

**RICHTER PARK AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES**  
**RICHTER PARK OFFICE**  
**TUESDAY, October 18, 2011, 6PM**

*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 Bob Eberhard opened the meeting at 6:00PM.

Members present: Leroy Diggs, Jean DaSilva, Len Cagianello, John Priola, Bob Eberhard, Chris Marano, George Radachowsky and Bill Totten, Alternates Felix Bonacci and Frank Russo (filled in for vacancy).

Also present: Maria Sanyshyn - General Manager, Rob Dorsch - Grounds and Greens Superintendent, Karen Madaus - Assistant General Manager, Scott Ward - Golf Director, Brian Gehan - Head Golf Professional.

**Chairman's report**

**Public participation**

Harry Kuhn, 7 Fillmore Avenue-Leaves in gutters of the house.

Al Mead, 23 Jefferson Avenue- FORe chair--Thank you for aid with the raffle, presented \$2,000, raised by appeals to golfers, to Grounds and Greens Superintendent for use to repair golf paths, new FORe brochures, two applications made for grants to do repair work at the house, promotional items for FORe, search for grant writers.

**Approve minutes of previous meeting**

Mrs. DaSilva made a motion to accept the minutes of September 20. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Totten made a motion to accept the minutes of the special meeting of September 27. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Cagianello made a motion to once again accept the minutes of August 16. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Cagianello made a motion to once again accept the minutes of September 6 special meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

**Comments/reports**

Chairman Eberhard reminded FORe that there are requirements as to number of Richter Park Authority members on the board.

**Correspondence** - None

**Arts association report**

Gutters at the house will be cleaned and trees at the back of the house will be removed. The fall arts season was reviewed.

**Richter house report**

The contractor has to complete the punch list set up by the architect.

**Director of Golf/Golf Professional**

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The season will be extended for club fittings and lessons throughout the winter with a new simulator. The shop will be open through Christmas. Mr. Gehan is looking forward to next year after a good year and says that lessons are going well.

### **Grounds and Greens**

Dump truck - The grounds and greens committee recommends that Mr. Dorsch seek bids on a dump truck/plow.

Equipment lease - Mr. Cagianello made a motion to continue the lease program begun four years ago with the purchase of turf maintenance equipment including rough mower, 5 greens mowers, roller and a deep-tine aerifier. Motion passed unanimously.

Septic system - Bids to go out by December.

Drainage - Holes 2,6,7,12,13 and 14 will be repaired.

### **Financial report**

Mr. Cagianello made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and place it on file. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Marano made a motion that an input from the finance committee be placed on the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Diggs, chair of Finance committee, reminded everyone of the points for improving Richter Park to consider: insurance, budget presented to RPA members 30 days ahead of meeting, FOrE, increase non-resident play, generate new revenue ideas, staffing across the board. The finance committee makes recommendations to the RPA. It could also provide direction for implementation of recommendations.

### **Manager's report**

Rounds are down 1,000 for the month and 7,100 or 17% for the year. Weather is a serious factor as indicated by a National Golf Foundation report indicating this region of the country has 250.3% more precipitation than average.

Janice Gabriel, executive director, will be at monthly meetings and expressed that MAR would like to be on the agenda for our monthly meetings.

The loan for \$925,000 with Newtown Savings Bank was closed today. Accounts with Union Savings and Wells Fargo are in the process of being closed.

### **Old business**

Report of survey committee - Report is delayed until the survey committee can vote on the committee's report.

### **New business**

#### **Tournament Committee**

**SNEWGA** - Mr. Cagianello made a motion to approve an invitational tournament for a Wednesday afternoon following the Senior Men's Club at the 2012 resident rates. Motion passed unanimously.

**RP Club schedules** - Mr. Cagianello will send notices to the men's club, ladies' club, and seniors to get their schedules in by November 8<sup>th</sup>.

**AJGA request** for 2012 tournament referred to Tournament Committee

**Authority member procedures for questioning information of employees**

When information is requested, the requesting RPA member should speak to chair to discuss request. If agreed, requests should be given attention, but reasonable judgment in timing of request should be used.

**Executive session**

None

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Jean T. DaSilva  
Recording Secretary