

February 15, 2012  
Approved Meeting Minutes  
Beaver Meadow Golf Advisory Committee

Members Present:

Chris Mulleavey, Chair  
Bill Veroneau  
Dick Holden  
Bob Vachon  
Vera Buck  
Charles Vanasdalan  
Bernard "Sid" Chase  
David Gill  
Ed Deshaies  
David Croft

Members Absent:

Roger Jobin  
Jim Marshall  
Jennifer Kretovic  
Fran Hunt  
Mark Coen

Others Attending:

Chris Jacques  
A call to Order

**5 Minutes of Public Input**

None

Chris asks if there is a motion to approve the Draft minutes from the January 24, 2012 meeting or any questions about the minutes

Dick moves approval of the minutes from the January 24, 2012 Meeting.  
Chuck seconds the motion.  
Motion Carries 7-0

**Web Update**

Chris Jacques reports the new web should be up by the end of the month.

**Membership Drive**

Chris reports 7 or 8 people have signed up so far. He also reports positive buzz

regarding the Drive at the recently completed Black Ice Hockey Tournament. Chris also encourages Committee members to take advantage of the Membership Drive.

Bob asks if it possible to extend the deadline.

Chris will bring back the suggestion to David

### **Pond Expansion**

Chris reports the City is still waiting for State and Federal Permits.

A decision will be made in the next week whether to proceed or not based on the permits.

Nobody wants a big, incomplete mess when we open.

Bill asks what the hold up is

Chris M says it typically takes 75 days to complete the permit process, depending on issues such as wetlands mitigation.

City Engineering continues to work on it.

Chris M says if we can get it done we should do it. Project will show positive changes at the course.

Dick suggests an artist's rendering of the project if it is held up.

Chris M says he will follow up with Ed Roberge

Question of increased cost delaying project

Typically a contractor will hold pricing for 90 days

### **Member Survey**

Any additional comments

What is to be done with comments?

Forward to David for use in improvements and marketing

### **Pro Shop**

As reported in e-mail and Press Release Ed will be returning for the 2012 Season.

Ed is asked if he will replace Matt.

Ed shares that he told David, if anyone knows a Class A PGA Pro who will work for \$400 a week send him my way.

Ed adds, last year I spent \$10,000 in addition to what the City budgets for staffing in the Pro Shop. The budget has been cut \$25,000 over the last 4 to 5 years.

Ed states the staff will be himself, his sister, his son and John Garrigan

Ben will share some of the teaching duties

It's just not in the budget to have another Assistant Pro. He would like to have another. He has sent out feelers to colleges such as Methodist for an intern.

### **FUTURES**

Now the Symetra Tour

Pro Am at Wentworth 7/17

Rotary Outing 7/18

Skins Game or Shoot Out possibly 7/19

No Pairings party

No Carts for Players in 2012, Carts will follow players for unofficial

scoring

Will need more Caddies

Reason being LPGA wants to simulate the LPGA experience

Still a push by Tom Raffio to make the Tournament a more statewide event  
Hired the Eisenburg Group, formally with the Manchester Monarchs, to run the Tournament  
Planned meeting with women's CEO group at Manchester Country Club to enlist their help  
Major Scoreboard to be moved.  
Possibly to side of 18  
Advertising revenue potential, Local Tour Group, Beaver

Meadow?

### **Spring Outlook**

Fall efforts should bear fruit for the spring  
Weakest areas sodded on 1 and 10  
Sid cautions against early opening. With complaints about poor conditions in 2011, it does not make sense to open too early. Sid understands there will be financial pressure as other courses open, but feels some of the weakened course conditions can be attributed to staying open later and opening early to chase the dollars

### **Meetings**

5 year Needs and Improvements Committee, March 12th 7:30 Beaver Meadow  
Regular, March 14th 7:30 City Council Chambers

### **Tee Times**

Vera feels it should be a priority to establish a way to get online tee times  
Members seem to be able to get tee times  
Sid feels it is more about Green Fee players being able to get Tee Times  
Concerns  
Member tee times  
Outing availability  
Frustration of telephone tee times  
If other courses don't have it could be an advantage for Beaver Meadow

### **Aeration**

Chuck asks how many times we aerate  
Sid answers two times 3 times on 8 and 15 if time allows. It is the nature of the USGA type greens to require more aeration. Sid adds, if more aeration of individual greens is necessary we do it for the good of the green.  
Chris J adds solid tine aeration is backed by research to aid green's ability to make it through stressful times, especially summer.

### **Bunker on #4**

Chuck suggests a Bunker left on #4 to prevent players from grounding their club and encourage them to play the hole as laid out.

### **Leagues**

Monday League will return  
Who will run Tuesday League?

Ed will assist

Chris asks if there is a motion to adjourn.

Dick so Moves.

Chuck Seconds,

Motion Carries. 7-0

Meeting is set for or March 13 2012

7:30 AM

City Council Chambers

Agenda:

Public Input

Approval of Minutes

Old Business

Meeting Adjourned.