

Town of Westport
Golf advisory Committee
MINUTES

The Golf Advisory Committee of the Town of Westport met in Town Hall in room#201 on Monday, February 6, 2012. The meeting was called to order by Fred Hunter, Chairman, at 7:34 PM.

Members Present: Fred Hunter, Mark Holod, Jean Murdoch, Joanna Nicholson, Gary Solomon, Scott Smith

Others present: Sean Doyle, Allison Tane

1. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of December 5, 2011, were accepted as submitted.

2. Summary – 2011 Rounds Report

The GAC discussed the rounds data that Fred had sent in email and made various observations (weather, economy, weak marketing, etc.) The discussion began with Fred's statement that golf is revenue driven by the rounds, and, therefore, alarming that the rounds were down 8.1 % from 2010. There was a decline in adult play, even on weekends and "gray" days (days with cloudy but not rainy weather). Junior golf is down significantly.

3. 2012 Fees

Stuart McCarthy will propose an increase of \$1 in overall fees (except Twilight which will increase \$2) in 2012.

4. Halfway House Update

Fred opened the update by stating that we would not be where we are without the incredible work of Mark Holod. The HH is fully funded. On Feb. 9 we will receive the formal approval from the Building and Sites Committee, followed by the Health District approval and the construction permits.

The plan is to have the spade in the ground by March 1, 2012, and open by June, 2012. Checks are still coming in. Scott Smith will release an announcement of the project in the next two weeks or so.

5. Old Business

Fred is still seeking candidates for Cliff Ross' position.

6. New Business

None

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Nicholson
Secretary of GAC