

Whitinsville Golf Club

P.O. Box 128

Whitinsville, MA 01588

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Governors held Monday March 19, 2018 at 5:30 PM in the clubhouse at 179 Fletcher Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588

Members present and absent were as follows:

Officers:

Marc Auclair, President

Alicia Cannon, Vice President

Len Smith, Treasurer

John F. O'Brien, Secretary

Governors:

Tom Hall

John Polucha

Dave Glispin

Ken Perrageaux

Eric Anderson

Absent:

Others: Frank Ianetta, Matt Griffith

The Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM

1) Minutes

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2018 and February 13, 2018 meetings. The board voted approval of said motion.

2) Secretary's Report: O'Brien noted there were many changes to the membership.

Currently, we have 318 memberships with a full member equivalent of 204 as of March 2nd.

3) Treasurer's Report:

a. Smith reviewed the profit and loss statement as of February 28th

b. The accounts receivable was reviewed.

c. Motion was made and seconded to send the individuals with a balance greater than 45 days, a letter noting that membership privileges are suspended until the debt is paid, and that future purchases must be paid by cash or credit card.

Upon a vote of 7 yea's and 1 nay (Smith), the President declared said motion approved.

4) Committee Reports

a. Tournaments – Tom Hall submitted a Tournament schedule. Reviewed changes to formats which will be included in the handbook available on-line.

i. Sign up for member/guest 30 days prior, no refunds if the member does not show up

ii. Tuesday League – allow people to play earlier, last year's participants will be given first choice to play, no new participants unless people drop out. There will be 2 divisions and an expanded playoff format. Weekly sweeps will be included for each division.

iii. Motion was made and seconded to approve the schedule. Upon a vote of 7 yea's, 1 nay (Polucha), the President declared said motion approved.

b. House –

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- i. lanetta proposed changes to mixed drink size and price. All drinks will be served in the 10oz glass; drinks in the 16oz glass will be \$2.00 more.
 - ii. Reviewed the hall rentals for 2017 – 67 total...Rental cost is \$150 non-member, \$100 member, funerals \$100 and \$50 for each additional bartender/server.
 - iii. Reviewed the issue with the boiler. An inspection noted we had to bring the boiler up to code, repairs estimated at a few thousand dollars. Replacement is approximately \$19,000. Waiting to hear from insurance company for advice.
 - iv. Course rating – The rating of the club was disputed and upon review we were advised it was accurate. We will use old cards while the new cards are designed and printed with the updated ratings. Matt Griffith noted there will be new handicap rules adopted by the USGA in 2020.
- c. Grounds –
- i. New equipment is scheduled to be delivered.
 - ii. Noted that a quote to remove and trim trees is \$11,200 by the first hole, only \$5000 available. Additional funds were not approved.
 - iii. Staff is beginning to get the course ready and expected to be fully staffed by April 1st. Opening date is determined by the weather.
 - iv. The Greens Keepers Association has requested an outing date the beginning of November for 50 people, 9 holes and dinner and association meeting to follow.
 - v. Glispin noted he has added Tom Hoffer and Scott Macintosh to the committee.

Next Meeting April 23, 2018

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn to executive session at 7:20 PM and not to return to executive session.

Submitted

John F. O'Brien, Secretary

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Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Governors held Tuesday April 2, 2018 at 5:30 PM in the clubhouse at 179 Fletcher Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588

Members present and absent were as follows:

Officers:

Marc Auclair, President

Alicia Cannon, Vice President

Len Smith, Treasurer

John F. O'Brien, Secretary

Governors:

Eric Anderson

John Polucha

Dave Glispin

Ken Perrageaux

Absent: Tom Hall

Others: Mike Hughes Greens Superintendent

1) Grounds Committee

Hughes noted the course conditions after the storms of March.

Some annual bluegrass greens have experienced injury; injury that appears to have resulted from exposure to very cold temperatures and flash freezes that occurred in late December and January

On 1 green, the bentgrass seems to be pulling through, but our poa is in survival mode. We talk as a green committee a lot about our efforts over the past 10 years to promote bentgrass over poa on our greens. Poa will die in extreme cold and heat. It is an annual plant so it just gives up and drops its seed to survive. A bit of a silver lining, we are right around the corner of aeration. Aeration is our opportunity to overseed with bentgrass because we have soil contact until the holes heal up. With the poa being weak, our bentgrass propagation should be more successful than usual.

Windy conditions during the arctic blast may have indirectly influenced the cold temperature injury by removing protective layers of snow. However, it is unlikely that desiccation is a primary factor behind this season's injury.

Noted confusion as to why we would get desiccation on greens that were covered. This explains it, as it wasn't technically desiccation. I'm thinking next year, we will put a heavy layer of sand on the greens under the cover to insulate them a bit more

Turf beneath the seams of permeable covers appears less injured, probably due to the added insulation provided by the thicker material at the seams.

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Annual bluegrass that shows some signs of injury may still be alive but remains vulnerable as we transition into spring. Focus on keeping those compromised plants alive using covers to protect against desiccating winds and getting irrigation systems operational as soon as possible.

This is exactly what we are doing. The poa on our green IS still alive. The cover is still on the green and we've been watering it with our hydroseeder

Keep damaged areas closed as long as possible to speed the recovery process. Areas with more severe damage should be kept closed to play longer as they will be much slower to recover and are more vulnerable to traffic.

If 1 is slow to turn the corner, he make sure we take protections until it is ready to open

It was agreed that opening this week will not happen based on the weather forecast. Mike is hopeful April 13th will be the opening day, however the weather will determine that, if most of the course can open and we have to wait to open a 1 or more greens would be preferred. He will update us by next April 11.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 6:35 PM

Submitted

John F. O'Brien, Secretary

April 20, 2018

A meeting of the Board of Governors will be held on Tuesday February 13, 2018 at 5:30 PM

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In the clubhouse at 179 Fletcher Street, Whitinsville, MA

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Approval of March 19 and April 2, 2018 Minutes
- 3) Secretary's Report
- 4) Treasurers Report
- 5) Committee Reports
 - a) House/General Manager
 - b) Greens
 - c) Tournaments
 - d) Other –
- 6) Old business

- 7) New Business
 - a) Collection policy
- 8) Executive Session
- 9) Adjourn