

GOLF BOARD MEETING

May 10th, 2017

Wednesday

Opening: The meeting was called to order by Golf Board President Jim Willey at 4 pm.

In Attendance: Jim Willey, Melvin Newell and John Robinson – Golf Board, Andy Hollis – County Manager, Chuck Callahan – County Council, Owen Sutherland – HN General Manager, Rick Stacey – HN Superintendent, Suzanne Bannan –Head Golf Professional, John Bartlett- Pro Shop Manager.

Motion by Mel Newell to approve minutes from the April 12th, seconded by John Robinson.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Bunker renovation project to begin in fall of 2017.
- Route 50 sign design –on going. Waiting for estimate from two companies.
- RFP on fence.....
- Hole 17 Bridge – Construction should begin within next 30 days.
- Bunker Sand to be delivered on Monday.
- Scholarship Program – Meeting held with Mel Newell, Owen Sutherland, Ron Vener and Jordon Miller. There were (2) candidates from St. Michaels and (1) from Easton. The two selected will play in the Nettie Marie Jones Tournament with their coaches. The two individuals selected were – Will Reick, St. Michaels and Blake Saulsbury, Easton.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ANDY: All good news for Hog Neck.

- CHUCK:

County Council approved budget for FY 2018. Heard nothing but good comments about the Haslup Tournament. Kudos to Hog Neck and staff.

- Portable Bathroom Facilities – Discussion held regarding need and possible location of portable facilities. Possible locations discussed were between holes 5 and 6, hole 13.

Another location discussed was between holes 6 and 7. Currently the course can only offer the facility located in the breezeway of the maintenance buildings. Must keep in mind accessibility for trucks and facilities must be ADA compliant.

- Season Pass Card – Café and Beverage Cart personnel have a misunderstanding as to who is entitled to discounts. Discussion was held and it was decided that season pass holders must display card to receive discount.
- Discussion held regarding “hole jumpers”, “no marshals”, “score cards” and “waiting line in Pro Shop”. Each situation is unique and certain situations must be handled on individual basis. It was decided that an e-mail blast will be done advising every one of their benefits and discounts.
- Irrigation Cost – Estimated cost of a new system for Hog Neck would cost two million dollars. Discussion was held comparing the cost with that to the Chester River system. Owen explained that the systems were completely different and we could not compare cost because systems are vastly different. Hog Neck’s system includes the cost of adding the Executive Course along with other issues.
- High School Golfers to work the Nettie Marie Jones Tournament.
- Proceeds from the Nettie Marie Jones Tournament will benefit the “Friends of Hog Neck Foundation”.

- SUZANNE:

1. Very active giving lessons.
2. Junior Camp sign-up doing well – great turn-out anticipated.
3. Clinics being held and being well received.
4. Golf Course – Recommends that course be rerated and also suggested numerous course changes (i.e. markings etc.) This project completed.
5. Has received good comments on course from golfers.
6. Some golfers need to be “educated”, suggested we utilize “Golf Tip of Day”.
7. May 19th, a fun scramble (i.e. Las Vegas Scramble” has been advertised on facebook. Starting time 5:30 pm. Proposed a Wine and Beer Social - \$5.00 plus Green Fees. Minimum of (4) foursomes. Schedule once a month.
8. Other events will be scheduled monthly. Options for these events were discussed.

- OWEN:

1. April – Championship Course recorded 2900 rounds of golf with receipts of \$70,835 and the Executive Course recorded 961 rounds of golf with receipts of \$14,105.
2. Brown Grass – Due to herbicide killing the winter rye.

3. Upcoming Tournaments – American Legion this Saturday followed by the NSA on Monday.
4. Condition of the Rough – Also a challenge this time of year due to weather (rain) fast growth.
5. Greens in good condition.
6. On June 13th, at 3:45 pm Scholarships will be presented.
7. Signs – Best Western have bought two signs and Doc's of Oxford has bought a Tee Box sign.

- RICK:

- Sand for traps priced at “York”, 22 tons, approximate cost \$1,124.00.
- The fairways were sprayed to kill the winter Rye. The dead Rye grass is what caused the fairways to be brown. Plans are to over seed all the fairways in the fall with winter Rye.
- Irrigation pump to be replaced within week.
- Leak on hole number 2 repaired. This leak was off of main line.
- Presently in process of aeration of Tee boxes on From Nine and Back Nine. Will finish within the week.
- Woods have been mowed.
- Sand will be added to bunkers during the 1st and 2nd weeks of May. Bunkers on holes 16-17-18 are not draining.
- Staffing – Currently have seven employees working 40 hours per week, 1 part-time employee working twenty hours per week and three seasonal employees working forty hours per week.
- A pole will be place on hole # 6 along water's edge.

JOHN BARTLETT:

- POS - Had issues when system was down, recovered and everything now seems to be working properly.
- Handicaps – currently at 455 members. Fees collected for handicap system - \$6,788.00
- Haslup Tournament. Final tournament was a great success.
- John Robinson requested that Denise Copper (Café Manager) attend Golf Board Meetings so that café issues could be discussed.

John Robinson made motion to accept minutes for the March 2017 meeting, seconded by Mel Newell.

Next Meeting Date and Time: Wednesday, June 14th, at 4 pm

Mel Newell made motion that meeting be adjourned, seconded by John Robinson.

Respectfully Submitted: Carl Sauca