

**THE GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA/MINUTES – AUGUST 25, 2020 – THE WOODLANDS
GOLF COURSE 7:00 PM**

****Draft** Subject to approval for next meeting**

WELCOME – A.G Womble (Interim Chairman) meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

GAB Members Attending – AG Womble, Roland White Sr., Norman Merrifield and Brandon Singleton.

Absent – Anne Andrews, Waymon Murphy and Mark Hellenen

City of Hampton Staff present – Dave McCauley (Director of PRLS), Lola Perkins (City Attorney), Greg Lynch (Manager, Hamptons GC) and Andy Woodruff (Manager, Woodlands GC).

INTRODUCTION – New order of business...election of new GAB chairman. Mr. Roland White nominated AG Womble for chairman and Norman Merrifield seconded that motion. Motion passed. Lola Perkins discussed the electronic version of the resolution of minutes and explained members could view and participate electronically but a quorum of at least 2/3 needed or 4 members due to a vacancy to be in attendance to vote and pass motions.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT – GREG/ANDY

The Hamptons – April, May and June there was bunker renovation completed, top-dressing, application of growth regulators/fertilizers, needle tine of greens and spraying of greens. In July and August, there has been spraying and watering of greens, bunker maintenance and tree removal. Aerification scheduled for September 8-11.

The Woodlands –Bunker renovation has been completed. Currently, there are trees being removed from Hurricane Isaiah, and slope mowing around greens with collar widths 8-10 feet wide. Aerification is scheduled for Sept 14-15.

UPDATE ON FINANCIALS – The Hamptons is ahead of last year in rounds and revenue through the first 2 months even with being closed for 3 days due to Hurricane Isaiah. The Woodlands is also slightly ahead of last year and both courses continue to see steady foot traffic. Hampton Amateur scheduled for October 9-11 and Hampton Senior Am scheduled for October 15 at the Woodlands. AG had a suggestion of a Senior Am at the Hamptons in the Spring of 2021.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS – AG wanted to commend golf team on smooth transition from Patty Lewis’s retirement. AG also wanted to note the appreciation for Patty Lewis’s 28 years of dedicated service. Lola is going to create resolution recognizing Patty’s achievements into retirement. Roland White stated he believed COVID was increasing rounds. Brandon Singleton stated he believes ball marks are becoming problem on greens. Greg and Andy will remind staff to encourage guests to repair ball marks on greens. AG recommended we back to flag colors instead of the traditional ABC delineation to indicate where the hole locations are on the greens.

Greg presented the Rate Increase Proposal to the board for their approval on raising the green fee and cart fee rates. The board is in agreement that the rates should be raised to break even and be self-sustaining for the debt service and operate as an Enterprise Account. Brandon recommended it, Roland White seconded it...motion passed. Board also believes Dave McCauley should present this rate increase proposal to the City Council and not the board. This was agreed upon. Dave did ask GAB to attend the City Council meeting for support of this change. Lola agreed to write this up as a resolution for Dave.

ROUND TABLE – Brandon singleton suggested we offer rate specials after 4 p.m. and the idea of memberships came up...didn’t work in the past. New Point of Sale software systems also discussed for both courses.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM

NEXT MEETING DATE: MARCH 16, 2021 - 7:00 PM