

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 6, 2014. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Fred Hunter, at 7:30 PM.

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

Others Present: Ryan Segrue (new Superintendent) Sean Doyle, Peter Eisen, Rick Weber, Charles Haberstroh, Michael Fox, Patty Kondub, David Levin, Jim Marpe

Fred Hunter introduced Ryan Segrue, the new Superintendent. Fred also announced that Charles Haberstroh is the new Chair of the Park and Rec Commission, replacing Andy Moss. The GAC will report to Park and REC Commission and not the Director of Park and Rec, Stuart McCarthy, as in the past.

Mr. Haberstroh asked Fred to invite the men's and women's association presidents and John Cooper to the GAC meetings in the future. Fred will ask for reports from the men's and women's association presidents. (Note: Ryan Segrue will also be present at GAC meetings.)

Fred Hunter requested item # 3 on the agenda be postponed to another meeting.

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of December 2, 2013 were accepted as submitted with an additional letter from John Cooper to Fred Hunter (Attached). The letter refers to John's request for clarification of his statements on changing or updating his website.

2. Year End Rounds Reports

2013 was the worst year in 20 years down 19.28% from last year. Sean Doyle asked whether there is a way to track rainfall to see if weather or course conditions were the cause of reduced play. Fred and Ryan will see what can be tracked effectively.

There was a discussion about whether our CORE golfers will return if conditions improve.

3. To take such action as the GAC may determine relative to changes in various golf policies.

The GAC voted on 11 policy changes. (See attached) The changes are meant to bring additional people to the golf course.

4. New Business

Gary Solomon provided information regarding the State mandate to have AED's on public golf courses. Westport EMS will train town employees to use the devices. The devices must be in centrally located places, such as Cliff's Place, the pro shop, and possibly on the ranger's cart. Cell service is still a problem that will take more time to solve.

Fred Hunter has asked Stuart McCarthy to facilitate a meeting between Fred and John Cooper to discuss the web site. Fred has had no response from John since last month. John has said that he plans to roll out an enhanced web site in the spring, but has not communicated with Fred about it.

Marpe and Kaner expect to have an enhanced social media presence, using facilities of the town to make it happen.

5. Old Business

None

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Nicholson
GAC Secretary