

**TOWN OF FAIRFIELD, CONNECTICUT
GOLF COMMISSION
MINUTES 2/8/21
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, February 8, 2021
TIME: 7:00 PM

Members Present: Keith Varian Chair, Peter Secrist Vice-Chair, Michael Feinstein, Christine Hogan, Liam Herron, Paul Gleason, Priscilla Schulz

Others Present: Parks & Recreation Director Anthony Calabrese, Golf Pro Bob Bigonette, Peter Grace

Call Meeting to Order

Chair K. Varian called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

K. Varian waived the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. Act on Minutes: 01/11/21

Motion: P. Schulz made a motion to accept the minutes as written. P. Secrist seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion carried 6-0-1 (L. Herron abstained)

II. Staff Reports 1. Pro Manager Report

B. Bigonette is very busy ordering items and getting everything ready for opening day.

2. Administration Report

A. Calabrese said revenues are up. They are selling twice as many season passes and ID's for this time of year. It is off to a good start.

3. Superintendent Report

P. Grace said he is very busy and things will get done one item at a time. K. Varian asked him to make a priority list so he knows what is being worked on. P. Grace said he is shorthanded but has a list and will send it to K. Varian.

III. Greens Committee Report

P. Schulz said they had a very productive walk through. They looked at 4,7,15, and 17 for improvements. P. Gleason said when you walk the course one hole at a time, you see all the trees that need to come down. He suggested having a 10 year plan. There is an issue at some holes with a lack of sunlight, but taking the trees down could encroach on wetlands. Tee box #2 is impaired with a lack of sunlight and irrigation issues. At 18, alternatives like extending the stone wall or planting low shrubs behind the green and patio were discussed. P. Gleason said it was great to see the clubhouse finished, but said there is not a lot of room in the pro shop for displaying goods. P. Grace wanted the commission to know that the trees referenced by P. Gleason were not on wetlands, but on the Grace Richardson Reserve area.

IV. Old Business To hear and or act upon:

1. Clubhouse Building Update

A. Calabrese gave an update on the clubhouse. B. Bigonette was set up today. The IT Director and his staff were there to be sure registers are set up in the right places. Boca Restaurant is almost ready to be handed keys so they can fit out the restaurant area and receive appliance deliveries. A. Calabrese is trying to get the fire pit and the starter shack ready for the opening. He went through a list of priorities with purchasing and said the starter shed was number one. The items will all be ordered and he will be in communication with the HSRBC Chair Craig Curley. A. Calabrese does not see any items being held up. K. Varian asked if the sign designs had been done. A. Calabrese said he has a design in draft form that he received today. He shared it with Boca, Craig Curley and B. Bigonette to get feedback. He's using different logos for HSR and Boca. The only sign that needs to be designed is the stand along sign at the front of the building. He wants to talk to Boca because he wants it to be obvious where the restaurant and pro shop are located.

2. Tee Time Systems

C. Hogan compared three different systems and had demonstrations with the vendors. They decided what they thought was most important and ended up choosing 4-Up. M. Feinstein said the goal was to find the most user friendly and they decided 4-Up would provide the best experience for the golfer. P. Schulz agreed and said B. Bigonette did a great job getting quotes from three quality systems, but thought 4-Up was the best by far. B. Bigonette explained that 4-Up is real time. If someone wanted to start at 8am, but it is already taken, it will not allow you to choose it. It won't necessarily make booking time faster, but you won't waste your time booking something that is not available. He said he had glowing recommendations and it also has an app that could be used on any device, anywhere. M. Feinstein said it is not an app, but the app was coming.

Motion: C. Hogan made a motion to move forward with 4-Up as the new tee time system. M. Feinstein seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

V. New Business: To hear and act upon:

1. Locker Rates

After discussing the various locker rate options, they voted on prices.

Motion: P. Secrist made a motion to make the half lockers free for daily use. The large bag lockers would be rented for \$125 per season. P. Schulz seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

2. Boca Menus

Yanni Taxiltaridis, General Manager was on the call. The various menus for tournaments, pick up window and the dining were discussed. Y. Taxiltaridis answered questions from the commissioners and they voted on the menus.

Motion: P. Schulz made a motion to approve the Boca menus. L. Herron seconded the motion. M. Feinstein seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

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

An email from Kevin Flynn was discussed regarding adults dropping kids off and especially teens being dropped off at the golf course unsupervised. It wasn't something the commission has seen often, but they will look for it once the course opens.

VII. Adjourn

Motion: P. Schulz made a motion to adjourn. C. Hogan seconded the motion.

Vote: The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pru O'Brien
Recording Secretary