

Westport Golf Advisory Committee FINAL Meeting Minutes April 4, 2022

The Golf Advisory Committee of the Town of Westport conducted a Zoom meeting on Monday, April 4, 2022. The meeting was called to order by GAC chairperson, Jane Dally, at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Jane Dally, John Ehli and Rich Raphael. Missing from the meeting was Mike Durkin, Irla Landry and Judy Domkowski.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the March 8 meeting were not approved as there was not a quorum present.

Comments from the Public

No public comments

President's Reports

LMGA – President Ryan Smith reported that the membership is currently at 254 members and that is up 40% from last year this time. 460 is the total goal. The first club event was held last Saturday and a Best Ball event is scheduled for April 9.

LWGA – President Marie Gross reported that 106 women have signed up and 17 of those are new members. The Opening meeting will be held at Saugatuck Congregational Church on April 5. The association handbook is being revised. Opening day tournament will be on April 26.

LLNH – Anne Haymon reported that 112 women have signed up and 33 are on a wait list. They are turning people away because they can't get the tee times they need to accommodate everyone on a weekly basis. The first social is planned for May 5 with a Cinco de Mayo theme at the Marina.

Administrator's Report

Jen Fava reported that the course opened on March 25 with 335 rounds in the month of March. New scorecards have been ordered and they will reflect the new rating of the women's tees. The Halfway House opened on April 1 and a new menu is being offered. A QR code will be available for golfers to order ahead of time to keep pace of play in mind when making the turn. Jen will link the Longshore website with the Hooked on the Sound website.

George Sorge, a rep from Stantec was on the zoom call and was interested to continue the dialogue about our thoughts and ideas on the plans for a new clubhouse and other golf related changes under the Longshore Range Plan. A survey will being going out to all golfers in the next few months.

Superintendent's Report

Brad Brown presented the spring maintenance plan for Longshore. He has updated the website on maintenance activities.

Currently Brad is aerating, adding sand to bunkers, welcoming his staff back and training new staff.

He expects good fairways for the season.

Golf Professional's Report

Website changes have been made and in particular the Master calendar has been updated, and two new pages have been created with a focus on instruction and club history.

Junior golf programs sold out immediately upon being posted by Parks & Rec.

Merchandise is still arriving including apparel, balls and clubs.

A new range cart was purchased.

Range mats are in good shape and new range balls will go into service later this spring.

GAC Comments

No comments

The Zoom meeting ended at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Dally GAC Chairperson