

RICHTER PARK AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING
April 21, 2009

The regular meeting of the Richter Park Authority was held on Tuesday, April 21, 2009. Chairman Al Mead opened the meeting at 7 PM.

Members present: Al Mead, Leroy Diggs, Jean DaSilva, Len Cagianello, John Priola, Bob Eberhard, Chris Marano, Jim Blansfield. Felix Bonacci Frank Russo. Felix Bonacci was asked to sit in for the vacant position on the board.

Also present: Maria Sanyshyn, general manager and Rob Dorsch, grounds and greens superintendent and Ralph Salito, golf pro.

Chairman's report

- **Public participation**
Jill Kuhn, 7 Fillmore Avenue, thanked the authority for improving the handicapped access in the facility's rest room.
- **Approve minutes of previous meeting**
Bob Eberhard made a motion, seconded by Leroy Diggs, to accept the minutes of the March 29, 2009 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Comments/reports**
Al Mead thanked Leroy Diggs for a job well done as chairman of the March meeting.
- **Correspondence**
A letter of thanks was received from Sam Pelletier for continuance of his membership.
Susan Stryker sent a letter regarding her concern regarding the walking of dogs at Richter.

Financial report

John Priola, treasurer, reports that, thanks to the efforts of Maria Sanyshyn and Rob Dorsch, Richter is doing better in the profit and loss columns when compared to both budget and previous year. Bob Eberhard made a motion, seconded by Len Cagianello, to accept the treasurer's report for audit.

Passed unanimously.

Arts association report-(see attached report)

Mrs. DaSilva thanked the authority for efforts to open the house on time.

Jim Blansfield made a motion, seconded by Chris Marano, to accept the Arts report. Passed unanimously.

Grounds and greens report-(see attached report)

Most growth is dormant. A warming is badly needed. Holes 7,13,14, and 17 have some ice damage. Signs prohibiting dog walking have been posted.

Plans have been started regarding maintenance of a new 10th hole and a driving range. Holes 14 and 16 will have designated wetlands areas.

Signage will be posted regarding how these areas will affect play.

Richter house report(see attached report)

Manager's report-(see attached report)

Maria attended the Club Managers Association BMI Golf Management Conference and thanked the Authority for making it possible for her to go. She felt it was very worthwhile and learned a great deal.

Old business

None

New business

A special meeting to discuss the Blansfield proposal for greening the club house was scheduled for Tuesday, May 5, at 6PM.

Executive session

none

The next meeting will be held on May 19, 2009 at 7 PM. Bob Eberhard made a motion, seconded by Len Cagianello, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted

Jean DaSilva

Secretary

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Richter House Update

Currently, YTD expenses exceed the income by \$2,641.00. We have not received 2009 rent from either the Arts or Musicals organizations.

Paul Bailey Architects

- All measurements are complete
- Evidence of existing drawings supplied here and they have already been turned into CAD reports
- Immediate next steps include
 - Evaluate conditions
 - Mechanical
 - Electrical
 - Plumbing
- Architect will be checking code and feasibility components

We need to be mindful of a Historic Restoration matching grant for up to \$200,000 that has a 10/31/09 deadline. Unlike grants available from the State, these grants are not funded through the General Fund or Bond Commission. Approval for disbursements of these grants will be made by June 30th.

To apply for the grant we must have:

- Matching Funds (currently only the \$50,000 from the City qualifies)
- All architectural specs and planning must be in place
- Must have completed nomination to State Registry of Historic Places

Historian

- Mary Donahue from the CT Commission on Culture and Tourism is working with me to secure a historian to get moving on the project immediately. She predicts that it will take the Historian a few months to compile the application. As the state registry meets monthly, we could have a final approved application within enough time to apply for the Historic Restoration grant.

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Managers Report**

We have sold passes **in March** as follows:

Type of Pass	'09	'08
ID Renewals	610	459
25 Rounds	23	13
35 Rounds	7	14
50 Rounds	14	13
25 Round Senior	36	41
35 Round Senior	14	13
50 Round Senior	-	3
Junior Resident	4	3
Non Resident Renewal	5	-
Non Resident Limited (50)	3	-
Non Resident Unlimited	-	4
Non Resident Jr.	10	7
Total Revenue from Passes: \$109,930.00		

Round Summary

Total rounds for March are 1,437 up 1,437 rounds from last year (vs. 0 rounds in '08 – we open April 2, 2008) Total Rounds through March are 1,437. To date we have just under 3,900 rounds.

Category	'09	'08
Resident	243	
Senior	15	
Junior Resident	19	
Non-Resident	1,021	
Pass Rounds Resident	61	
Pass Rounds Senior	33	
Pass Rounds Junior	6	
Pass Rounds Non Res	13	
League/Golf Team		
Tournament		
Misc (Employee/Comp/EZ)	28	
TOTAL ROUNDS	1,439	0

Note: We did not track TYPE of pass round in 2008 so we will only have comparative data based upon the TOTAL pass rounds in 2009.

NON-GOLF USE OF FACILITIES

The issue of activity on the golf course, unrelated to golf, has gotten seriously out of control. We are dealing with not only dog walkers, but joggers, bike riders, fishermen and casual walkers, etc., etc., etc. Signs have been strategically placed to disallow dogs and staff will be instructing all non-golf related users of the park that they are limited to the trails.

LOTTERY

The lottery will begin with the May 8th and 9th weekends. The point allocation system has been tweaked to penalized stronger those who book times through the lottery and cancel them AND will now reward greater those who request a time and do not receive one.

RICHTER PARK GOLF COURSE
GOLF AND GROUNDS STATUS REPORT
4/21/09

It is hard to believe that we have been open a little over a month. We are still waiting on some warm weather as the turf has not really started growing yet. I anticipate that by the end of the weekend if the weather man is correct we will be able to start our 2009 mowing schedule. The rain was a welcome relieve as we just finished pressurizing our irrigation system today.

Greens overall are in really good shape for this time of year. We applied two applications of Primo/Proxy to help minimize poa seeding and keep the greens as smooth as possible. Normally we only deal with Poa going to seed in the month of April but I anticipate this lasting a little longer as soil temps are still below 50 degrees. #13 is progressing nicely and while it is delayed I anticipate all the winter damage being recovered by the middle of May. This will be the same on #7,14 and 15 where some ice damage was also noticed.

All other areas of the course are progressing as expected for this time of year. All winter damage has been seeded and with the warmer weather we should realize some growth and germination in the next week or so. The bunkers came through winter great and once the Blue-Grass surrounding the bunkers break dormancy we will be in great shape.

I have met with the EIC regarding permitting for the new #10 and maintenance building and will be updating you as more information is available. At this time we are identifying wetland areas around the course. We will be marking the area to the right of #14 and #16 as environmentally sensitive in the coming weeks. This will be marked with as a red stake with green top. Signage will be on the tee boxes alerting the players of the new areas.

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Opening the house this year was more complicated than usual. Thanks to Maria's persistence the problems were solved. While Maria was out of state, Lenny and Rob made sure that the needed repairs were completed in time for our opening day. Thank you

Maria attended the arts board meeting yesterday. Members of the board had opportunities to ask questions. It was a good meeting.

At the present time we are featuring a photography show of high quality. Rick Gottschalk is a talented artist. If you have time it's a show worth seeing. There are several pictures on the Richter golf course. It runs for one more weekend. Saturday from 2-5. On Sunday the show also features Richard Brooks, violinist. He plays at 3. The photo is open from 2-5 on Sunday except for the performance time.