



South Hadley Municipal Golf Commission

Meeting Minutes 04/11/2016

Board Members present: George Francis, Len Finkowski, Jim Brough, Kyle Steinbock, Marc Dubois, Jeff Millard

Board Members absent: Bill Foley

Staff Present: Mike Fontaine, Andy Rogers

Visitor: Selectboard member Bruce Forcier

Jim Brough called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Len Finkowski made a motion to accept the minutes from the 03/14/16 Golf Commission Meeting. Marc Dubois seconded the motion. The vote to accept was unanimous.

Announcements / Open Forum: None

Golf Course Managers Report:

Andy Rogers reviewed the Following:

Staff updates:

Lee Bourden is the new Food & Beverage Manager.

James Hampton is the new assistant professional.

Six people have been hired for golf staff.

Interviews for cooks should take place this week.

Other staff will be hired in the coming weeks.

Golf Updates:

The course opened March 30. We have been open for play 8 days so far. Last year we did not open until April 22.

James Falco has been calling past annual pass holders to try to increase sales. The response has been good. We are about equal to last year so far.

We have added a couple of new leagues this year, including a Tuesday league.

We are looking into holding a two ball tournament the weekend of the Connecticut PGA championship.

The planned meeting for the annual pass holders, Golf Staff, and Golf Commission did not take place. Almost all of the league leaders and many players came to the course individually and introduced themselves to Andy and Jim.

All daily receipts are being taken directly to the town Treasurer's office at Town Hall.

Improvements:

The drainage project on hole #8 is complete, except for sod.

The new security system has been installed. It is in color, and has a much

higher resolution, as well as about two months of data storage. Key fobs have also been reset, so there are only five now active.

A new whiteboard has been installed.

The starter's podium has been repaired.

Towel service has been ordered for the golf staff (for cart maintenance).

All areas of the kitchen are being cleaned thoroughly.

High top tables and seats (for 32 people) have been ordered.

Continuing to learn the POS system.

Valley View Grille:

We are hoping to open May 1st, possibly earlier if we are ready.

Limited bar service may be available prior to having food available.

The new menu will be simple, fast, pub style food.

We are currently selling a limited number of beverages and snacks out of the Pro Shop.

Coffee will be added tomorrow.

Andy also stated the Valley View Grille will not be trying to attract non golfers to dine. The grill is there to support the golfers. Others will be welcome, but the menu will be limited. We will still cater our tournaments.

The Golf Course web site has been updated.

There will be no advertising with Val-Pak this year. Groupon will be looked into.

Golf Course Superintendents report:

Mike reported that Mother Nature is still in charge. The course was closed due to weather for five days. The gas pump has been repaired. A Large tree has come down at the driving range. Hopefully we will be able to move it out of the way without having to spend \$1500 for a chipper rental. Mr. Forcier recommended Mike contact the tree warden to see if he can help.

Tees and greens are being cut, and the greens have been rolled. Aerification is planned for next week.

Mike is looking forward to the warmer weather.

New Business:

Jim Brough is donating a used pressure washer to the course to be used for cart cleaning.

Old business:

There are still two associate (non-voting) seats available on the Golf Commission.

At 7:37, George Francis made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Marc Dubois. The vote to accept was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
George Francis