

**TOWN OF FAIRFIELD, CONNECTICUT
GOLF COMMISSION**

Via Teleconference
Fairfield, CT 06824

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: IN LIGHT OF COVID-19, AND
PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 7B, THE TOWN IS
CONDUCTING THIS MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE ONLY.**

✓ Agenda/minutes can be found here: <https://fairfieldct.org/content/10736/12226/default.aspx>

DATE: Monday, January 11, 2020
TIME: 7:00 PM

DRAFT MINUTES

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

K. Varian waived the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. Act on Minutes: 12/14/20

Motion: P. Schulz made a motion to approve the minutes from 12/14/21 as written. P. Secrist seconded the motion

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

II. Staff Report: 1. Pro Manager Report

B. Bigonette thanked everyone for welcoming him. He is very excited. His staff is coming together nicely. He received proposed schedules from the leagues/teams and is planning spring programs. P. Gleason asked him if he is satisfied that the starter shack will arrive by the time the course opens. B. Bigonette said he has faith in the town and is confident it will get done.

2. Administration Report

A. Calabrese said they ended the golf season with 47,000 rounds at HSR and 31,000 at Par 3. If there is a normal spring, HSR should finish at 48,000. C. Hogan asked when the course typically opens. A. Calabrese said it is usually St. Patrick's Day, but the last few years have been bad weather wise, so when the weather breaks, they will open.

3. Superintendent Report

P. Grace said a lot of things needed to be done for the Conservation Department. These things were not in the

original plans. He has two of his employees working on equipment and making signs. K. Varian asked how everything was looking overall. P. Grace said everything will be nice when the weather is better. There is a lot of work to be done around the 10th tee. P. Grace said he also needs to get the tree warden there. P. Grace, B. Bigonette and P. Gleason will do a tour and walk around the course. He has his priorities, but wants to see if they are all in agreement. K. Varian asked P. Grace to send his priorities to him. P. Gleason suggested doing the walk through as a commission. They will get it organized and let everyone know. It will have to go on the calendar and have an agenda if there will be a quorum.

III. Greens Committee Report

P. Schulz was able to walk the course twice. She said everything looks great. She and Peter will talk about the 4th tee and what needs to be done.

IV. Old Business To hear and or act upon:

1. Clubhouse Building Update

A. Calabrese said they should be getting the TCO from the town. He will confirm in the morning. The concessionaire will be able to get in. They were there today and have things to change in the kitchen/dining area. They will go through the approval process with the town. The concessionaire is hoping to be up and running by March. Anthony will arrange a tour of the clubhouse once the CO is issued. He can arrange the clubhouse tour with the golf course walk through. K. Varian asked if there was a menu from the concessionaire and what they will call the restaurant. A. Calabrese said he has seen a picture of the menu, but they will send copies once it has been printed professionally. He said they will probably call it Boca. They will also have a beverage cart. P. Schulz asked about fencing between the patio and the hill on 18. She is nervous about shanks and wondered if anyone had given thought to that. A. Calabrese said there was talk among the building committee to extend the stone wall.

2. Golf Commission Goals 2021

K. Varian said this had been discussed at the last meeting and he thinks it will be easier if everyone would email their commission goal ideas to him, unless the commission wanted to go around and talk about them. He will put them all together in an action plan and send them out.

V. New Business: To hear and act upon:

1. Tee Time Quotes

K. Varian wants to revive the subcommittee to work with B. Bigonette to get a proposal together for a new tee time system. A. Calabrese said it will probably not be switched until late summer or early fall. B. Bigonette said he would rather take the time and get it right. The current contract is year to year.

2. Logo Discussion

K. Varian and the commission agreed that this would be a good time to change the logo for HSR. There were some designs reviewed and

discussed but no action was taken as it will have to be discussed with A. Calabrese and P&R. A. Calabrese asked for feedback. His staff got together with B. Bigonette and talked about the design they liked. It seems everyone liked the same design of the outline of the clubhouse with a design around it. It will be reviewed again at the next meeting.

VI. Communications/Public Input - Emails pertaining to issues not already discussed will be addressed.

K. Varian and A. Calabrese received an email from Joseph Carpenter about the number of golf carts that will be in use this season and the possibility of getting some protection on the clubhouse terrace from golf balls. A. Calabrese confirmed that they will be leasing 20 additional carts to add to the existing 60 for the 2021 season. K. Varian will speak with HSR Building Committee chair Craig Curley regarding the terrace.

C. Hogan suggested replacing the bathroom at 10 with the one at the bottom of the parking lot. She said there is another one at the bottom of 11 which is rarely used and suggested getting rid of it to put another one at 10.

VII. Adjourn

Motion: P. Schulz made a motion to adjourn. M. Feinstein seconded the motion.

Vote: the meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pru O'Brien
Recording Secretary