Westport Golf Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes March 4, 2024

The Golf Advisory Committee of the Town of Westport conducted a Zoom meeting on Monday, March 4, 2024. The meeting was called to order by GAC chairperson, Jane Dally at 7:00p.m.

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

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 8 GAC meeting were approved with the exception of a small edit by Mike Durkin. He wanted the minutes to reflect that the new shoe cleaner/scraper should not be near the 18th green and interfere with players leaving the green and slowing down play. An alternate spot should be found.

Public Comments

No public comments.

Presidents Reports

9 Holers – President Anne Haymon reported the league has hit their maximum with 120 members. 14 of those women are new members. Most members are Westporters. They will hold their opening meeting on March 14 at the Library.

LWGA 18 holers – Marie Gross reported for President Sue Roberts. 76 members have registered for the new season. Five of those women are new members. A new Member Handbook is in the works. The opening meeting will be held on April 11 at the Saugatuck Congregational Church. Marie thanked Jen Fava and the DPW for the upgrades to the Ladies Lockeroom.

LMGA – Ryan Smith reported that the league will hold an opening meeting on March 5. He is looking at a similar tournament schedule to last year with 19 regular events and three season long events. The target membership number for this year is 455.

Administrator Report

The Ladies LockerRoom upgrades have been completed and some work was done on the Men's LockerRoom as well.

All golf charity events for 2024 have been approved. Now the events will be scheduled. The new Golf Superintendent was introduced. — Sean William Charles. BrightView's Terry McGuire spoke about the search and the final decision on bringing Sean to Longshore.

Superintendent Report

Sean William Charles introduced himself and spoke about his background as a Superintendent at a top private club in New Jersey. He will be onsite this week and he looks forward to creating a consistent product that we can all be proud of.

Golf Pro Report

Jon Janik reported that merchandise is slowing arriving. Puma will be a new apparel line this year. The Junior golf classes opened online on March 6 and he encouraged anyone with young kids to sign up quickly as the classes sell out.

GAC Comments

Jen confirmed that the same group will operate the golf half-way house this year. No other comments

The Zoom meeting ended at 7:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted Jane Dally GAC Chairperson