

Yarmouth Golf Enterprise Committee
Minutes of Meeting
April 1, 2019

Attending Committee Members: Bev Arnett, Kristen Seymour, Ellen Chapman, Ted Deckel, Andy Martin, Wayne Kivi.

Attending from the Golf Operations Department: Keith MacArthur, Becky White, Eric Nowicki, Scott Seymour and Steve Marlin

Attending from the Public: Betty Lou Mitchell

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:05 PM at the Bass River Grille.

Public Comments:

Betty Lou Mitchell brought up two concerns for discussion:

1. Would the advanced check from the leagues covering the \$5 for each golfer playing be cashed by Yarmouth Golf or is it just a place holder until the day of league play?

Response: The check will be cashed and deposited. Payment on league day by the members should be made to the league and not to Yarmouth Golf.

2. Concern that not allowing carts in the parking lot will be construed by members as unfriendly and also a problem for older members.

Response: The change is occurring due to the liability of having the carts in the parking lot. There will be additional club racks by the club house for golfers to drive up and drop off their clubs. Staff will be available to help move the clubs from the golf racks to the carts, especially on league days. Yes, tipping of the bag staff will be allowed!

Review of Minutes: The minutes from 03/12/19 and 03/20/19 were reviewed and accepted.

Review of Board of Selectmen Meeting:

1. It was noted that the remark was made at the meeting that the Reserve Fund is now empty, after the completion of the 2020 budget.
2. The \$360,000 loaned from the General Fund has not been used and is still available and is considered part of the Reserve.
3. Members of the GEC felt the vote to maintain the present status of Yarmouth Golf would have passed, as BoS members were appreciative of the efforts made by the golf Operations staff and GEC and felt a year of "proving" our commitment was needed. However, Norm Holkum felt a vote should not be taken without a review of the full board and more time to study the proposals.

Golf Operation Progress:

1. Tee Snap should be in place by the end of the month. Staff would then be on board to train and answer questions to the public.
2. Brush and trees continue to be removed and the courses readied for golf.

3. The stone markers at Bayberry are in place, but there may not be enough funds to have the etchings completed this year for hole information.
4. Memberships are being purchased: currently at \$227K, only down \$30K from this time last year.
5. There was a general review of the 2020 budget, something the GEC committee had not seen in prior years.
6. A question was raised as to the use of more part time help, as suggested by the Billy Casper proposal. Scott explained that under the union contract a seasonal worker can currently only accrue 1200 hours. This would need to be negotiated with the union for any changes.

Restaurant Update:

Scott introduced Steve Marlin, the new, part-time manager for the Yarmouth Golf Restaurants. Steve brings a lot of restaurant and bar management to Yarmouth Golf as a previous manager of several bars and grills in New York City. Steve also owned and operated a restaurant in Brewster for 5 years. Steve had the following comments regarding his progress:

1. He is working on the hiring of a manager for Bass River and Bayberry and remaining staffing positions (1/2 completed at Bass River).
2. The menus will start off light and easy, pub type food, while the restaurants get up to speed and due to the current challenges to the restaurants; small kitchens, duct problems, computer issues.
3. He and Scott are currently working on the Tip Pool requirements. In the past the kitchen help has participated in the Tip pool, which is against regulations.

Discussion on New Committee Reports to Board of Selectmen:

Tabled the above discussion until after the meeting with the BoS on Tuesday, April 9th. Please send your ideas to Kristen for review at our next meeting.

The meeting concluded at 7:17 PM.