

July 20, 2022: Golf Course Minutes

Body:

CFGC Committee Meeting Agenda

July 20, 2022, Meeting

Time: 6:30 pm

Attendance: John Russell, Cliff Latray, Bob Latray, Cheryl Schuyler, Herb Snider, and Dave Downey

Absent/excused: Jeremy Thompson

Employees: None

Guests: Max Watson. Joe and Edith Bigwarfe, and Chris Cook.

Meeting called to order at: 6:30 pm

1. Old Business:

A. Review and approval of June 2022 minutes.

Discussion: none

Motion to accept: Herb Snider 2nd: John Russell All approved

No abstention.

Motion carried

B. Beautification needs:

a. Paint to clubhouse and driving range building, anyone want to lead this project?

I. Thanks Bob on repair and painting the cart storage building, 90% complete, Clubhouse may have to wait until fall.

Discussion: Cart Storage Building may need to have a metal roof. May need to discuss with Town. Town Building. (open).

Clubhouse may need to wait until fall.

II. Thank you Cliff for touching up the honor box and safety painting the doorjamb.

C. Improvements for the course:

a. Number 2 fairway (open)

I. Town of Fine picked up and delivered one tandem truck load of topsoil 7-12-22 from Peabody Excavating for \$22 per cubic yard. Best deal that could be found. One was \$23, Mr. Grant and did not want to allow us to pick up, another was well, Mitchell, over \$30/per cu yard.

II. Seed has been ordered. (Is here)

III. Bales of hay will be needed, found a source that was \$4 / square bale.

Dave discussed with Adam and Eric Szlamczynski (they do lawn maintenance) and they suggested using bales of hay, no round bales.

Outdoor stored round bale \$25/roll. Heavy and difficult to work with. They felt we would need 10-12 bales. \$4/bale. Dave needs to find contact information and then arrange to obtain bales.

Will then need a work date, volunteers with rakes and time to assist.
Suggested we wait till after Men's Member/Guest, early in week and not on a weekend. (open)

IV. Roger Folsom willing to bring his tractor to move topsoil, will need helpers to smooth it out with garden rakes before seeding, do we want to roll it before seeding?

Discussion: Will need to find a date and time once hay has been obtained.

b. Alternate ladies' number 3 tee box (open, will review after completion of fairway repair) Next priority (open)

c. Signage for Jrecks' installed on number 8 tee, thanks Cliff (closed)

D. Update on greens mower- contact with the sales rep our delivery pushed to September 22, waiting for part to assemble.

a. I contacted 2 dealers on listing for newer mower possible just coming off lease, both said currently they do not have any inventory. Currently all those that are waiting to turn in on lease are waiting for new replacements. One mentioned that currently telling clients that order a new mower are being told that delivery is going to be at the end of 2024 at best.

Discussion: Joe Bigwarfe asked about a maintenance agreement? When he worked for club, equipment was sent out for maintenance. He thought it cost \$1500 per year. Committee was not aware of this happening. Committee also not aware of lease option on equipment, or how to get used equipment. Committee learning as we go. Committee also not involved, were presented this option and really not given the opportunity to give input. We were trying to get choice to both towns in fall meeting. Committee needs to do due diligence when looking at equipment purchases to obtain multiple options before purchasing. This did not occur and in hindsight, was not the way to go about purchasing equipment. Equipment order in and we just need to stick with this at this time. If we change our minds would need to then present recommendations to town. At this time will need to stick with this order.

E. Men's restroom vandalism and roof damage.

a. The screen repaired and re-installed (closed)

F. Update on discussions with Jrecks'.

a. Lease agreement in place and payments are being made (closed)

G. Tournament requests: (info)

a. Ladies member guest July 21, course not closed.

b. Men's member guest: July 28-30 course closed Thursday at 2, Friday and Saturday 8-4.

c. Ranger school reunion Aug 5. 12-4, 9-hole w/shotgun start, expecting 30-40 golfers. (course can be closed if greater than 36 players their registration closure date is 15 July) No information from Ranger School as yet.

d. Wilderness foundation Aug. 6 course closed 8-4. Need 5 carts, if anyone interested in lending cart, let Derek Lough know. Carts are charged for like a course cart.

e. Ladies foothills Tournament Tuesday Aug. 2, 9am – 2pm. Course Closed 9am-2pm. 13 Course carts available. May also need carts from members, will look at our ladies first. No carts to be rented that morning.

f. Men's Club Championship Aug 20th and 21st, no tournaments during this weekend, course NOT closed. No tournaments during that time.

H. Review of Financial Statements, June

Discussion:

Motion to approve: John Russell Second: Herb Snider All Approved
No abstaining votes Motion Carried

2. New Business:

A. Next Meeting: Aug 17 at 6:30 PM, Town of Fine Office

B. Request from the Friends of the golf course to come up with an equipment wish list with Gary's input. Dave talked with Gary to get list together. Looking for tow behind mower for tractor. Current mower was never meant to be used for that and is breaking down every month and frequently needing repairs. Dave felt golf carts should be on the list and questioned if the utility vehicles are functioning. Unknown at this time. John states he has worked on them before, putting in brakes. Using golf carts now, which keep carts from being available for rental. Gary needs to be consulted about equipment; he is the only one who would know. Gary was told about meeting and encouraged to attend but is not here.

C. Request from Friends of the golf course to place signage in the deck to highlight the accomplishment of this project with the goal of encouraging further giving in the future.

a. I suggested across the beam above the steps.

Discussion: Place sign to Right side of deck, by stairs. Sign would be visible from #9 as players exit green, would be visible from cart path as players drive by, and would be visible as you come up steps of deck.

Motion: Have Friends of Golf Course place sign on railing on right of stairs on deck.

Motion: Herb Snider Second: Cliff Latray All approved
no abstaining votes Motion Carried

D. Request for donations:

a. Wilderness foundation: (2) 18 hole with a cart certificates.

b. Ryan's wish foundation: (2) 18 hole with a cart certificates.

c. Aldrich Fish and Game for silent auction supporting sending children to NYS Dept of conservation summer camp: (2) 18 hole with a cart certificates.

Discussion: Men's Member/Guest requesting (2) 18 hole with cart certificates and also buy (2) 18 hole with cart certificates.

Motion to approve the above donations by: Bob Latray second: Herb Snider
All approved No abstaining votes Motion carried

E. Cart issues:

a. Attendant identified person using course cart after hours, he was spoken to, but also the carts are secured with cable and locks nightly. Info

b. Attendant called me with young men using their own cart after hours, I rode out to the course and had a discussion with them and asked them to leave. Info College rate available and still need to pay trail fee for all carts on course, and greens fees. Stated they had Paid in honor box, Mallory checked and \$2 in box. So, they did not pay for greens fees or trail fees.

c. Ran short on carts last weekend, added the 2 maintenance carts to the mix. Info

Please DO NOT ask attendants to police situations. They will call Dave and he will handle any situations that need to be addressed. Pass concerns on to attendant who will then call Dave. If you see abuse of golf course or golf course equipment, you can address, or get names and pass on to Dave.

Couple on Wednesday confronted by Bob and now that they have to pay, they have not been Back to play.

14 Carts are listed on inventory sheet. Need to determine if we have 14 and if we need a tank for that cart. Tanks can be ordered for a little over \$300 each. The tanks John looked at were broken and not repairable, neck broke off both. Dave will discuss with Gary. Used carts are at least \$2500 or more and new are very expensive, \$11000 - \$14000. 12 bought in 2006 and 2 in 2015. Available at \$325 each on ebay.

F. Review of 2021 course audit report. Only 2 concerns from Chris - need to make changes - We should be using the cart rental contract. Especially for non-local people. Cart # should be placed on agreement with phone number and have attendants look at cart when it is returned. 2 carts have the same number. Would need to change number. Then if there are issues, we would know who was using that cart. Then members who routinely rent carts should sign one, so they are aware that they are responsible for any damages. Those would be kept on file for the season. Can use any form we develop, since we have limited forms. Also attempting to get members to sign cart storage agreement, trail fee agreement and member agreement and meeting with resistance because it is halfway thru season. Should get those signed when memberships, trail fees and cart storage fees are paid in the beginning of the season. Herb states it only prevents the insurance company from liability, not the course. We - as the course- are still responsible. So, we felt this would help prevent that liability. Informs cart storage people to not keep anything valuable in your cart. Also, the door needs to be more secure. Pipe could be used and cemented in place.

G. Please turn in invoice sheet to Town in a timely manner and sign them so that Hope can figure out which account to charge the funds. Cheryl has invoices and will give to Hope. For golf balls, for pro shop, gloves for pro shop and paper products for course. Black River Paper was not able to get paper products. Ordered in May and not able to fill and could not give us a timetable for availability and we are in need of products. Cheryl ordered and still waiting for toilet tissue but coming Friday. Please sign so Hope knows who to charge. Especially when it gets close to end of month.

3. Committee member's input:

Cliff: Nothing

Bob: Nothing

Cheryl: Bob discussed the trash on the course with me. Trash was full and when picked up by employees they do not separate the cans and bottles from the trash. It is quite disgusting. Wondered if we could get another bin for cans and bottles at every tee. I looked and can get 12 recycle bins for around \$90 then would secure them to ball washers or other trash bins, so they are not stolen or blown away. I ordered liners also. Money usually used for Junior Golf; some could go toward cost of bins.

Motion to obtain recycle bins for course by Bob Latray second: Herb Snider All Approved

No abstaining votes Motion Carried.

Concerned with Tee Markers being moved. Only the grounds crew are supposed to move tees. I think the committee needs to make a determination regarding use of forward tees. Most courses have an age that they use for people to use forward tees. Most courses I have been to say 75. John looked it up and the benchmark is age 70 and above. I feel that it is the committee's responsibility to set at the beginning of the 2023 season. (Open till 2023)

Herb: Agrees with Markers not being moved and agrees committee should make determination. Thinks that Jrecks' lease should be discussed at budget time. Will bring up again when budget discussed.

John: Nothing

Dave: Nothing

4. Guest Input:

Max Watson: Had someone ask him what we were paying Jrecks to be here. Max told him he was wrong, and he needed to come to meetings.

Joe Bigwarfe: States he saw young men placing carts in inappropriate places. They were driving the cart up the back of 2 tee. Up the hill on 8 by the green. Asked who has the right to talk to these kids about what they are doing. Anyone can ask players to be respectful of the course but issues should be brought up to attendants who then they will call Dave to address these issues. That is another reason to get names and if a cart was rented, we would find it easier to identify who was involved.

Edith: Nothing

Chris: Has been keeping track of activity from 8am-9am, and 5pm-6pm. 3 ½ weeks of data \$1067 made and 20 hrs of attendant salary. 20 days from 5-6 and \$465 and 20 hrs attendant salary. Definitely covered our cost for the attendants. Will need to keep monitoring because the attendants are both college students and we are not sure when their classes start, and Brady is taking a course now and needs to leave at 5:30 on Wednesday's for 3 more weeks and Chris and Dave have been covering. Will need to adjust hours as we determine when their courses start. Mallory unsure if her classes will be online or in person. May need to adjust hrs. Will keep close track. Attendants coming in early for special events and to put on time sheet. Rain has curtailed their hrs. Cannot go over 40 hrs in a week.

5. Motion to adjourn: John Russell

Second: Cheryl Schuyler

All Approved

No abstaining votes

Motion carried

Meeting Adjourned at: 1945

Respectfully Submitted: Cheryl Schuyler