

Whitinsville Golf Club

P.O. Box 128

Whitinsville, MA 01588

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

- a. 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 dessication on greens that were covered. This explains it, as it wasn't technically dessication. 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.

Annual bluegrass that shows some signs of injury may still be alive but remains vulnerable as we transition into spring. Focus on keeping those

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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 will 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
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

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- 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