

**Wicomico Shores Golf Course Advisory Board**  
**MINUTES**  
**July 22, 2020**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** David Phalen, Chairperson; Jim Hodges, Vice-Chair, Peter Delman, and Bernie Kneeland, Greg Weaver.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Tom Dixon, Pat Dugan

**R&P STAFF PRESENT:** Nick Isom, Golf Course Manager; Suzanne Watts, Food and Beverage Coordinator; James Farren, Golf Course Superintendent; Arthur Shepherd, R&P Director

**OTHERS PRESENT:** None

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Wicomico Shores Golf Course (WSGC) Advisory Board was called to order at 6:07p.m. at the New Garvey Center by the Board Chair Dave Phalen

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Minutes of January meeting were approved via email on January 31, 2020.**

**FY21 CIP STATUS UPDATE**

Nick Isom informed the board that there are no changes to the FY21 CIP Plan at this time. \$378,000 is still in the Budget for FY21. Cart Paths, Maintenance equipment, irrigation upgrades, and an Ice Cream machine for the Riverview were listed as items for the CIP plan.

**FY20 FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Isom presented a Year to Date Rounds of Golf, Revenue and Expense Comparison report through June of 2020.

The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic was discussed and the possibility of recuperations from the Cares Act.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The board discussed the addition of the new set of tees to start the 2020 season. Overall, everyone is pleased with the ability to move up to a new set of tees.

The Board also discussed the attendance of Tom Dixon. Based on the by-laws the Board recommended his removal from the Board by the County Commissioners. Chairman Phalen stated that he would reach out and begin the process.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Hodges stated his preference of having a female board member, so the Ladies voices could be heard.

Mr. Phalen stated that the yearly report was completed in February and submitted to the Commissioners.

Mr. Hodges asked about the status of a promotion for free carts for frequent players. He wishes to continue the discussion once the pandemic is over.

Mr. Hodges also stated his opposition to County employees receiving a discount on Greens Fees. Mr.

Isom and Mr. Shepherd discussed how County Employees receive a discount through the County Wellness program and that the Golf Course is reimbursed quarterly for any discounts.

Mr. Delman proposed a new structure to the Board Meetings. Mr. Shepherd advised Mr. Delman that he would look at the form that Mr. Delman proposed and would report back.

Mr. Delman also stated that he wishes to update the list of priorities for the future CIP Projects for the Golf Course. Electric carts, solar power, and leveling of the new tee boxes were discussed. The Board members requested that the Wicomico Staff research the feasibility of progressing with electric carts and solar power for the clubhouse.

Mr. Farren updated the Board on the condition of the 8<sup>th</sup> green.

Mr. Hodges discussed his displeasure with the amount of tall grass on the golf course and how it was slowing the pace of play. Mr. Isom and Mr. Farren discussed how the reduction of the total area of maintained areas has helped the maintenance staff in other parts of the golf course.

Mr. Delman and Mr. Hodges stated their displeasure with the personal cooler policy at the Golf Course. Mr. Shepherd and Mr. Isom promised to have an updated decision about the policy as soon as possible.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday October 21, 2020 at 6:00 pm at the Wicomico Shores Golf Course Clubhouse.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Kneeland made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Hodges 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:35 P.M.

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R&P staff, Recorder

Minutes approved by the WSGC Advisory Board on \_\_9/8/2020 via email\_\_.