

GOLF MANAGEMENT and OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE  
ACUSHNET, MA.

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Minutes of meeting held July 25, 2019 at Acushnet River Valley Golf Course

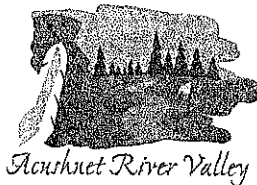
Attendees: Manny Goulart, Ed Isaac, Bob Ferreira, David Flynn, and John Abaray.  
Guests: Dana Przybyszewski, Steve Tibbels, Roger Cabral, Brian Nible

1. Motion was made at 4:30 PM by Bob Ferreira, seconded by John Abaray, to open meeting.
2. Motion was made by John Abaray, seconded by Bob Ferreira, to accept meeting minutes of 6-25-2019; vote was unanimous to accept motion.
3. Under Old business, Dana presented results of FY2019 estimated to be \$143000 ahead of plan.
4. Under Old business, Dana reviewed operations (attachment A).
5. Under Old business, Steve presented maintenance update (attachment B)
6. Under New business, Dana presented options for extending balloon payment. Dana will provide details on 2 or 3 year options for next meeting.
7. Under New business, Dana reviewed options for replacing tent **Motion was made by John Abaray, seconded by Bob Ferreira, to purchase tent from Case for \$9600 for delivery in March; vote was unanimous to accept motion.**
8. Next scheduled meeting is Thursday, Sept 5, 2019 at 4:30 PM at the golf course.
9. Motion made at 5:35 PM by Bob Ferreira, seconded by John Abaray, to adjourn meeting; vote was unanimous to accept motion.

E. Isaac 7/28/2019

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Golf Course Operations Agenda  
Golf Management & Operations Committee Meeting  
Thursday 7/25/19  
685 Main Street Acushnet MA

**A/. Forecast-Sales**

The fiscal year has completed with positive results, the finance department has submitted reporting which basically summarizes to a profit of 143k. Details are as follows 100k in reserve, 35,843 in cost savings and 8k in revenue. Please keep in mind the weather for last fiscal year was an early onset of fall and winter with cold rainy days followed by the most rainfall ever to be recorded this spring losing approximately over a month of playable days. If this had not been the case we would have had a BLOCKBUSTER SEASON. For the upcoming season we forecasted 1.364 million.

**B/. Pro shop**

We are replenishing stock as we speak, balls, gloves, hats, shirts, shoes all have been ordered as we had almost run out of stock as of 6/30/19.

**Wage & Classification** results – A work in progress as I am instructed.

**IMPROVEMENTS 2019-**

**Outdoor Café** upgrade this year – 12 additional tables and 30 chairs will be furnished with umbrellas and currently reviewing possible additional seating area in Winner Circle Garden at the base of the putting green. I would like to suggest converting the round garden area opposite the tent into a stone/patio seating area for the new steel mesh patio tables and chairs. We currently have them all set up in that general area but it is rather congested, by converting that area to a patio it will reduce labor and utilize the real estate to generate revenue. I would like to suggest leaving the outer ring of perennials and seating within the ring of plantings creating a garden patio setting for a more comfortable atmosphere.

**Tent estimate is 9600\$ from Chase Canopy, 9600\$ from BC TENT and 9800 for special vinyl coated tent but it is not guaranteed to last any longer – more of an aesthetic for appearance..**

**FY 2020 Forecast attached – it is my understanding we are basing our budget on 1.364 million excluding the emergency fund from our anticipated revenue and forecast number.**

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## Golf Course Maintenance Agenda

### Golf Management & Operations Committee Meeting

Thursday 25 July 2019

4:30 pm Golf Course Maintenance Facility

685 Main Street Acushnet MA

#### ➤ Course Maintenance Summary:

The month of July has offered up quite a mix of weather conditions, The combination of high humidity and dew points, high heat, and torrential rains (over 4.8 inches for the month across 5 primary rain events) has elevated the incidence and severity of turf diseases while at the same time reducing the efficacy of pesticide. Thus, requiring more frequent applications at application rates higher than normal preventative levels. So far, our pesticide plan is working, and our turf is healthy. We have, though, experienced some turf damage due to the Annual Blue Weevil. An insect, which has five feeding stages during its life cycle all of which target different parts of the turf plant. This insect is very difficult to control because all 5 stages can be evident at any given time. The damage we have experienced is primarily on tees.

#### ➤ Budget

The FY2019 Golf Course Maintenance Budget year concluded with a savings of \$1,919.30 (please see attached FY19 budget synopsis). This was achieved by transferring \$20,000.00 from Maintenance Staff Wages to several operations line items and using Equipment Lease and Capital funds to offset unexpected expenses in Equipment Repair and Pesticides.

#### ➤ Equipment

The condition and operating efficiency of our equipment changes on a daily basis. We have not gone 2 consecutive days without having a breakdown or condition which sidelines a piece of equipment. Currently, we have 2 pieces, the Toro Workman which carries our blower, and a GP 400 Tee Triplex that are inoperable. A third piece, our LF 550 fairway mower is functional but is scheduled to have hydraulic hoses and fluid changes, our Toro 5210 has a slow engine oil leak and a second GP 400 Triplex has an intermittent hydraulic leak. We are waiting for parts for the Workman, the GP 400 is being sent to MTE to determine the cause of a hydraulic system failure/leak, we will be making hydraulic hose and fluid changes to the LF 550 next week and we are monitoring the oil leak of the 5210 and the hydraulic leak of the GP400.

While significant, the repair of these items is only one aspect of the daily maintenance that our equipment requires. The repairs have to be fit in with daily mowing height adjustment, oil and lubrication, blade and real sharpening, as well as with the unexpected malfunction/equipment breakdown. Our Mechanic, Norm Tessier, is doing an excellent job of keeping equipment sharpened and operable especially when one considers that we are limited to little or no overtime in our budget and that he, at times, has to assist with daily course maintenance and mowing operations.

➤ Fairway Aeration:

I have received a quote of \$7,500.00 for fairway aeration from Sportscapes Unlimited. Sportscapes is the company which performs deep tine aeration on greens each year, usually in the fall of the year. The quote is for solid tine aeration of 33 acres of fairways in which Sportscapes would supply equipment, manpower, and aeration tines to complete the work. The work would also be completed in one day. The operation would be conducted at the end of September. Our current aeration equipment, 1 John Deere Aercore 1500 (4-foot 9-inch aeration width), lack of man power and time constraints (conflicts with golfers due to our slow rate of progress in fairway aeration and the impact of inclement weather) makes it nearly impossible to complete fairway aeration efficiently and adequately on an annual basis. The Aercore 1500 is our only aerator for tees as well and assists our walk behind aerator in aeration of greens and collars. I believe outsourcing this practice is the best route for us to utilize for adequate fairway aeration.

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