

VILLAGE OF GLENCOE
GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Golf Course Advisory Committee was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. The following members were present:

Joe Keefe, Chairman
Jim Hirsch
Mitch Melamed
John Nesbitt
Ronald Schmidt
Scott Shore

2. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 2013 MEETING MINUTES

The February 2013 Golf Advisory Committee meeting minutes were approved as written.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

There was no public comment.

4. MANAGERS MONTHLY REPORT

- Stella reviewed the February monthly report.
- Stella reviewed the end of year financial statement and informed the committee that we experienced our best numbers in the last six years. We had 25 more days of operation than the last year and power carts exceeding budget by \$36,000.
- A question was asked what percentage of broken drainage has been repaired on the course. Stella responded that we are at about 75% repaired; Dave Arden is still finding broken pipes throughout the course.
- Joe Keefe asked if Chicago Botanic Garden has done any work to clean out the drainage ditch. Stella responded that there has been no work done by the Botanic Garden at this point.
- Stella informed the committee that there are five new foursomes in the permanent tee time program this year compared to last year.
- Discussion on Wilmette golf course closing in August for renovations took place. Stella informed the committee that she has been receiving a lot of inquiries about outings but our prices are quite a bit higher than Wilmette so there has been no booking so far.
- Stella also stated that Wilmette's staff contacted her for a discount for their member card holders. She responded that we would not offer discounts but passed on all of the marketing material as it relates to our tiered greens fees and senior discounts.
- Stella relayed to the committee that North Park University is now using the course for their team's practice sessions in the spring.
- Highland Park golf facilities were discussed. At this point there is no new information but Joe Keefe thought one of the facilities would be closing by the end of 2013.

- Hel's Kitchen has begun operations unfortunately the weather has not been cooperating. Stella invited the group to sample the menu at the April meeting.
- Joe Keefe requested that the committee create some agenda items for the new chairman so Joe can create a document to help with the transition.
- Clubhouse Task Force update-the RFQ for a clubhouse architect was sent out and we are waiting for responses; the deadline for submission is April 1st.
- A question was asked as to when an architect would be picked. Stella responded that there should be no delays moving forward with the process. The timeline will be based on everyone's schedule and the ability to meet and interview the architects. Stella further stated that she is working with Larry Levin and Arnold Levy to create the RFP and that it is imperative that we gather as much information as possible through the process.
- Joe Keefe added that with the new Village Board starting in May he didn't think Larry Levin would continue to be the Chairman of the Clubhouse Task Force due to all of his new duties as Village Board President.
- Mitch Melamed requested that the Golf Committee stay informed as to the progress of the RFP process.
- Stella reviewed the list of architects that were sent RFQs with the committee. She also informed them that a public notice was made and we have received several additional inquiries.
- Mitch Melamed asked Stella what level of spending she was authorized to make. Stella responded that purchased over \$5,000 were approved by Dave Clark, purchases over \$10,000 were approved by Paul Harlow and purchases over \$20,000 have to go to the Village Board for approval. Mitch asked the question to find out what approvals were necessary to put up a net on the driving range. Stella responded that the issue should be saved for the new Village Board.
- A question was asked as to the cost for the driving range net. Stella responded that she received a quote several years ago for \$150,000. She also stated that she believes a net would bring in an additional \$50,000 in revenue due to the lack of driver restrictions.
- Stella also stated that the previous argument against the netting was that the entire Village would be against the net not just the neighbors living on Westley. No one would be in favor of a 90 foot net being erected in front of their property.
- The custom club fittings were discussed. Stella informed the committee that there has been over \$3,000 in club sales this season due to the fitting system. Future promotions and demo days should result in over \$8,000 in club sales this season.
- Joe Keefe asked if the Clubhouse Task Force has analyzed any of the financial mechanisms for funding. Joe asked if \$4.5 million was correct for a revenue bond that we would not have to go to a referendum. Stella responded that the \$4.5 million number is high; she estimated that it would be more in the \$3 million range for a revenue bond.

5. ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45.