



Town of Barnstable Barnstable Golf

Hyannis Golf Course, 1840 Route 132, Hyannis, Ma 02601 (508) 362-2606
 Olde Barnstable Fairgrounds Golf Course, 1460 Route 149, Marstons Mills, Ma 02648 (508) 420-1141
 Director of Golf: Jesse Schechtman

Golf Committee January 9th 2024 Meeting Called to order; 11:00am Minutes; Draft

Chair Hochstein reads statement in accordance with MGL Ch. 30.A.S.20 regarding public taping at meetings. No one responds as taping the meeting. Chair Hochstein also reads the executive order on remote participation via zoom and that the meeting is being recorded and will air on channel 18 after the meeting concludes.

Roll Call:	GEOFFREY CONVERSE	Present
	JOHN COOKSON	Present
	KEITH HOCHSTEIN	Present
	SUSANNE CONLEY	Present
	MARK BUSHWAY	Present
	BILL SYLVA	Present
	JASON AUBEE	Absent

ALSO PRESENT: JESSE SCHECHTMAN, JAMES BENTLEY, CHRIS GONNELLA

Public Comments; NONE

Act on Minutes from the December 5th, 2023 meeting

Motion duly made by John Cookson to approve the minutes of the December 5th Golf Committee meeting seconded by Susanne Conley.

Roll Call Vote; ALL VOTE YES

Director of Golf Maintenance Report – James Bentley

Some of the equipment from the Hyannis order (FY24 CIP) has started to trickle in. Tree work is starting at both courses, with priority being around the tees boxes that were recently re-sodded. Both mechanics are tackling their normal winter work, servicing equipment. James references a handout from the Audubon Society showing how low our environmental impact is relative to traditional golf course maintenance practices. An initial overview of our program by Audubon staff was very favorable, as we are well below the thresholds they have set. Several comments are made about the importance of celebrating the efforts being made towards Audubon certification.

Director of Golf Report – Jesse Schechtman

The annual passholder mailer has been sent out, including an application, letter and tournament schedule. We will again be running the early signup raffle, with winners announced during the April meeting (March meeting is being skipped). Operations staff is busy putting together the 2024 tee sheets, including group/tournament bookings.

A meeting was recently held with a MassGolf representative during which handicap/stroke holes were changed at both courses. This is in order to get more in line with recently updated USGA recommendations.

We have also created a White/Gold combo tee at Olde Barnstable.

Mark asks about a Blue/White combo. Jesse says that will be looked into.

MassGolf will be coming out in the spring to re-rate both courses.

We will be making a change to the color of the front tees at both golf courses. The color red is gone, replaced by the color green. All of these changes will be noted on the next scorecard order.

December was a good month, putting us around \$45,000 over forecasted revenue year to date.

John asks if the clubhouse renovation/CIP will come out of surplus or if it will be financed. Jesse says that will be determined primarily by the Finance Director with input from support staff.

Chris speaks about where the Hyannis GC clubhouse renovation project currently stands, notably that we are close to zeroing in on a final estimate for what the insurance company will be responsible for, which includes all code compliance upgrades (sprinkler system, HVAC, lift, ADA bathrooms, etc).

We have extended the lease on the pro shop trailer at Hyannis through mid-November of 2024. Our insurance company is handling that cost directly with the vendor.

Food and beverage service is still very much an unknown. We are hopeful that MMSFI (“Gimmy’s”) is willing to return in some capacity. There are numerous licensing issues to navigate that go along with this, especially since the Town of Barnstable is very strict with these types of things.

Susanne alludes to the logistical challenges that would go along with attempting to offer a concession concurrently with construction taking place, let alone running the normal operation.

John and Keith speak about the importance of making sure the white tees at OBF are accurately accounted for when MassGolf does the updated rating in the spring. This is paramount in ensuring the our golfers have accurate USGA handicaps.

MOTION TO ADJOURN duly made BY Geoff Converse SECONDED by Mark Bushway.

Roll Call Vote: All in favor

Adjourn; 12:31 pm

Respectfully submitted

Susan Shanley

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