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### **Minutes of the E. Gaynor Brennan Golf Commission; June 16, 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, D. Lee.

Public: J. Leydon.

Meeting was held by zoom due to restrictions set in response to COVID-19. Chairman Tyska called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

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

Ms. Brantner made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Judge.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

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

Mr. Briscoe made a motion to approve the minutes for the May 19, 2020 meeting, seconded by Mr. Judge. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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

None.

Ms. Brantner made a motion to move the review of E. G. Brennan's Alcohol Policy under Old Business up in the agenda, seconded by Mr. Briscoe. **Motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Old Business**

Mr. Leydon introduced proposed changes to E. G. Brennan's Alcohol Policy with the focus being the liability of each the golf course, the restaurant and golf shop concessionaire at interest.

Discussion followed as to what the policy covered, how public would be made aware and enforcement of the policy. Ms. Brantner and Mr. Judge both exclaimed that food needed to be left off the policy. Mr. Judge followed up with issues with paper waiver being signed by each individual golfer. With input from Mr. Leydon and Mr. Lee, it was agreed that upon the policy being defined, it would be added to rules on the course website as well as tee time booking disclaimer page that users have to click on agreeing before booking a tee time. It was also decided that a sign be placed at check-in that states by playing on the golf course a golfer acknowledges and agrees to the E. G. Brennan Alcohol Policy. The topic of enforcement was discussed. Ms. Albano expressed the need to tackle liability. Enforcement would consist of a warning and a second violation would result in a suspension of golfing privileges until golfer appears before the next board meeting. Mr. Lee and Mr. Leydon will draft policy for commission to vote on in a future meeting.

### **Monthly Report**

Mr. Ukperaj gave an update on rounds for the month of May. Rounds and revenue were up for the month including the average green fee. Fiscal and Calendar year updates were given to the commission.

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

Mr. Nagashima reported on golf course work and staff. He expressed that he feels comfortable with status of the staff and noted that Asst. Course Superintendent Charles Pollard has been a tremendous help. An overview of completed course work was given as well as upcoming work. Mr. Nagashima detailed that bunker edging project has begun and that the 12<sup>th</sup> tee drainage project will happen in the fall so the staff will have the opportunity to level the tee box as well.

### **Greens Committee**

Nothing to report.

### **Personnel Committee**

Mr. Tyska reported that position upgrade and the position for 4<sup>th</sup> laborer are both funded for in next year's budget.

### **Finance Committee**

Mr. Tyska reported that while our budget has been approved there is concern and pressure to raise course rates. Discussion followed on how our rates are affected by Sterling Farms Golf Course even though they have income supplemented from the driving range and the City of Stamford cut their rent in half for the term of their lease.

### **House Committee**

Nothing to report.

### **Pro-Shop Committee**

Mr. Levin stated that the lack of tournaments has had no impact with the amount of play the course has had. Mr. Levin reported that the CSGA has changed a rule that will allow two golfers

in a cart provided each wear a mask and only one golfer drives. Mr. Levin also reported that this year has been a pleasure to work with Mr. Ukperaj and Mr. Nagashima.

**Union Business**

Nothing to report.

**Correspondence**

Mr. Tyska disclosed correspondence received from a neighbor of the golf course concerning netting.

**Request for use of the Golf Course**

Nothing to report.

**Outing Request**

Nothing to report.

**League Requests**

Nothing to report.

**Old Business**

COVID-19 – Mr. Tyska inquired how the course has operated with COVID rules. Mr. Ukperaj reported that the public has adapted well to the rules put in place due to the pandemic.

**New Business**

Course Rates – Mr. Tyska introduced the subject of course rates. E. G. Brennan’s rates were put on the agenda for the Parks & Rec Commission for an increase. Mr. Tyska and the rest of the commission agreed that it was too soon to raise rates for the course. A discussion was held on proposals for a rate increase at a later time. A combination of the proposals was agreed upon and will be configured for the commission’s review.

Mr. Tyska stated next month’s meeting is to be held Tuesday July 21, 2020. Seeing no further business, Mr. Briscoe mad a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Brantner. **Motion passed unanimous.**

Meeting ended 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted



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