

Hopedale Country Club

Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

Date 9-24-24

6:30pm Club House

Call to order: 6:30pm

Officers:

President Paul Cellucci
Vice President: Bob Manning
Treasurer: Steve Haynes
Financial Secretary: Tony Farrell
Recording Secretary: Jim Duffy

Board Of Directors:

John Mazzarelli		
Chris Tuttle	absent	Joe Soares
Zach Skerry	absent	Don Stewardson
Zach Tarolli		John Tammaro
Susan Sheehan		Dave Gerard

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

Presidents Report: follow up from irrigation meeting in clubhouse on 9/17 was a mixed bag with some members questioning the economics and timing. While other members wanted the project approved via special meeting ASAP. Recommendation is no dues increase and no Capital Improvement increase. Requested a \$1000.00 donation to St. Jude's Hospital for kids as part of our cancer awareness commitment. Motion made and passed unanimously.

Recording Secretary Report: Annual meeting is scheduled for 11/14 in the Hopedale High School cafeteria. Meeting minutes from 8/20 were approved. Very few nomination papers received. Will send out another reminder in the coming days. Report accepted.

Treasurers' report: Long discussion amongst all Board members regarding the economics surrounding the irrigation project. Topics discussed include: bigger down payment, interest rates, longer payment term. Some members felt the project should be delayed in order to make a bigger down payment. Other members felt we should act on a committed contract swiftly (annual meeting). Lengthy discussion on current finances for HCC in current fiscal year. Critical to the decision for many Board members was the amount of the Capital Improvement amount for 2025 season. ** see finance report** Report accepted.

Financial Secretary's Report – Balance of monies that need to be collected for annual dues is small and mostly made up of new members who are using PayPal. Sum is about \$10,600. Report accepted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

1. **Grounds and Greens/Carts:** Parking lot “grind” from Mass Highway Route 16 project is being held up by Town of Hopedale. Drainage project on hole #6 and hole #7 will be more cost effective due to Mosquito Control project by Comm of Mass. Area has been cleaned out for storage containers. Report accepted.
2. **House Committee:** Water Heater in Basement needed replacement (\$5,000). Cleaning Company contract renewed for the clubhouse to be cleaned on a regular basis. Report accepted.
3. **Finance** – a motion was made to have the Capital Improvement fee be \$400.00 for all returning members for the 2025 season. The payment will need to be made by 2/1/2025. The motion passed 11-1. Motion was made to have the 2025 dues increase by approximately 1.8% for all membership classes. (some membership classes are a % off of the Individual membership). Individual membership for 2025 season will be \$2,300.00 This motion passed 8-3
4. **Tournament:** Sign ups are being posted via E-Blasts.
5. **Handicap** – quick discussion about how competition scores are inputted and the dis-connect between CAP Patrol and ForeUP.
6. **Leagues** – Dinners for the leagues are completed. Kitchen was pleased with schedule.
7. **Women’s Golf Association** – Continuing to recruit for association.
8. **Pro Shop/Golf Operations** – Golf Shop renovation project coming along.
9.
**** Of Note: The Board of Directors entered into an Executive Session for about 15 minutes.****

Unfinished Business:

New Business

Good of the Club

Next Meeting – October 7th, 6:30pm. This meeting will finalize budget and by laws to be presented at Annual meeting on November 14, 2025.

Adjournment – 8:40pm.