

GOLF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

January 11, 2012
Gardner High School Library

Present: Jeff Gallant, Wendy Spuria, John Gearan, Bill Frank, Ben Egan and Katherine Moore.

Guests: Allen Goguen, Vernon Charland and Judy Walker

Jeff Gallant then asked if anyone is audio or video taping the meeting. No one was.

The meeting opened at 5:15 p.m.

Wendy Spuria made a motion to approve the minutes of November 28, 2011 as written. Seconded by Jay Gearan. 2-0. So voted.

Correspondence was received from Judy Walker, Chairperson GWGA requesting that the GWGA Opening Day Tournament be permanently scheduled for the 2nd Saturday in May. Wendy Spuria made a motion that the GWGA Opening Day Tournament be permanently scheduled on the 2nd Saturday in May. Seconded by Jay Gearan. 2-0. So voted.

An email was received from James Leesha with comments regarding membership rates. Wendy Spuria reported to the Commission that she sent a response stating that she appreciated his input and that she sent explanations to some of his comments. She will get a copy of her email to keep on file at our office.

A thank you note and letter of appreciation was received from Dick Baker, Assistant Director, MIAA for making their Cross Country Championships a success. He also acknowledged the tremendous amount of work the Bill Frank and his crew did in the week leading up to the meet and for prepping the course and altering the course when it was needed.

An anonymous letter was received with comments regarding the cart rates. Ben Egan reported that some the information given in the letter was incorrect. Ben suggested some specials that may be considered in the 2012 season regarding the carts. The Commission has to take several things into consideration before they can make a decision on what to charge for the carts for the 2012 season.

A thank you note was received from the Arthritis Foundation New England Region for the donation the Golf Commission gave to their Online Auction. They added that the Four Tee Times at Gardner Municipal Golf Course sold for \$50.00. It had an estimated value of \$120.00.

Correspondence was received from the Greater Gardner Chamber of Commerce requesting Wednesday, August 1, 2012 to hold their Annual Robert Langlois Memorial Golf Tournament at Gardner Municipal Golf Course. Wendy Spuria made a motion to grant the Greater Gardner Chamber of Commerce use of Gardner Municipal Golf Course on Wednesday, August 1, 2012 to hold their Annual Robert Langlois Memorial Tournament with a shotgun style format at 10:00 a.m. Seconded by Jay Gearan. 2-0. So voted.

The Commission then revised several Commission Policies up to Policy #33. They will start with Commission Policy #34 at the next meeting. They will approve the policy changes after all the policies have been reviewed and edited.

The Commission then discussed Dan Berry's Contract as Assistant Golf Pro. Wendy Spuria made a motion to remove the restriction from the job description on the time from the PGA requirements are completed. Seconded by Jay Gearan. 2-0. So voted.

Election of Officers

Jay Gearan made a motion to have Jeff Gallant continue as Chairman of the Commission. Seconded by Wendy Spuria. 2-0. So voted.

Jay Gearan made a motion to elect Wendy Spuria as Assistant Chairman of the Commission. Seconded by Jeff Gallant. 2-0. So voted.

Wendy Spuria made a motion to elect John Gearan as the Commission's Secretary. Seconded by Jeff Gallant. 2-0. So voted.

Ben Egan gave his report as follows:

High School Team Contracts – Ben reported that Cushing Academy will be paying the Golf Course \$1,000.00 to hold their tournament at Gardner Municipal Golf Course. Ben has edited the Tournament Contract with this cost. Ben suggested that schools could sell players passes as a means to raise the money for the costs. Another suggestion was that letters be sent to the clubs for donations towards the cost of the tournaments. Wendy Spuria suggested that the resident students be given a break to have a charge of \$500 to hold their tournament and do some community service for our golf course.

Jeff suggested that the golf team should get free memberships.

Ben reported that he and Dan would like to set up a weekday camp for the high school children and those heading off to college to get ready for the season.

Ben reported that Cushing Academy will be having two fundraiser tournaments in Gardner on a weekday.

Corporate Memberships - Ben suggested the Commission consider giving employees of businesses in Gardner the privilege of having a membership to bring some foresomes in once a month, probably on a weekday. If we do it we could advertize in the Chamber of Commerce Newsletter.

Business Tournament Opportunities - Ben also made the suggestion that it could be a way to attract tournaments at our course. We could offer employees a special rate. Jeff suggested that maybe it could be rolled in with a corporate membership.

Ben reported that he thought the membership special where members signed up early may cause a problem in our meeting our receipts goal. Jeff Gallant assured him that according to his figures we should be fine.

Ben added that he made a deposit for Gin fees in the amount of \$1,595.00 which covered 319 people. He deposited \$644.75 from the soda machine.

Jeff Gallant gave the financial report. He added that we are up in receipts over last year and the expenses are as expected. He noted that we are doing well right now. Wendy Spuria made a motion to accept the financial report as given. Seconded by Jay Gearan. 2-0. So voted.

The next meeting has been scheduled for Monday, February 6, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. in the Mayors Conference Room, City Hall.

Jeff Gallant made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Jay Gearan. The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Katherine Moore

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