

Clifton-Fine Golf Course Committee Meeting
August 7th, 2019 4pm

Attendance: Pat Mackay, Connie Snyder, Bob Latray, John Russell, Cheryl Schuyler, Herb Snyder, Dave Downey

Audience: Chuck Hooven, Lynn Leroux, Gary Jessmer, Dean Moore, Jodi Szlamczynski, Jerry Cooper, Paul Guiles, Derek Lough, Max Watson, Pam Given

Meeting called to order at 4 pm. See attached agenda.

#1 - July meeting minutes - John Russell asked for a revision to # 11 from July minutes:

“#11 - Grant Money Explanation - The grant money was received from 2 grants - the Waterfront Revitalization grant and the Street Scape Project. Both towns wanted to obtain grants and place the information center at the golf course. Both towns contributed 25% each and the rest came from the grants. These grants provided money and assisted in improvements to the clubhouse with a new roof, new septic, new wiring, new plumbing and new signs and an Information center and handicap bathrooms to help with revitalization of the area.”

John wants it known that the golf course came with a list of what was needed at the golf course and at the clubhouse. The golf course wanted and needed bathrooms, a new roof, a well and was not handicap accessible. John felt that # 11 was misrepresented as to what actually occurred at the July meeting. There was a lengthy and heated discussion at the July meeting regarding the grant money and the golf course committee.

Chuck provided some background - Money came forward to help support the main route through Star Lake and to assist the golf course with needed repairs. The towns tried to get a grant specifically for the golf course but grants do not exist for small golf courses. So, these grants were felt to help cover what the golf course needed. These grants were discussed with the golf course committee and were accepted by the golf course committee as a way of doing the needed repairs. This was all done before the present committee was seated. At least 4 of the committee members were not involved with these interactions. The added building came as part of the grant improvements.

John wants the committee to be behind this grant and feels the committee is not in appreciation of what the towns and the tax payers have done to assist the golf course with much needed repairs.

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John states that as a tax payer and a board member he feel the Golf Course committee is not very appreciative of the \$75,000 each town contributed to aid the golf course with its needed repairs.

Dave Downey proposed a resolution and amendment to #11 from July minutes:

“ The golf course committee recognizes and appreciates the efforts of both towns in the upgrades to the golf course”

Motion by Dave to add this to #11 from July minutes and Second by Connie Snyder
ALL APPROVED

Amendment: July Minutes:

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John also states minutes should not be presented to boards until approved by golf course committee.

Per the Intermunicipal Agreement “The committee shall designate someone to keep notes at meetings and distribute a summary of the meetings to both town clerks within 10 days, so that the information may be distributed to town board members”.

No resolution to this was completed. Cheryl will provide minutes to Town Supervisor to hold until minutes are approved by Golf course committee, will discuss at September meeting as old business.

#2 - Financials (P&L negative but ahead of mtd 2018) - As of July 31st Lynn states Deposits from 2018 and deposits from 2019 are \$3300 ahead per her deposits.

YTD - Fireman’s tournament - Profit \$1234
 Open House - 13 players for monkey golf - \$57
 Chicken dinner - 27 - profit \$252
 Ladies Member-Guest - \$385.75
 Twin Lakes/Butch Leroux Tournament - \$844
 Men’s Member-Guest - 3 days - \$5,080.21

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Ranger School Tournament - \$ 388.90
Wilderness Foundation Tournament - \$1285

Lynn also reported that the Old Duffers are doing a 50/50 raffle and will continue till end of season with a total to date of \$1067.

#3 - \$1000 from "Friends" - CFEDC - Friends - Debt after \$1000 given back to Golf Course General fund is now \$6100. Herb stated he thought it would be paid back quicker. "Friends" are continuing to work on this debt.

#4 - Upcoming events - Lynn, --Equipment problems - Gary -

Lynn - Child- Adult Tournament cancelled - trying to pick another date
Hockey tournament coming up
Snowmobile tournament Sept 7
Retired teachers luncheon next week

Gary - Equipment problems - Old equipment - fixing it. Parts needed - difficult to find parts.
Water - new sprinklers adding when bad ones discovered.

Aeration of all greens and 1/2 tees is being worked on.

Dave asked about water on #3 so sodding project could happen and Gary states still working on and parts are still needed.

Mark Hall discussion with John - pump for new water system in but as yet not installed. Course is still using chlorinated water and we are not being billed for chlorinated water according to Mark Hall per Connie Snyder.

Installation -part of water project and to be installed by NCC.

Electrical repairs by NCC - John was told the repairs have been done. Gary has not yet checked if electrical is working.

#5 - Committee Input - There was a call placed to Pat about golfers on #9 green on Saturday after Member/Guest and before dinner. Pat came to golf course and asked golfers to move to putting green - Practice on practice green.

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Bob Latray states this has been a practice for many years. Rules have been bent for years. 3-4 members and their guest were putting for money, and no room on putting green. Member/Guest committee pays to close course from Friday at 8am to Sunday at 8 am. He states they were not interfering with play because no one was on course. Bob states these players have not done any damage and have threatened to not come back, and the Men's Member/Guest makes the golf course a great deal of money. Lynn states she needs to know because she has asked others to move to putting green to practice.

Motion by John Russell:

Allow putting on #9 green on Saturday during Member/Guest tournament.

Discussion about motion.

Second by Bob Latray. All approved.

Bob voiced appreciation to Gary and all the volunteers for the condition of the course, Lynn and her staff for her work during the member/guest , and all the work that has been done on the course.

Pat again wished to voice his appreciation to ALL the volunteers for their work on the course.

Herb Snyder - voiced concerns about food being brought in to the clubhouse and states we should not be allowing food to be brought in because the clubhouse has a kitchen. Discussion regarding food brought in during tournaments that was donated for the tournament. Vendors like: stone manor, coffee fever, and Anne Hynes donated for the Wilderness Tournament.

Derek Lough states that these vendors donate food as a means to support the Wilderness Tournament that also brings in money to the golf course.

According to Clifton-Fine Municipal Golf Course Policies and Procedures - Tournament rules -

Arrangements can be made for breakfast, lunch or dinner during a tournament. There is to be no outside food brought onto golf course property without prior golf course committee approval. There is to be no alcohol sold on town property.

Club House Manager manages the tournaments - Discussion and then motion by John Russell.

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Motion by John: Club House Manager will handle tournaments and will discuss with Tournament Organizers regarding the rule of no outside food. Club House Manager will ensure any outside food will not interfere with club house food sales.

Second by Herb Snyder. All Approved.

Dave asked about #9 and "ground under repair" - Dave thought we would not be using that area at all this year. Ground has been opened because "it came along faster than expected".

#6 - Audience Participation - Lynn presented a letter from a member who had paid some of his membership and then was injured twice and has not been able to play. Member was not asking for money back but asked not to pay any more on his membership. Member had paid \$80 toward

member ship and has only played 2-3 times. Committee decided to credit \$80 towards any future play till end of 2019. No credit toward next year.

Next meeting September 4th at 4 pm at clubhouse.

#7 - Adjourn - Motion by Dave to adjourn, Second by Connie. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 515pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted: Cheryl Schuyler