

GOLF COMMISSION
Monday, February 12, 2024, 7:00pm
H. Smith Richardson Clubhouse Conference Room
2425 Morehouse Highway, Fairfield, CT
In person & Via Conference Call Bridge

A recording of this meeting can be found here: [Golf Commission Meeting 2/12/2/24](#)

DRAFT MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Peter Secrist, Vice Chair Mike Herrington, Liam Herron, Priscilla Schulz, Keith Varian

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mike Feinstein

OTHERS PRESENT: Parks & Recreation Director Anthony Calabrese, Golf Professional Bob Bigonette, Golf Course Superintendent Peter Grace, members of the public

1. Call to order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Secrist waived the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Act on minutes of 1/8/24

There were a few corrections to the minutes on the Bot Policy and the superintendent's report.

Keith Varian made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Priscilla Schulz seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

4. Staff Reports

a. Pro Manager Report

i. Course Handicap Modifications

There will be a reallocation of handicap modifications maybe in early spring. They've been collecting data for a few years. There was a discussion about the modifications. Golf Professional Bob Bigonette will continue the conversation at the March meeting.

b. Administration Report

Parks & Recreation Director Anthony Calabrese reviewed the January Golf Report. Season passes are on track with last year. Mr. Calabrese will go before the BOS for the approval of funding for the proposed updates and improvements to the Driving Range. If it passes, he will go before the BOF next week. As soon as all boards approve, the project will move forward. It should take approximately two weeks.

c. Superintendent Report

Golf Course Superintendent Peter Grace said there are many dead Hemlock trees at 5. They have removed trees on both sides of 12 as well as the top of the hill on the cart path at 10. The crew is getting the equipment ready to go for spring. Conservation is going out to see drainage but they haven't gotten there yet.

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 is no old business.

8. To hear and or act upon new business

- Yanni Taxiltaridis from Boca will be at the March meeting. Chair Peter Secrist will not be able to attend the March meeting.
- Keith Varian saw pictures on Dads of Fairfield of someone playing golf at the HSR course. The man playing was taking huge divets out of the ground and didn't fix them. There was a discussion about what happens on the course in the off season. Is it considered a park and are there restrictions that can be enforced. Anthony Calabrese said it is considered a park in the off season but no one is permitted to play golf.

9. Communications

a. Public Comment and emails

There are no cummnunications.

10. Public Comment

- John Johnson, Superintendent, Par3 – Friday afternoon he saw foursomes playing. College kids are playing on the closed course. Mr. Johnson asked for estimate for opening day so he can get everything ready. Anthony Calabrese projected St. Patrick's Day opening.

Anthony Calabrese said the Par3 is fenced off so people who are on the course could be trespassing.

11. Adjourn

Ketih Varian made a motion to adjourn. Liam Herron seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pru O'Brien
Recording Secretary