

## **Westport Golf Advisory Committee Final Meeting Minutes September 11, 2023**

The Golf Advisory Committee of the Town of Westport conducted a Zoom meeting on Monday, September 11, 2023. The meeting was called to order by GAC chairperson, Jane Dally at 7:00p.m.

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

### **Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of the June 5 GAC meeting were approved.

### **Public Comments:**

Sue Roberts, 12 Signal Lane, Westport – was hoping for an update on the Longshore Long Range Plan and Clubhouse construction.

### **President Reports**

9 Holers - Anne Haymon – 119 members for the 2023 season. October 5 will be the Short Beach Event and the closing lunch will take place on October 19. This is when they will vote on new board members. The last day of play is October 26.

LWGA 18 holers – 121 members joined LWGA for the 2023 season. The Fall Cup was renamed for Angela Aulenti, longtime Westporter, golf professional and inductee into the 2023 LPGA World Golf Hall of Fame. The new Slate will be voted on at the September 19 luncheon.

LMGA – Ryan Smith: Current membership is at 437. All four of the Major events have been successfully conducted. The Member Guest took place in mid July with a full field. The Club Championship was in early August and the Baldwin Stroke Play was last week. The LMGA has completed 14 events to date with two season long bracket events concluding in September. Four events remain for the 2023 season.

### **Golf Course Tee Improvement Project**

Jen Fava reported that the leveling and re-design of some tees will be done by architect Doug Smith and his team. The proposed tee improvements are for tees 2,11,13,15,17 (with hole 4 as an add alternate if budget allows). The USGA reported during a recent visit that many of our tees are too small for the amount of play at Longshore. The September 20 Commission meeting will vote on this and work will commence in spring 2024.

### **Administrator Report**

Rounds for August were 6,144. This is a good number despite all the rain we had this month. We are up 2.5% over last year this time.

Comments on course conditions have been very positive.

Charity events will begin soon.

Vandalism occurred on the 7<sup>th</sup> green and 13<sup>th</sup> green and steps are being taken to repair those greens.

### **Superintendent Report**

Brad and his team are busy fixing all the wash outs in the bunkers. Over 4.75 inches of rain fell in the past few days.

The USGA came out for a second visit on July 19.

Course aeration begins October 11.

### **Golf Pro Report**

Operations have been steady all summer.

Junior Golf summer classes ended in mid August and they were at full capacity with a waitlist. After School classes and weekend classes are full.

The Met PGA Jr. was played recently as was the CSGA Super Seniors on August 28.

Pro Shop credits must be used before the course closes for the season.

### **GAC Comments**

The Drop Areas on holes 13 and 17 are looking much better and in better condition.

Corey Miller suggested we get sand on the carts to fill divots but Jon Janik said there is nowhere to store the extra sand/seed mix. We will need to wait until we have a new cart barn.

Irla Landry commented that the course was in great shape.

The Zoom meeting ended at 7:53p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Jane Dally

GAC Chairperson