

MINUTES

Beaver Meadow Golf Advisory Committee Meeting
July 19, 2023

In Attendance: Chris Mulleavey (Chair), Jennifer Kretovic, Nathan Fennessy, Mark Coen, Bob Norton, Gary Darby, Linda Mattlage, Ruthann Bradley, Bob Whatmough, Phil Davis, Pat Lanman, and Brian LeBrun.

Excused: Fran Hunt, Roger Jobin, Dick Holden, and Corey Schofield.

1) Approval of Meeting Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the June 8, 2023 meeting, with two revisions requested by Jennifer Kretovic: 1) Gary Darby's name is listed twice as an attendee; therefore, one needs to be deleted; and 2) Under the public input section, the words "Concord resident" needs to be removed from Stacey Brown's comment, as she did not identify herself as a Concord resident when she spoke. The revised minutes were approved with a unanimous voice vote.

2) Course Update:

- Pat provided an update on course conditions and maintenance.
- Overall the course is in good shape and staff have been handling the issues related to rain this past month.
- The irrigation project has broken ground on Holes #1, 17, and 18. The project is expected to be completed by the end of next week.
- With all of the rain we've received, the course is benefiting from the tree project allowing more air flow, which is helping to dry the course.
- The gravel cart paths are holding up well with just one washout from the storm last Sunday.
- Linda Mattlage commented on how beautiful the pollinator garden is.
- The course has taken delivery of a new aerator.

3) Pro Shop Operations:

- Phil provided an overview of sales revenue and number of rounds played.
- Only 19 days into July, rounds are below last July by about 400, due to the inclement weather. However, since January, our numbers are on par with the same time period last year, as rounds were up in April and May, prior to the rainy June and July.
- The course is hosting nine events over the next two weeks.

4) Membership and Green Fee Rate Review:

- Phil provided an overview and comparison of greens fee rates at other golf courses in the area. With the exception of Derryfield (also a municipal course, which has double the membership), Beaver Meadow is the least expensive.
- The committee discussed whether or not to recommend a discounted rate for Concord residents. There were concerns raised by some committee members that having a special rate for residents would be difficult to implement and cumbersome for the Pro Shop staff at check-in. The consensus by the members is to discount the 2024 greens fees for residents for 18-hole rounds on weekends and week days, and 9-hole rounds, which will have an impact on a larger population of Concord. The committee also discussed having a resident discount for membership/passholders and voted for no difference between residents and non-residents.

- Nathan Fennessy motioned to recommend the 2024 rates proposed by Phil. Discussion continued about rates; whether to increase rates for non-residents; and how much to increase rates. There was no second to the motion.
- As the meeting time was coming to an end, and the committee was not ready to make a formal recommendation on greens fee rates, nor had membership rates been discussed, Chairman Chris Mulleavey proposed scheduling a special meeting in one week to further the discussion and make a recommendation. Committee members agreed to meet in a week, on Wednesday, July 26th, at 8:00 AM.

5) 5 Minutes of Public Input:

- Susan Woods of Ski the Beav' indicated that Ski the Beav' has the opportunity to purchase some ski equipment, and a trailer to store it in. The ski equipment could be rented to individuals and would increase accessibility to Nordic skiing. They would like to store the trailer, which is 16 feet in length, at Beaver Meadow; and pull it into the parking lot on ski days for the purpose of renting skis.
- Concord resident Stacey Brown asked if the clubhouse is insulated. Committee members assumed that it is insulated, but can't be certain as it isn't in their purview. Ms. Brown also asked if the building is falling down and if the building poses any danger to the public. Committee members recommended that she read the H.L. Turner report on the facility assessment.

- 6) Adjournment:** A motion was made and seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 AM with a unanimous voice vote.