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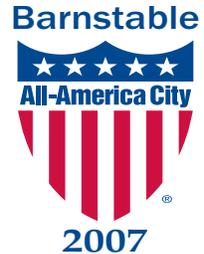
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Town of Barnstable Golf Committee Meeting Olde Barnstable Fairgrounds August 10, 2010 – Minutes

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. Roll call was taken.

Attendance: Terry Duenas – Chairperson, Mary Creighton – Vice Chairperson, and Richard Aliberti.

Absent: Dan Ginther

Mary Creighton made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 10, 2010 meeting. Richard Aliberti seconded. All in favor. Minutes were approved.

Public Comment:

Dave Miller noted that the geese have returned to HGC and inquired about buying the repellent. Bruce McIntyre stated that it is a work in progress.

Dave commented during a recent lightening storm in HGC there was no warning system and there was no one in the Pro Shop. **Mike Ghelfi** will look into whether technology will allow the warning system at OBF to be able to transmit a warning directly to HGC. **Bruce McIntyre** explained that liability disappears when there is no warning system and total liability is assumed once a warning system is installed and it always has to be in working order.

Richard Aliberti offered kudos to Dave Miller and the Membership Association and Merry Holway for their part in the recent clambake. Richard said it was a “fantastic” meal and well run. **Mike Ghelfi** seconded that acknowledgement. Mike said as a further comment, Scott from HGC asked if next year he might be able to offer one monthly themed event during June, July and August. **Mary Creighton** commented that the time that the event is held really limits the people that can attend as it is held during the week when a lot of the members work. Dave said it is hard to offer it on a weekend as that is considered prime time and the cost would be higher.

Old Business:

Mary Creighton asked about the status of the defibrillator. **Mike** reported that it is at HGC. The staff just needs to be trained and Mike will look into that.

Mary inquired about the golf cart liability and Mike said that he is still working the procurement officer. He is checking with a few different areas out in western MA that have been dealing with those issues.

Mary asked about ball washers and Bruce said they are on order.

Mary spoke to someone from the Recreation Commission who told Mary they had a speaker who spoke about the new guidelines for the Open Meeting Law. The Law clearly states that only items on the agenda may be discussed – any variance from the agenda is not allowed. A copy of the new guidelines will be e-mailed to the Golf Committee members for their review so they are all aware of the Law.

New Business:

Richard asked if Terry has received any correspondence regarding the need for the Golf Committee meetings be televised. **Terry** said he has but there is no time on the current Tuesday schedule that will allow the Golf meetings to be televised. Thus, the need to discuss a change of meeting day and possibly a change in time. **Terry Duenas** thought he had a new meeting day narrowed down to Wednesday but then found out that Mike Ghelfi is off on Wednesdays. **Mike** will check with David Curley to see if David would approve Mike changing his day off once a month. If approved, Mike would also have to check with Merry Holway to see if she would be able to switch with him once a month. If so, future televised Golf Committee meetings could be held on Wednesdays. **Terry** will report on available days and times for future Golf Committee meetings.

Richard reported that he heard on a recent televised Recreation Commission meeting that there still is talk about incorporating Golf to fall under the Recreation Commission. **Terry** explained that the Town wants to combine meetings that fall under the same Department/Division because of the fact that they do not have enough people to fill the committees, and also, because there are not enough Town Councilors to be appointed as liaisons. Because Golf is a part of Recreation, this topic has been discussed. The logic is there to fold the Golf into Recreation. **Richard** feels the combining would be detrimental. **Terry** feels that it depends. He would not want to be run over by the size and the scope of the Recreation Commission. He does not want Golf to lose its voice. Terry does not think it would be bad. **Richard** feels that Recreation is always looking for money and he sees Recreation ear marking some of that money for the “kids”. **Mary** explained that the Golf Committee does not vote on expenditures. **Terry** explained, as an advisory committee, “we” are the public liaison and advise management. **Mary** stated that the Committee is also the liaison to the members. When the members have a question, they come to the Committee for the answers. **Terry** stated the Committee is the community’s interface.

Terry apologized to **Richard** for being remiss in processing his paper work regarding his re-appointment to the Golf Committee. Terry checked with Barbara and everything has been processed and Richard is all set.

Mike Ghelfi presented and reported on the June and July finances. (See attached reports). Mike was happy to announce that the revenue covered all of the expenses for FY10. **Mike** stated that based on the results of last winter, he and Bruce are thinking about closing OBF again and may do so on a yearly basis. By doing this, it preserves OBF for the winter. And because of the topography at HGC, it drains a lot better and 99% of the time is able to open a lot quicker than OBF. Also, the Clubhouse at HGC remains open year-round and Ian (OBF) does not mind closing in the winter.

Mike relayed congratulations to Club Champions – OBF - Dick King and Annette Gaiotti; HGC - Dennis Konary and Pat Eastman.

Three candidates for the Grade 5 position will be interviewed this week.

Mike Sarney, Jim Rondo and Dr. Feldman have been doing a good job in running the First Tee Program. **Richard** reported that Mike Sarney other TOB Phys Ed department employees were

guests at the Everett First Tee Competition. Richard met with Meg Drew and gave her the DVD. Meg has an appointment with the Superintendent, Dr. Grenier, on August 20th regarding the First Tee School program.

Bruce McIntyre reported that this is the hottest/driest season since sometime in the 1930's. The irrigation system will reach its allowance use this year. A lightning strike at OBF in Bruce's office – blew an irrigation component off the wall. Damage was covered under the service contract. A lightning strike at HGC caused a loss of irrigation to the 6th, 7th and 8th holes. The irrigation system at OBF is in bad condition. The pipes are old, thus causing leaks on a continuous basis. It has been an incredible disease season. Bruce has already exhausted about 80 percent of the chemical budget for the entire fiscal year. Staff is working very hard to maintain the courses.

Richard Aliberti made a motion to adjourn; seconded by **Mary Creighton**. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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