

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, January 7, 2013. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Fred Hunter, at 7:30 PM.

Members present: Fred Hunter, Mark Holod, Jean Murdoch, Joanna Nicholson, Gary Solomon, and Scott Smith.

Others Present: Sean Doyle, Patti Kondub, Jarrett Liotta (Westport News), David Levin, Stu Rogan (P&R).

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of December 3, 2012, were accepted as submitted.

2. Year End Monthly Rounds Report

Rounds are up 4.9% even with 8 days lost because of Sandi and 5 days lost because of snow. It was the lowest August we have ever had.

Stuart does not expect to open the course early in the spring, possibly 2 weeks later than usual.

3. 2011-20112 Fiscal Year End Results

Longshore does not pay for itself. There was a 13.7% deficit in 2011-12, and storm damage will have an impact on 2012-13.
Debt service is 25% of the budget.

Recent Board of Finance meetings have shown positive attitudes toward golf. With the positive attitude of the Board of Finance, we have an opportunity to present a budget that will address needs of the course.

4. 2013-2014 Preliminary Budget

This budget is not expected to be very different from the current year. There will be no greens fee increases.

5. Year End Reports of Play

Adult Basic Handpass sales are down 22%. Golf Handpass down 17%. Why? Scott Smith replied because there is no marketing or advertising. David Levin

said that we are not properly managing a valuable asset. We are not maximizing the golf course experience. We have a great location. He added there are low cost ways to improve the course: Use the web site, provide divot mix, provide paper towels in bath rooms, etc.

Some of the year end reports will be revised.

6. GAC wants to hear from you...

A questionnaire will be sent to the Men's and Women's Associations to ask their members for constructive comments, questions, and concerns about the course.

7. Old Business

None

8. New Business

None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Nicholson
GAC Secretary