



Town of Barnstable Barnstable Golf

Hyannis Golf Course, 1840 Route 132, Hyannis, Ma 02601 (508) 362-2606
Olde Barnstable Fairgrounds Golf Course, 1460 Route 149, Marstons Mills, Ma 02648 (508) 420-1141
Director of Golf: Jesse Schechtman

Golf Committee May 13, 2025 Meeting Called to order; 5:30pm Minutes

Chair Hochstein reads statement in accordance with MGL Ch. 30.A.S.20 regarding public taping at meetings. No one responds as taping the meeting. Chair Hochstein also reads the executive order on remote participation via zoom and that the meeting is being recorded and will air on channel 18 after the meeting concludes.

Roll Call:	GEOFFREY CONVERSE	Present
	JOHN COOKSON	Present
	KEITH HOCHSTEIN	Present
	SUSANNE CONLEY	Present
	MARK BUSHWAY	Absent
	BILL SYLVA	Present
	JASON AUBEE	Present

ALSO PRESENT: JESSE SCHECHTMAN & JAMES BENTLEY

Public Comments; NONE

Act on Minutes of the April 8, 2025 meeting

A motion is made to accept the minutes by Susanne Conley, seconded by Bill Sylva.
Roll Call Vote: All in favor.

Director of Golf Maintenance Report – James Bentley, Director of Golf Maintenance

Wall to wall fertilization took place at Hyannis GC today. It's a new product we're trying – a custom blend made just for us, all organic. Everything went well, we'll be doing the same at Olde Barnstable next week. This should help kickstart some much-needed growth. Between all the winter golf and the cold spring, the turf is rather weak right now.

We have started expanding the forward tee on #17 at Hyannis – it should be open for play in the coming weeks.

We are very aware of all the weeds, specifically clover, but this is what comes with being organic. There are some organic products we can use to try to address this, but they are very expensive. We'll start with the tee boxes and see how it works.

Cape Cod is still in a level two drought, which means we are limiting watering.

On June fourth we'll be hosting an Audubon nature walk for about thirty children – touring Olde Barnstable Fairgrounds GC and highlighting all the wildlife that calls OBF home.

Keith comments that the work done on the right side of the 5th hole at OBF came out great, it's much more playable now.

Director of Golf Report – Jesse Schechtman, Director of Golf

The season is upon us and both courses are very busy. Lots of large groups scheduled, specifically at Hyannis, in the coming weeks. PGA Junior League play has begun at Hyannis. Internal league play has begun at both courses (Tuesday Ladies and Wednesday Men's leagues at OBF, and the Monday Quota League at Hyannis). These leagues are very healthy with lots of participation. The quota league has already generated over \$5,000 in just two weeks of play.

The Hyannis clubhouse work is coming along. The parking lot portion of the project should be completed sometime next week. There have been a lot of unanticipated issues that have popped up, but the contractors have done a great job of handling them as efficiently as possible. The estimated project completion date is now listed as late September. No news yet on the insurance settlement.

Susanne asks about relocating at least one portable restroom to down near the practice green. Jesse says with the current construction layout there's no way for the service/cleaning truck to get down to it, so at least for now they need to stay up top in the parking lot.

Revenue in April came up a touch short of forecast, but we still remain about \$200,000 ahead of forecast for the year. Obviously these remaining six weeks are huge ones in terms of revenue. The forecasted revenue for the month of June is fairly conservative, so we're confident we'll be making a contribution to surplus come the end of the fiscal year.

As of yesterday morning, the overall number of annual passes sold is slightly down compared to last year, but the actual revenue is up.

The idea of creating some type of volunteer "adopt-a-hole" is discussed, along with possibly increasing the amount of "divot days". The divot day would require shutting the course down for several hours, while the adopt-a-hole type program would be more informal and not require any course closures.

Keith speaks about inconsistencies in the OBF Tavern's hours. He notes the menu options, quality, and prices are all very good, but you never know whether they will be open or not at any given time, specifically later in the day. Jesse says he recently spoke to Tavern management about this very issue, and they have promised to firm things up in terms of consistency of hours.

Keith suggests starting the rate/fee discussion earlier than usual, that way we're not up against the deadline like last year. We should begin the discussion in August rather than September.

MOTION TO ADJOURN duly made by Bill Sylva SECONDED by Susanne Conley.

Roll Call Vote: All in favor

Adjourn; 6:32 pm

Respectfully submitted

Susan Shanley

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