

MINUTES

Beaver Meadow Golf Advisory Committee Meeting September 21, 2023

In Attendance: Jennifer Kretovic (Acting Chair), Mark Coen, Roger Jobin, Gary Darby, Ruthann Bradley, Bob Whatmough, Fran Hunt, Nathan Fennessy, Phil Davis, and Pat Lanman.

Excused: Chris Mulleavey, Linda Mattlage, and Dick Holden.

- 1) **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2023 meeting. The minutes were approved with a unanimous voice vote.
- 2) **Ski the Beav' Trailer:** The Ski the Beav' organization has made a written request to store a trailer at the golf course for storage of cross-country skis. Kevin Galleaz of Ski the Beav' was in attendance to answer questions. The City will need to develop a lease agreement and it was noted that Ski the Beav' will be required to have liability insurance.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend that Ski the Beav's request be proposed to City Council. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

3) **Pro Shop Operations:**

- The course is almost through its outings season. To date, this season's outings, with two more to go, has equated to 2,500 rounds. Phil noted that these outings saved us from the lack of revenue resulting from the rainy summer we've had.
- Phil provided an overview of daily rounds and sales revenue. Sales revenue has seen tremendous growth over the last two years. In 2022, sales revenue was at \$1.4 million. To date, in 2023, sales revenue is at \$1.583 million. The question was asked if our expenses have increased at the same pace as the revenue. Phil indicated that our revenue is on a higher trajectory than our expenses.
- Only three weeks into our fall membership drive and the numbers are already higher than last year. Jennifer Kretovic indicated that she has heard concerns from members about the increase in next year's membership fees. She noted that she has been suggesting that they sign up now and take advantage of this year's rates.

4) **Course Update:**

- Pat indicated that there have been some delays in projects due to the wet weather.
- Greens aeration is done and they have started the fairway aerification project.
- Nathan Fennessy asked for an update on the irrigation project. Pat noted that 11 holes are done so far - the entire back nine and two in the front nine.
- Ruthann Bradley suggested that some sand boxes be put out for golfers to repair divets. Pat indicated that this can and will be done.
- Mark Coen asked for an update on the tree project. Pat indicated that there are still a couple more phases, but it has been put on hold until next year. Pat indicated that we will be planting some new trees in the future, and that staff are having a meeting with the City's Tree Committee in October to discuss that endeavor. Nathan Fennessy suggested that the course consult with US Fish & Wildlife and NH Fish & Game when selecting trees to ensure we're planting the best trees for the ecosystem.

5) Other:

- Roger Jobin indicated that residents are concerned that their taxes are going to go up if a new clubhouse is built. Discussion ensued about the bonding process and the importance of educating not only the public, but also the City Council, about how it works. At this juncture, it is premature, as we don't have figures yet.
- Phil noted that the lease on our golf carts ends in November 2024.

6) 5 Minutes of Public Input:

- There was no public input.

7) Adjournment:

- A motion was made and seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 AM with a unanimous voice vote.