

MINUTES

Beaver Meadow Golf Advisory Committee Meeting October 12, 2023

In Attendance: Chris Mulleavey (Chair), Jennifer Kretovic, Mark Coen, Roger Jobin, Gary Darby, Bob Whatmough, Fran Hunt, Nathan Fennessy, Phil Davis, Pat Lanman, and Brian LeBrun.

Excused: Ruthann Bradley, Linda Mattlage, and Dick Holden.

1) Approval of Meeting Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2023 meeting. The minutes were approved with a unanimous voice vote.

2) Pro Shop Operations:

- Phil provided an overview of daily rounds and sales revenue. The course is approaching 30,000 rounds for the season. Despite the rainy summer, cart revenue, driving range revenue, and Pro Shop revenue are all up from last year. The fall membership drive is going well and is up from last year.
- Two more large events will be happening this weekend. On Friday night, October 13, there is a Glow Golf Tournament that sold out in 90 minutes; and the restaurant is holding a Halloween party. On Saturday, the boys and girls high school golf championships will be held.

3) Course Update:

- Greens and fairway aeration are done. All have been done twice this year. The crew will now move on to leaf clean-up and preparation for winter.
- Chris Mulleavey asked if crews would be adding sand to the sand traps. Pat indicated that they are planning to do so.
- Pat noted that the tree clearing project has allowed the course to dry up quicker after inclement weather, which, in turn, allows the carts to get out on the course sooner.
- John Regan of the City's Tree Committee was in attendance, as members of the Tree Committee had been invited to attend today's meeting to give their perspective on the course's tree activities. John attended on behalf of the Tree Committee to communicate that committee members did not feel they needed to meet with the Golf Course Advisory Committee. He said that because the City has its own arborist and is also working with U.S. Fish & Wildlife, Tree Committee members weren't sure how much more expertise they could offer.
- Pat indicated that the course will most likely close for the season sometime before Thanksgiving, depending on weather conditions.
- Phil noted that, as of November 1st, 10:00 AM will be the earliest tee time, so as to avoid delaying 8:00 AM tee times due to frost. On the occasion there is a mild morning, the course will call golfers with 10 AM tee times and let them know they can tee off earlier if they wish.

4) Other:

- Nathan Fennessy provided an update on the October 11, 2023 Ad-Hoc Beaver Meadow Building Committee meeting.

5) 5 Minutes of Public Input:

- BMGC member Charlie Randall asked if the 10th tee would be moving, as he had heard this was happening. Pat confirmed that it would be. Charlie suggested that rocks in the sand traps be removed at the same time new sand is being added. Charlie noted that he has heard complaints about the number of events taking place during the week, resulting in senior members not being able to play. He suggested that the committee consider making senior memberships seven days a week, instead of five, when the committee considers rates next year. Lastly, Charlie shared his concerns about pace of play.

6) Adjournment:

- A motion was made and seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 AM with a unanimous voice vote.