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APPROVED

Minutes of the E. Gaynor Brennan Golf Commission; December 15, 2020

Present were: R. Judge, R. Tyska, M. Briscoe, A. Brantner.

Absent: T. Birkett.

Staff: L. Albano, H. Nagashima, A. Aulenti, V. Levin, B. Ukperaj.

Public: T. Tedesco.

Meeting was held by zoom due to restrictions set in response to COVID-19. Chairman Judge called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Adoption of the Agenda

Ms. Brantner made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Briscoe. **Motion passed unanimous.**

Reading of the Minutes

Mr. Briscoe made a motion to approve the minutes for the November 17, 2020 meeting, seconded by Mr. Judge. **Motion passed unanimous**

Comments from the Public

None.

Monthly Report

Mr. Ukperaj gave a report on rounds in the month of November and through the day of December. Rounds have exceeded 42,000 for the Calendar year. Standing of expense accounts was given to the Commission as well as upcoming reports to expect. Ms. Albano informed the Commission of the time frame for the appropriation and budget process.

Supt. of Greens Report

Mr. Nagashima thanked Mr. Tyska for his work with the Commission. Mr. Judge shared in expressing his recognition to Mr. Tyska. Mr. Nagashima reported on golf course staff, conditions and work. A full time laborer had tested positive for COVID. Employees have been tested and no one else returned a positive result. Mr. Nagashima updated on various course work, including 13,000 sq ft of sod being installed as part of the ongoing tee project. Mr. Nagashima informed the Commission of the depth of work involved for the cart path repair on hole 3. Mr. Judge inquired about the tree work around the 16th green, which Mr. Nagashima responded. Fence repair was completed by the 11th tee box however future repair may be needed on a pole in the area. Mr. Judge asked about the plan on reclaiming the back tee on the 4th hole. Mr. Nagashima outlined the plan and work involved.

Golf Shop

Ms. Aulenti thanked Mr. Tyska for his passion for Brennan and how jealous she is for him leaving for Pinehurst. Mr. Levin added that Mr. Tyska has been an asset for the course over his 20 year involvement. Mr. Levin then presented estimated charges for the schools use of the golf course and what the charge would be for half. Discussion followed between Commission members and staff. Mr. Tyska made a motion to charge the Board of Ed \$1,400 per school for the 2022 golf season for access to the golf course. Ms. Brantner seconded. **Motion passed unanimous.**

Mr. Levin then continued the conversation on golf course software and charging of no shows. Extended conversation took place concerning details of bookings, the lottery, and no show charging. Discussion was agreed to be continued next meeting.

Restaurant

Ms. Albano reported that Mr. Zody has been meeting with Mrs. Williams on restaurant contract negotiations.

Personnel & Union Activity

Ms. Albano informed the Commission that there were 2 candidates who applied for the position of Admin. Asst./Data Analyst for the golf course. Interviews were conducted and she selected Mr. Ukperaj for the position, filing the paperwork with HR.

Correspondence

Mr. Ukperaj noted there was public response to the introduction of the single rider cart fee and that the fee was suspended due to the feedback.

Request for use of the Golf Course

Mr. Ukperaj disclosed that the Stamford Old Timers requested a refund for their tournament deposit since it was unable to be held due to COVID.

Outing Request

Nothing to report.

League Requests

Nothing to report.

Old Business

COVID-19 – Covered earlier.

Tee Time Software – Covered earlier.

School Fees for FY 21-22 – Covered earlier.

New Business

Mr. Tyska reported that the Mayor submitted Mr. Tedesco's name to the Board of Reps for an interview and possible approval to join the Golf Commission. Making this Mr. Tyska's possible last meeting. Mr. Tyska thanked everyone for helping him out getting work done on the course over the years, complementing the strength of the staff and the outlook of the golf course.

Seeing no further business, Mr. Judge made a motion adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Brantner. **Motion passed unanimous.**

Meeting ended 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted


Bekim Ukperaj
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