

WESTBOROUGH COUNTRY CLUB OPERATING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 3, 2012

Location: Meeting Room, WCC

Convened: 7:05 p.m.

Adjourned: 8:45 p.m.

Committee Members Present: John Arnold, Earl Storey, Dick Sundstrom, Jim Willwerth.

Other Attendees: Paula Covino, Dave Hall, John McMorrow, Jack Negoshian.

Open Forum: None.

Minutes: John Arnold's motion to approve the minutes of December 6, 2011 was seconded by Dick Sundstrom. Vote: 4-0

Budget: The monthly budget report was distributed and reviewed. All invoices for the third hole project have been submitted. Paula will check on the correct name for Kimball.

Membership:

- Dates for Golf Season – This issue was raised due to the unusual weather this year. Twenty five people played on January 1, 2012. However, Jack explained that play decreased once the greens were covered and from a financial standpoint it was not worth being open. December greens fees included \$500 in gift certificates. The Committee discussed when to cover the greens and setting permanent dates to close and open the course for the season. Mike's determination for closing the course is dependent on weather, the temperature and when the grass goes dormant and the Committee depends on Mike's expertise. Changing the language in the first paragraph of the cover letter was discussed.

Jim Willwerth's motion to change the first paragraph to "...until the course is closed" was seconded by John Arnold. Vote: 1-3 (Arnold, Storey, Sundstrom)

Dick Sundstrom's motion to change the language to "...open in March and close in December based on course conditions for the 2012 season" was seconded by John Arnold. Vote: 3-1 (Willwerth)

- Limited Membership Rates – The Committee discussed the rate for Limited members and that the average college student plays only three months and a regular membership is six months. The benefit to a Limited membership is that there are more privileges, but plays at the discretion of the Golf Pro.

Dick Sundstrom's motion to reduce the rate for a Resident Limited membership to \$350 and for a Non-resident Limited Membership to \$400 and to remove the language "Must have been a junior member for the past three years" was seconded by Earl Storey. Vote: 4-0.

- Special Rate for Non-resident Westborough Town Employees & Business Owners – Jack suggested that a Committee member pursue the offer of a resident rate to business owners who live out of Town. There was a discussion regarding the difficulties, such as who to send it to and the consensus was to discuss it further at the next meeting.
- Review and Approve 2012 Application – the Committee discussed the Town website and Paula will make any changes needed regarding the membership process.

Greens Committee/Superintendent:

- Roof Repair Update – There is a tree/vine growing into the roof and after investigating and discussing it, John, Earl and Mike agreed that it is not worth putting money into it as it is not leaking too badly and the repair should wait until that part of the building is ready to be replaced. It is not affecting anything in the area and Mike will keep it covered.

Golf Professional:

- Golf Pro Report – \$1,741 in greens fees was collected for December, \$500 of which was in gift certificates. The reduction in greens fees for November and December was received favorably.
- Winter Instruction/Activities Offered by Golf Pro – Jack bought an Opti Shot system and set it up in the Pro Shop along with driving nets. He explained how it works and what programs it provides. Lessons can be given or a round of golf can be played. He would offer times in February and there has been interest already. An email will be sent to the membership with details.

Dick Sundstrom's motion to allow Jack Negoshian to provide this program and that an email should be sent to the membership was seconded by John Arnold. Vote: 4-0

Member Assignments:

- Clubhouse Painting Quotes Update – Dave had no updates and will have quotes in the spring.
- Paula will check with Town Counsel regarding remote attendance at meetings.
- Also discussed was designing a brochure to offer at events, etc. with course information and rates.

Old Business:

- Charter Communications Changes – Paula provided an update and that there is an increase to the monthly charges. She will contact them for more information and report at the next meeting.

New Business: None.

Adjournment: Earl Storey's motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. was seconded by Jim Willwerth.
Vote: 4-0

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Paula M. Covino, Administrative Assistant

John Arnold, Vice Chairman