

TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD
RIDGEFIELD GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE MEETING
FINAL, APPROVED
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, November 16, 2011

THESE MINUTES ARE INTENDED TO BE A SUMMARY OF THE MEETING AND NOT A VERBATIM RECORDING.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairperson: Mr. Tyrrell
Vice Chairperson: Ms. Gerhard
Secretary: Mr. Fazi
Committee Members: Ms. Breekland and Mr. Kolb

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

Director: Mr. Sergiovanni, Mr. Steger

STAFF ABSENT:

None

AGENDA:

1. REVIEW MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
2. REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS ON COURSE OPERATIONS FROM:
FRANK SERGIOVANNI, DIRECTOR
TONY STEGER, SUPERINTENDENT
3. 2012 SEASON RATE DISCUSSION
4. OLD BUSINESS
5. NEW BUSINESS
6. PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

ITEM# 1: REVIEW MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.

A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 2011 MEETING AS WRITTEN.

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ITEM # 2: REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ON COURSE OPERATIONS.

Mr. Steger

1. Recorded 17 inches of Snow at Golf Course.
2. The Irrigation System has been winterized.
3. Leaf clean-up has almost been completed.
4. Fairway top-dressing began prior to Snow.
5. Fertilizer was applied yesterday and today.
6. Fungicide application completed last week.
7. Tree clean-up and removal from storm is ongoing.
8. Tree pruning to begin first week of December.
9. Winter Equipment repairs to begin in a couple of weeks.

Mr. Sergiovanni

1. The Golf Course was closed due to the snow storm from October 29th to November 9th.
2. Greens Fees are down by approximately 5000 or approximately 14%. Much of this is due to weather closure; some is due to the economy. More research will be done.
3. To date in Calendar Year 2011 we recorded 31,000 rounds. For the same period in Calendar Year 2010 we recorded 36,000 rounds. The difference in rounds equates to a 6 digit dollar figure.
4. Negotiations for the new "POS" system are all set and the system will be set up to test prior to the beginning of next season.

ITEM # 3: 2012 SEASON RATE DISCUSSION

The projected date for setting the new rates for the 2012 Season is our January meeting in order to submit the Rate Schedule to the Board of Selectmen at their February meeting.

Various possible suggestions for Season Passes in 2012 were discussed at this meeting and included the following:

1. A possible tiered pricing schedule.
2. Possibly capping total rounds.
3. The possible issuance of a limited 30 round card with discount on pricing.

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Additional discussion took place on other possible items concerning pricing. The discussion included:

1. Renewal Fee adjustment.
2. It was agreed the Non-Resident Rates were at a point where increasing those rates may exceed the market in the area. (This would lead to a reduction in the number of non-resident rounds). The burden of rate increases may have to be imposed on resident rates which by comparison to the market are low. The possible introduction of a Membership or Registration Fee may resolve some of the inequity.

Based on the discussions having taken place during this and prior meetings, Mr. Sergiovanni will present a draft of Rate Schedule for 2012 at the next meeting. This Rate Schedule will be adjusted accordingly at the December and January meetings. The Final Rate schedule for 2012 is proposed to be set by the end of business in the January meeting. Special meeting(s) will be held if necessary to meet the goal to present to the Board of Selectmen in February.

ITEM # 4: OLD BUSINESS

None

ITEM # 5: NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Tyrrell relayed conversation he had with Dr. Henry Seemann concerning a Patio location where a Tent could be erected when necessary for larger Outings and also the possible set up of a Non-Profit 501C-3 for the Golf Course. Discussion followed.

Mr. Tyrrell indicated Committee Re-Appointments would take place at the November 30th meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

ITEM # 6: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED, AND UNAMIOUSLY ADOPTED TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING AT 8:55 PM.