

September 19, 2013
Approved Meeting Minutes
Beaver Meadow Golf Advisory Committee

Members Present:

Jim Marshall
Bill Veroneau
Jennifer Kretovic

Bob Vachon
Mark Coen
David Croft
Roger Jobin
Bob Norton
Fran Hunt
Bernard "Sid" Chase
David Gill
Julie Donlon

Members Absent:

Charles Vanasdalan
Chris Mulleavey, Chair
Vera Buck
Dick Holden

Others Attending:

Martha Hoffman
Emily Haney

Chris and Dick are absent, Jennifer chairs the meeting

A call to Order

5 Minutes of Public Input

Martha Hunt and Emily Haney address the group regarding Playing Privileges for those 90 or older

Martha states she is 91 and loves to play golf. She was a member for 25 plus years, and when a membership became impractical because she only played nine holes she gave it up and paid green fees. She has a large family that all enjoy golf and would play with her bringing income to the course.

Mrs. Haney says she did not join because Martha did not join.

Martha's income has gone down but she would enjoy playing with Emily and her family. She believes she would play 2 to 3 times a week, either walking 9 or riding 18. She feels it would be good for the course because she would bring others to play meaning more income for the course.

Mark reminds the group that historically 90 year olds were allowed to play for free.

Martha remembers Ron Knee and another woman getting the privilege

Process

Advisory would make a recommendation to City Council

Council will act

David advises the report was also sent to Recreation Advisory also. They will meet Wednesday 5 PM next week.

David says he will contact Martha

It is possible it may go to public hearing

The group thanks Martha and Emily for coming to speak

Approval of Minutes

Jennifer asks if there is a motion to approve the Draft minutes from the August 8, 2013 meeting or any questions about the minutes

Dave moves approval of the minutes from the April 11, 2013 Meeting.

Bob seconds the motion.

Motion Carries 8-0

Old Business

David presents two options (attached) reminding the group this practice was never sanctioned by Council.

His Concerns are:

Beaver Meadow already has the lowest membership rates

We are consistently challenged financially

Made money in FY13 with help from General Fund

How many 90 year olds at \$600 each

We should look back 5 years for membership

Concern some may come from Concord Country Club

We should reward our members for loyalty

David says Option 1 is consistent with other City fees and practices, fees are generally not waived.

Bob moves the group recommend option 2, free Senior membership for Concord residents 90 years and older.

Dave reminds group we eliminated the non-resident differential

Mark is uncomfortable extending this to non-residents

Discussion

Waiver of green fees vs. Membership

Other dollars generated, cart revenue, pro shop food and beverage

Option 2 Bureaucratically complicated

Membership will track usage and would be easier for Pro Shop

May bring other people with them generating more play and revenue

Bob Norton moves that the City grant City of Concord residents, who are 90 years old, membership privileges, Mondays through Fridays, consistent with Senior 1 memberships, with a tracking system to be determined by golf course staff.

Bill seconds

Discussion

Bill likes the motion. It is simple requiring only age and residency

Roger voices concern for an aging demographic

Motion carries 8-0

New Business

Jim would like to discuss weekend Outings

He understands the importance financially but would not recommend booking both weekend days of the same weekend

Mark appreciates the members' concern but what would we be giving up

David says we need to look at the entire schedule, has had complaints about member tournaments also

Bob says Outings are necessary but has concerns about haphazard Outing Schedule, need better postings. That would solve some of the problems

Outings important

Not all about money. Need to be flexible scheduling

Damage Deposits?

Staff working on a deposit system

Need more postings

For Tournament sign ups too, need to be more visible

Sid says Tournament and Outing Schedule was a challenge this year. In the past Ed did it. We did not exactly hit the ground running this spring with the late hiring of Julie and the rest of the Staff. We will improve it. Additionally, it has been difficult to get final numbers from coordinators to set up tee sheet, order food and carts. The outings are struggling.

Jennifer

Outing Appreciation Day

October 23rd

Can use as opportunity to share our concerns and improve process

Allow members to hit balls after outing goes out is suggested

Roger asks about a call to David in July for a non-golf event with Concord Hospital David negotiated a nice price but it would have impacted Jill's liquor license for the day so we could not do it this year. David is keeping in touch with Concord Hospital for a future date.

Jennifer asks we not lose track of some of our discussions such as three different colored flags for green depth indicators and tee marker design and donation.

Should stay on the Agenda, as well as Course maintenance

Chris asks if there is a motion to adjourn.
Bob so Moves.
Jim Seconds,
Motion Carries. 6-0

No Meeting date is set for October 2013

7:30 AM
Beaver Meadow Clubhouse

Agenda:

Public Input
Approval of Minutes
Old Business
Course Maintenance
Regular Meeting Schedule

Meeting Adjourned.