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**Golf Commission**  
Robert Tyska, Chairman  
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Michael Briscoe  
Andrea Brantner  
Robert Judge

### **Minutes of the E. Gaynor Brennan Golf Commission; July 21, 2020**

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

Absent: None

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

Public: J. Leydon, J. Jokhakar

Meeting was held by zoom due to restrictions set in response to COVID-19. Chairman Tyska called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

#### **Adoption of the Agenda**

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

#### **Reading of the Minutes**

Ms. Brantner made a motion to approve the minutes for the June 16, 2020 meeting, seconded by Mr. Birkett. **Motion passed unanimous.**

#### **Comments from the Public**

Mr. Jokhakar spoke regarding balls being hit into his yard and on his deck as his house borders the 11<sup>th</sup> hole. A discussion followed between Mr. Jokhakar and members of the Golf Commission clarifying the situation and possible solutions. It was agreed that a meeting will be set up with Mr. Jokhakar on the golf course to explore a short term solution.

#### **Pro-Shop Committee**

Mr. Levin introduced a plan to remove a couple rows of lockers from the locker room to have space to create a studio for teaching purposes. Mr. Levin explained details of the studio and

stated would assume cost of installation however would need help with locker and bench removal. Mr. Judge made a motion to accept the plan to install the studio, seconded by Ms. Brantner. **Motion passed unanimous.**

### **House Committee**

Mr. Leydon read a revised draft of the Alcohol Policy as included in packet. Commission members discussed wording of the draft. Ms. Branter made a motion to accept the Alcohol Policy as presented, seconded by Mr. Judge. **Motion passed unanimous.**

Mr. Leydon introduced a plan for patio renovation for the building housing Zody's 19<sup>th</sup> Hole restaurant. After brief review, Mr. Tyska directed to table the plan for next meeting so more financial details may be provided.

### **Personnel Committee**

Ms. Albano gave updates on staffing for the golf course. This included on awaiting hearing from the City on filling vacancies and position upgrade for CSS. Ms. Albano also reported that due to City lay-offs Oscar Diaz was bumped by a laborer in another department. Ms. Albano thanked Oscar for his work at EGB during the years.

### **Monthly Report**

Mr. Ukperaj gave an update on rounds for the month of June. Rounds and revenue were up for the month significantly. Fiscal and Calendar year updates were given to the commission. Mr. Tyska inquired about the effect on the recent heat wave on play. Mr. Ukperaj replied it has affected play slightly. Ms. Aulenti asked the commission about holding the City Amateur Golf Championship in September on a date with no conflicts with respect to events at either golf course. The commission supported still holding the event this year and agreed to hold it Sept. 19-20.

### **Supt. of Greens Report**

Mr. Nagashima reported on golf course work and staff. Mr. Nagashima thanked Oscar Diaz for his work on the golf course. An update was given on course conditions as the most stressful time of the year is underway for turf. A report was given on crabgrass, tree work, fertilizing of tees, bunker edging, hole signage and greens aeration which was done without being noticed or effecting play. Ongoing and upcoming work was also detailed.

### **Greens Committee**

Nothing to report.

### **Finance Committee**

Nothing to Report.

### **Union Business**

Nothing to report.

### Correspondence

Mr. Tyska disclosed correspondence received from Mr. J. Bellsey complimenting the changes being made on the golf course and the work being done by course staff.

### Request for use of the Golf Course

Nothing to report.

### Outing Request

Nothing to report.

### League Requests

Nothing to report.

### Old Business

No updates on COVID affecting the golf course or any changes.

Discussion held on rate proposal for 2021 with proposed rates reviewed for green fees, carts and permits. Ms. Brantner made a motion to accept proposed rates for 2021 contingent on Sterling Farms agreeing to the permit fee increase, seconded by Mr. Judge. **Motion passed unanimous.**

### New Business

Covered earlier.

Mr. Tyska stated next month's meeting is to be held Tuesday August 18, 2020. Seeing no further business, Mr. Briscoe made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Judge. **Motion passed unanimous.**

Meeting ended 7:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted



Bekim Ukperaj  
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