

c. Superintendent Report- Golf Course Superintendent Peter Grace

Peter Grace would like to get the greens top-dressed and aerified. He is hoping to get the course open toward the end of March weather permitting. Mr. Grace suggested sending a town wide blast especially to the golfers who signed up last year to let them know when the course will be open. Mr. Grace said he needs to check with sod farms but it will take to the middle or end of April to get all the forward Tees going. The old tees can be played while the new tees are being done. Mr. Grace and his crew have also been clearing trees that came down in the last storm. Tree work needs to be done along the cart path at 16, but the weather is not cooperating.

Bob Bigonette said the new ball machines arrived for the driving range and the new mats have been ordered. The BOF approved the first phase of upgrades to the range.

Mr. Bigonette is working on scope for covered stalls with 20 top tracers but thinks it could be a single source as there aren't many who do it. They are built modually so the range will only need to be closed for a week.

Priscilla Schulz talked about getting the practice range extended for chipping and putting. There is a big tree in the way and there was a discussion about whether there would be any room for an extension even is the tree came down.

5. Greens Committee Report

Nothing to report.

6. Par 3 Committee Report

Nothing to report.

7. To hear and or act upon old business:

There was no old business.

8. To hear and or act upon new business

a. Course Rating Update*

b. Approval of Score Cards*

*Will wait for information on tees and vote on cards at the next meeting.

9. Communications

a. Public Comment and emails

No emails. Public comment is in Item 10.

10. Public Comment

- Brian Daly-195 Hurd Street: Inquiring on the status of the sound system at Boca as discussed at the last meeting.
- Don DiMartino-84 Sunset Circle: expanding putting green can be done going toward the cart path. It can be done by cutting into the hill and leave sharper slope along cart path. Could extend 20-25 feet.

Bob Bigonette and Peter Grace will look into it and talk about it at the April meeting.

11. Adjourn

Christine Hogan made a motion to adjourn. Mike Feinstein seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pru O'Brien

Recording Secretary