



Town of Barnstable Barnstable Golf

Hyannis Golf Course, 1840 Route 132, Hyannis, Ma 02601 (508) 362-2606
Olde Barnstable Fairgrounds Golf Course, 1460 Route 149, Marstons Mills, Ma 02648 (508) 420-1141
Director of Golf: Jesse Schechtman

Golf Committee April 9th 2024 Meeting Called to order; 5:30pm Minutes; Draft

Chair Hochstein reads statement in accordance with MGL Ch. 30.A.S.20 regarding public taping at meetings. No one responds as taping the meeting. Chair Hochstein also reads the executive order on remote participation via zoom and that the meeting is being recorded and will air on channel 18 after the meeting concludes.

Roll Call:	GEOFFREY CONVERSE	Present
	JOHN COOKSON	Present
	KEITH HOCHSTEIN	Present
	SUSANNE CONLEY	Present
	MARK BUSHWAY	Present
	BILL SYLVA	Present
	JASON AUBEE	Present (slightly late)

ALSO PRESENT: JESSE SCHECHTMAN & JAMES BENTLEY

Public Comments; NONE

Act on Minutes from the January 9th, 2024 meeting

Motion duly made by Geoff Converse to approve the minutes of the January 9th Golf Committee meeting seconded by Susanne Conley.

Roll Call Vote; ALL VOTE YES

Director of Golf Maintenance Report – James Bentley

We are still waiting for the vast majority of the Hyannis turf equipment package, and there is no clear timetable on delivery. The impact on the course is substantial, as most of our current equipment is fairly old. We are having to spend a lot of money on older equipment that we thought we would have been done with by now. The crew has been doing a lot of tree work, specifically around the newly sodded tees. Opening these areas up allows for better air flow and more sunlight, strengthening the health of the turf.

The new forward tee boxes on #2 and #5 at Hyannis are now open for play.

We have eliminated / filled in the back bunker on #3 and the left bunker on #4 at Olde Barnstable.

Verticutting took place today on all greens. This helps remove thatch and stands the grass up for a better cut.

Greens aeration is coming up at both courses in the next few weeks.

Spring cleanup is ongoing at both courses. Still lots of sticks and debris to be dealt with.

We have a bit of a moss problem on some greens, especially at Hyannis. Plugging / replacing that turf is the only option given our organic approach.

Three of the five necessary categories have been submitted to the Audubon society for certification, the remaining two are close to being done. Once all documents have been submitted, a site visit will be scheduled.

Director of Golf Report – Jesse Schechtman

Seasonal staff is slowly coming back, including several new employees. Please be patient as they learn the numerous software systems that we use to conduct daily business.

League play starts at both courses in May. This includes the Tuesday morning ladies and Wednesday morning men, both at Olde Barnstable, and the Monday quota league at Hyannis. This is the 10th year of the Monday Quota league, which has created over \$400,000 in revenue in its first nine years.

The most forward tee at both courses is now green instead of red. The color red tends to be gender specific in golfers' minds, which is something we are trying to move away from.

We have introduced combo tees at Olde Barnstable, both between blue/white and white/gold. This gives people an opportunity to play from a total yardage that best suits their game.

The MassGolf rating team is coming out to re-rate both courses in May, starting with Olde Barnstable. The slope, rating and possibly event yardages will change. The slope and rating will change immediately in the GHIN app, while any yardage changes will be reflected in the next order of scorecards.

Revenue is approximately \$100,000 ahead of forecast through the end of March. We need to generate \$1M in revenue during the last quarter (April – June) of FY24 to make our numbers. For comparison's sake, last year's actual revenue during that time period was approximately \$1.2M.

Jesse now reads a Hyannis Clubhouse update from Community Services Director Chris Gonnella. The insurance company is rebutting our claims that the building needs to be brought to code, specifically with regards to a sprinkler system and a lift. The Town has provided supporting documentation and clarification. The insurance company has requested more time to review. We have submitted a Capital Improvement Project request, which has the support of the Town Manager, in the amount of \$2,950,000. This will be presented to the Town Council on April 25th. Currently the assumed Town portion of the total request is \$500,000, which will be financed, taken from Golf Division reserves, or a mixture of the two.

It is looking like Gimmy's will return with the food truck for the season, operating similarly to last year.

Early Signup Raffle Drawing Winners

2024 Annual Pass – Finn O'Donnell

2024 Annual Range Pass – Francis Burke

\$100 Gift Card – Craig Curtin

Guest Pass w/cart – Mike Reghitto

Guest Pass w/cart – Karin Menegay

Guest Pass w/cart – Paula Garrow

Guest Pass w/cart – Robert O'Leary

MOTION TO ADJOURN duly made BY Susanne Conley SECONDED by Geoff Converse.

Roll Call Vote: All in favor

Adjourn; 6:22 pm

Respectfully submitted

Susan Shanley

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