

RICHTER PARK AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

Richter Park Authority Office
Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 6:00 PM

In compliance with Connecticut General Statute § 1-225, these minutes are being provided for informational purposes and are subject to approval of the Richter Park Authority Board of Directors at its next regular meeting.

Chairman Pete Siecienski opened the meeting at 6:02 PM.

Members present: John Priola, Al Mead, George Radachowsky, Leroy Diggs, Bob Eberhard, Judy Griemsmann, Pam St. Pierre and Art Haddad

Also present: Jonathan Pinto, Head Golf Professional, Rob Dorsch, Golf Course Superintendent, Karen Madaus, Business Manager and Bobby Bria, Musicals at Richter.

Absent: Dave Lajoie (Ms. St. Pierre will take his place at this meeting) and Paul DiNardo (Mr. Haddad will take his place at this meeting)

Public participation

None.

Approve minutes of previous meetings

Mr. Mead made a motion to approve the minutes from the March RPA meeting. Mr. Diggs seconded. **Motion passed.**

Correspondence

none.

Arts Association

The performance season starts on Sunday with a rock 'n roll show. The following week there will be a pianist from the Ukraine. The Annual Spring Member Art Show will take place in April as well.

The RAA is buying 2-3 advertising spots per week on WNNR Radio for general advertising and will have some PSAs, if possible. Also, they are happy to hear about work on the Richter House going out to bid.

Musicals at Richter

Casting and auditions have begun for the 2023 season. Tech weekend will NOT be on the weekend of the Danbury Amateur this year. They applied to the Woodward Foundation for a grant and received \$50,000! An upcoming Eagle Scout project is a new Cast Board for MAR.

Fairy Tale Theater is starting up again this year, possibly at Jesse Lee Church in Ridgefield, most Saturdays in July.

MPC-Richter House

The next meeting will be in early May.

FORe

The Farrington Trail sign needs to be repaired. Brick sales are ongoing. The account has a balance of over \$6,300. FORe is looking for Danbury Amateur sponsors. There was a brief discussion about incentives to join FORe. The annual meeting will be on May 22, 2023 at the Richter House for elections.

Business Manager's Report

A 2023 update on booked outings was given. Pass and Resident ID sales are still strong.

Head Golf Professional

March was good with 988 paid rounds in 10 days. The first newsletter was sent in April and we received good feedback. The pie chart reporting rounds will start at the next RPA meeting. We have two commitments so far for sponsorship renewal.

April rounds are good so far. Kudos to Rob and his staff, the course is in great shape.

Grounds and Greens

The worry is about the soil more than the color of the grass. We are band-aiding the irrigation system. The pumps and motors are fine; the control panel is the problem.

On very hot days, we will have mini bottles of water available at two places on the course, along with our recycling bins. This will be discussed in the May newsletter.

Financial report

The cash balance and cash flow show that we should be in a good place. Mr. Mead made a motion to accept the report and place it on file for audit. Mr. Eberhard seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Finance Committee Report

There has been \$87K and \$66K moved to the Capital account to cover building of the walls on #8 and #12 and the Pro Shop renovations.

Old business

Mr. Siecienski and Mr. Radachowsky met at City Hall recently to follow up on non-answers and delays in the Richter House project.

The clock project is moving forward. The \$26K cost is coming from a \$25K donation to the City from FuelCell.

They also talked about grants and money that is out there and available.

Mr. Siecienski and Mr. Dorsch met with Jennings today about replacing the broken boiler at the Richter House. Mr. Siecienski will get them in touch with the City.

New business

None.

Chairman's Comments/Report

The golf course has never looked so good on Opening Day! Kudos!

Executive Session

None.

Mr. Mead made a motion to adjourn at 7:23 pm. Mr. Eberhard seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**