

MINUTES

Beaver Meadow Golf Advisory Committee Meeting May 9, 2019

In Attendance: Chris Mulleavey (Chair), Jim Marshall, Jennifer Kretovic, Bob Norton, Roger Jobin, Mark Coen, Linda Mattlage, Dick Holden, Brian LeBrun, Phil Davis, and Bernard "Sid" Chase.

Absent: Fran Hunt.

- 1) **Public Input:** There was no public input.
- 2) **Approval of April 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes:** Chairman Mulleavey asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes. Chairman Mulleavey also asked for clarification on a piece of communication from Mr. Swett. Sid Chase indicated that there was some confusion by the Committee at the last meeting regarding the e-mail communication from Mr. Swett. Subsequently, Sid Chase sent Mr. Swett an e-mail and informed him that Golf Course Advisory Committee Minutes are open to the public and public input is part of the agenda.

Dick Holden motioned, and Linda Mattlage seconded, to approve the April 18, 2019 minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3) **Course Update:**

Greens:

- Greens have been needle tine aerated, seeded, and topdressed with sand.
- Number 6 continues to be weak and will receive extra attention in the upcoming weeks.
- Other greens have weak spots evidenced by white pock marks. This is the dead/dormant annual grass, *Poa annua*. As temperatures improve, this turf will rebound. Topdressing will help to keep the putting surfaces smooth. *Poa annua* recovers by producing numerous seeds throughout the growing season. Staff will continue to needle tine and topdress throughout the summer.

Tees:

- Tees have taken the worst hit from the winter; numbers 11, 14 and 2 in particular. All of those went into winter in weak condition and emerged worse. Again, *Poa annua* is the problem. *Poa annua* is an opportunistic but weak turf grass. Heavy shade from the tree lined tees gave the *Poa annua* a competitive advantage over desirable grasses. Other central NH golf courses have encountered similar and worse damage from the winter. Staff will work with General Services to trim and remove trees in coming winters.
- Staff has reached out to a sod installer for a price to re-grass the tees. The course does not have the staff to complete the task.
- Staff will begin the task of aerating and overseeding other tees in the coming weeks, once irrigation is sound.

Irrigation:

- Due to unusually deep frost, staff has been repairing over 30 mainline irrigation breaks. This is the largest number of breaks Sid Chase's memory, dating to the 1980's. The task is nearly complete. When the pump station goes online after repairs, new breaks may be discovered. With repairs to irrigation, staff will be able to ramp up agronomic inputs such as seeding and fertilizing.

Patio Tent:

- Parts have been ordered to safely secure the patio tent.

Event Tent:

- The floor has been ordered and is due to be shipped on May 10, 2019. After further analysis, a hard plastic floor was chosen in order to keep future site options open and allow for the ability to place the tent elsewhere.
- Staff will coordinate installation, including electricity, in the coming weeks.

Seasonal Staff:

- College students will be arriving soon.

Drain Line behind #9 Green:

- Staff will move on to this drainage issue after irrigation repairs are complete and more seasonal staff is onboard.

Camps and Lessons:

- There were 11 campers enrolled in the April Advanced Camp, which includes membership.
- Upcoming "Get Golf Ready" sessions are sold out.

Leagues:

- Leagues are up and running.
- Leagues help with green fee revenue early and late in the season, as well as during poor weather.

Pro Shop Sales:

- Iron sales are up.

Rounds and Membership:

- TeeSnap is providing good data on rounds played.
- Membership sales are flat year to date in revenue and enrollment. Senior sales are slower, probably due to poor opening weather and a slower return of seniors from Florida.
- Young adult sales are strong.

- 4) **FY 2020 Finances:** Brian LeBrun shared draft year-to-date financial reports. Revenue is a bit weaker than last year, with a lag in green fees in particular. Cart rentals are up and range sales are down.

5) **Adjournment:** Bob Norton motioned to adjourn, and Jennifer Fran Hunt seconded. With a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned.

6) **Next Meeting:** Thursday, June 13th, at 8:00 AM, at BMGC Clubhouse.