

Yarmouth Golf Enterprise Committee
Minutes of Meeting
August 10, 2020

Attending Committee Members: Chris Hansen, Ellen Chapman, Ted Deckel, Andy Martin, Beverly Arnett, Richard Simon

Attending from the Golf Operations Department: Scott Gilmore

Attending from the Public: none

The meeting was called to order shortly after 7:00 PM at the Bayberry Hills Grill.

1. The meeting opened with a call for public comments. Written comments dated Aug 9th from Patrick Giles was distributed to the GEC questioning why Chelsea reports used by members (Alpha Sheet & My Points) were no longer available online. Scott explained this was one aspect of the phased system migration from Chelsea to Club Prophet. Full conversion is expected by spring 2021 with much of the conversion process occurring during the winter months when there is less activity. Beverage cart sales are being conducted using Club Prophet, a low risk way to gain practical system experience during the summer peak. For some members, the Chelsea reports had created unintended confusion which reduced staff efficiency during peak morning hours to field phone calls addressing their questions.
2. The minutes of the prior meeting (July 13th) were approved.
3. The presentation of the Director's Report began with an overview of course conditions. Considering the impact of recent heat, humidity and drought as well as extremely high usage, the courses are holding up well. Weeding, on-course trash and sand trap maintenance are problem areas impacted by reduced maintenance staffing levels.

Overdue aeration of the fairways and tees has been outsourced so it can be completed faster with less impact on golfers. Bass River will be completed on Aug. 25th, Bayberry Hills on Aug. 26th and the Links on Aug. 27th. League play will be suspended during aeration. Green aeration will be scheduled in Oct.

New carts were delivered to Bayberry with Bass River delivery expected the week of Aug 17th. Covid single rider restrictions have resulted in a few mid-day situations where gas carts were not available for all golfers requesting a cart even with a larger cart fleet.

Pace of play has re-emerged as an issue at Bayberry now that gas carts aren't mandatory and tee time intervals are tighter than Covid Phase I intervals (8.5 min at BH vs 10.0 min at BR vs 15 min Phase I).

Mike Barry is serving as Tournament Chair, with long legacy Club

Championships in the planning stage for the fall.

The fiscal year 2020 financial report showed a surplus of ~\$313,000 for the year despite being shutdown due to Covid in the spring. Strong demand for golf rounds is expected to continue so the outlook for FY 2021 is likely better than the losses projected in the FY 2021 budget. Additional details should be available at the next GEC meeting, including critical capital improvements like overdue re-roofing of the Bayberry Hills club house & cart barn and Links course irrigation & bunkers repairs (20 years old).

A motion to adjourn was accepted with unanimous consent at 8:50 PM.