

GOLF COMMITTEE

Frye Island Golf Course

Minutes of Winter Meeting of February 15, 2009

- A. MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Canty, Laura Davis, Mike Hurley, John Kett, Bruce Nisula, Vic Solomini, and Mark Thomas
- B. OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Hodge via phone conferencing for a short time.
- C. LOCATION: John Kett's house.
- D. CALL TO ORDER: Director Thomas called the Meeting to order at 9:00 AM Saturday, February 15, 2009.
- E. PRIOR MINUTES: The draft of the prior meeting (8-31-08) had been previously approved by unanimous vote over the internet.
- F. EXECUTIVE SESSION : None
- G. NEW BUSINESS

1) Review of the Golf Year 2008 is as follows:

- a) Completed and put into use the rebuilt 5th Tee.
- b) Completed and put into use the rebuilt 3rd and 9th Red Tees.
- c) Installed new irrigation pump.
- d) Installed wood rail fence on 9th hole.
- e) Organized popular and successful dinners.
- f) Cleared brush and trimmed trees extensively on course.
- g) Initiated rebuilding of 1st and 7th Tees.
- h) Organized three Ice Cream Socials that were popular.
- i) Membership workdays were productive.
- j) Inaugurated a Junior Club Championship that exceptionally popular.
- k) Raised over \$30,000 to fund the construction of Sue's Kitchen addition through donations and an auction.
- l) Improved drainage on 5th and 6th Holes.

2) The un-audited 2008 Financials indicate the following:

OPERATIONS 2008:

Operating Revenue = \$217,375
Operating Expenses = \$195,515
Positive Cash Flow = \$21,860

RESERVES:

Operations Reserve Account balance as of December 31, 2008, was approximately \$56,217.16.

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Equipment Reserve Account balance as of December 31, 2008, was approximately \$11,939.88.

The above reserve account balances are tentative, not audited, and do not include the positive cash flow from 2008. This will be added after the audit is complete.

LIABILITIES:

The tractor was paid off in 2008. Proshop credit liability is \$553.60.

MISCELLANEOUS:

The Proshop inventory is \$6,126.

3) The 2009 Fee Schedule was discussed with considerable attention paid to the implications of the current financial crisis in the country.

A motion was made by Vic and seconded by John to keep all fees the same as in 2009, thus recommending the following 2009 fee schedule to the Executive Committee (Unanimously approved):

ITEM	2008 Actual Fee	2009 Proposed Fee
Individual Membership*	575.00	575.00
Family Membership*	860.00	860.00
Trail Fee	200.00	200.00
Initiation Fee	500.00	500.00
Three Day Pass	45.00	45.00
Week Day Youth (16 or younger)	10.00	10.00
Week Day Adult	20.00	20.00
Weekend Days and Holidays	30.00	30.00
Weekend Twilight (after 5 PM)	15.00	15.00
Weekday Twilight (after 5 PM) Adult#	13.00	13.00
Scramble Fee (e.g. 9 holes Sunday morning)	15.00	15.00
Use of pull cart per 18 holes (9 holes same price)	4.00	4.00
Rental clubs per 18 holes (9 holes same price)	12.00	12.00
Use of gasoline cart for 9 holes	16.00	16.00
Use of gasoline cart for 18 holes	26.00	26.00
Week-Long Unlimited Golf Pass	110.00	110.00
Weekend Youth (16 or younger)	20.00	20.00
Tee Sponsor \$150 plus cost of plaque		
*\$25 Discount for Memberships paid prior to May 15.		

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4) Tentative Tournament Schedule for 2009 is as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Tournament</u>	<u>Organizers</u>
Sat, May 23	Ryder Cup	Mark
Fri, Jun 19	Bishop GE	Tom B.
Jun 13-14	June Invitational (Steve Daigle)	Steve, John
Sat, Jul 4	Steak and Hot Dog	John, Vic
Jun-Aug	Club Championship	Bruce
Sat, Jul 25	Night Golf	John, Mike
Sat, Aug 1	Rally for a Cure	To be named
Sat, Aug 8	President's Cup	Vic, Laura
Aug 22-23	Member-Guest	Jim, John H.
Mon, Aug 25	MGCSA (Superintendents)	Jim
Sep 11-13	Sebago Lake Escape	Mark
Sat, Oct 3	Shoot Out	Mike
Sat, Sep 26	TKE Fall Classic	Jim
Sat, Oct 18	Cross Country	Laura
To be determined	Junior Championship	Ron, Paul

5) Shotgun starts were approved for the June Invitational, Rally for a Cure, and Sebago Lake Escape Tournaments. Working lights will be required on all carts participating in Night Golf.

6) Golf Committee Organizational Assignments for 2009 were agreed as follows:

<u>Person</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Bruce	Course Coordinator
Laura	Club Tournaments Coordinator (provides oversight)
See listing of Tournaments	Individual Tournament Organizers
Mark	Clubhouse (Pro Shop and Lounge) Coordinator
Vic	Sunday Scramble Coordinator
John	Volunteer Work Coordinator
Vic	Charity Events Coordinator
Tom	Handicap Subcommittee
Mike	Maine Golf association/USGA Liaison

7) Tee Marker Sponsors are either in place or have made verbal commitments for all marker locations.

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- 8) Mark and Bruce will re-investigate the electrical charges, including the cost of lighting the parking lot, for possible cost savings.
- 9) Members should be aware that Laura and the Committee encourage input regarding merchandise to be carried in the Proshop.
- 10) Vic offered to make his house available on the week-end of Aug 21 to 23 to serve as housing for the group that purchased the Golf Week-end at the Auction last year. Bruce was authorized to notify the purchaser.
- 11) Laura D. will prepare a Tournament Organizer's checklist to assure that certain important procedures are routinely followed: Sign-up becomes available three weeks prior to tournament; organizer coordinates with Laura to place notice in FINS; email messages are sent to the membership to encourage participation and timely signup; and designation of specifics such as necessary deadlines and meal count.
- 12) Since the bulk of the funds have been accumulated for the kitchen addition project, it will proceed in the Spring. To the extent that the HVAC system involves improvement to the existing building, it will be appropriate for Golf Reserves to bear the cost. The interior design and HVAC design will be matters to be finalized as the site, septic, and foundation work are proceeding in the Spring. Paul, Bruce and Brian were identified as the Construction sub-Committee. IKEA and Universal Furniture of Portsmouth were suggested sources of cabinetry.
- 13) Jim reported on the Course as follows in part: 1) The rebuilding of tees on Holes 1 and 7 is in progress, and will be finished early this year with a Turbo Turf hydro-seeder costing about \$1,700 to be purchased as a part of the project; 2) There are no large equipment purchases contemplated for this year.
- 14) Possible corrections to the 2008 financials will be discussed with the accountant as it appears that about \$6 to 7,000 of the tee rebuilding costs were charged to both reserves and operating expenses.
- 15) Mike will research the cost of a GHIN card printer machine and labels.
- 16) A schedule of workdays was selected as follows: Jun 28, and Sept 27. Projects will be determined in collaboration with the Superintendent.
- 17) Ice Cream Socials are scheduled for Sat, May 23, Sat, July 5, and Sat, Sep 5. To address the difficulty encountered in lining up volunteers, a sign-up sheet will be posted well in advance of each social. Bruce volunteered to help with the May 23 event.
- 18) Laura C. reported that some screens need to be replaced—this will be attended

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to in the spring. Also, a new pizza cooker is needed. Mark will get technical details for Bruce and Nancy who will look for a good deal on a new cooker.

19) The Yardage Guide Book was discussed. Since new tees (blue) are being added to the course, as well as some recent changes in the tees, finalizing the Book needs to be delayed until MSGA rates the new tees. Completing the Book will take a while, but it will remain an active item.

20) As a matter of Lounge policy, no persons under the age of 21 may use the upstairs room. There was discussion of the possibility of moving the currently unused pool table from the balcony area in the Community Center to the upstairs room in the lounge, and further discussion on whether or not a ping-pong table would fit therein. The next action item is for Jim to make an assessment of the condition of the pool table.

21) The following constitutes items to be considered for the long range plan for clubhouse and/or course improvement projects with the timeframe for action indicated:

Major Capital Cost

1. Purchase Equipment as needed.
 - 72" Rotary Mower – \$12,000 – \$20,000 - 2010
 - Triplex Greens Mower – \$12,000 – \$20,000 - 2011
 - 9,000 Pound lift for Shop - \$7,000 – 2012
 - Heavy Duty Utility Cart –\$15,000 – 2013
 - Tee & Approach Triplex Mower– \$12,000 – \$20,000 - 2014
2. Tees for 1 and 7 - \$15,000 – 2009
3. Other Tees
4. Cart path renovations
5. Driving Range, Putting Green/Practice Bunker
6. Golf Carts

Minor Capital Cost

1. Print Yardage Guide Booklet
2. Replace the remaining old chairs and tables
3. Fountain(s)

Greens keeping Staff (or Lounge Staff)

1. Repairing and developing cart paths.
2. Repairing, re-leveling, and reseeding tees where needed.
3. Improve definition of cart path on 3 and 6. Add bluestone.
4. Remove Bunker on 5
5. Add a fairway bunker on 7 (Future).

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Membership (Minimal Cost)

1. Loaming over the holes and ruts on the fairways.
2. Clearing of brush, branches and rocks from woods.
3. Maintenance of Tee Markers to provide color without obstructing plaques.
4. Improving the parking area for rental golf carts.

22) The Committee voted to recommend to the Executive Committee the following changes to the Operations Policy Handbook:

- a) **Under Section 4. Golf Club Membership, under Annual Fees, add the sentence, “Annual Membership Fees (Single or Family Greens Fees), Trail Fees, and Initiation Fees may not be paid by credit card”. Proposed by Bruce, seconded by Vic, and unanimously approved.**
- b) **Under Section 7. Golf Cart Usage, Item (e), at the end of the sentence add the words, “if owned by a Charter Member”, and Item (f), at the end of the first sentence add the words, “or a Charter Member”. Proposed by Bruce, seconded by Vic, and approved with Tom casting the one dissenting vote.**
- c) **Under Section 4. Golf Club Membership, at the end of the next to last sentence of the second paragraph, add the words, “for five continuous years.” Proposed by Bruce, seconded by Mark, and unanimously approved.**
- d) **c) Under Section 11. General Course Rules, replace Item (r-1), with the sentence, “Town employees who work 20 hr/wk or more are allowed free greens fees and are permitted to play in all Club Tournaments during the period of employment.” Proposed by Bruce, seconded by John, and unanimously approved.**
- e) **Under Section 11. General Course Rules, replace Item (r-2) with the sentence, “The Golf Superintendent is allowed free Family Membership without voting rights and a free Trail Fee for one cart during the period of employment.” Proposed by Bruce, seconded by Laura, and unanimously approved.)**

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f) **Add Table at end of Policy entitled, “Membership Rights Summary” as follows (Proposed by Bruce, seconded by Mark, and unanimously approved):**

<u>Rights</u>	<u>Family Member</u>	<u>Individual Member</u>	<u>Charter Member</u>	<u>Town Employee</u>
To Vote	Yes	Yes	No	No
To Purchase a Trail Fee for Cart	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
To Use a Cart with Paid Trail Fee	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
To Purchase Annual Membership	N/A	N/A	Yes	No
To play in Member-Guest, President's Cup, and Club Championship Tournaments	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

23) The following expenditures that the Committee intends to make during the 2009 fiscal year, from the Operations Reserve have been approved previously by the Board of Selectmen: a) \$15,000 for rebuilding 1st and 7th Tees.

24) The Tee Markers need to be re-painted. Volunteers will be sought by the Volunteer Work Coordinator.

25) To improve communications with the Membership, updated email addresses and phone numbers will be sought from the Members.

H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Future Meeting Dates as follows:

Immediately following Sunday Scrambles on the following dates:

May17, Jun 27 (4PM), Jul 12, Aug 9, Sep 6 (combined with Annual Meeting), and Oct 4.

I. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

1) Adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Minutes approved via the Internet.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce C. Nisula
Secretary, Golf Committee