

**RICHTER PARK AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES**  
**RICHTER PARK OFFICE**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2015, 6:30 PM**

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Chairman Bob Eberhard opened the meeting at 6:35PM.

Members present: Leroy Diggs, Jean DaSilva, John Priola, Bob Eberhard, George Radachowsky, Bill Totten, Al Mead, Wendy Grispin, Don La Russo.

Members absent: Alternates Felix Bonacci and Frank Russo.

Also present: Rob Dorsch, Grounds and Greens Superintendent, Karen Madaus, Business Manager, Brian Gehan, Head Golf Professional/Director of Outside Operations.

- **Public participation**

None

- **Approve minutes of previous meeting**

Mr. Priola made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Mr. Mead abstained. All other members voted to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

- **Correspondence**

From the PGA notifying RPA that Brian Gehan was awarded **Public Merchandiser of the Year Award** for excellence in golf

shop operations and the demonstration of superior skills as merchandisers in the promotion of golf.

From Corporation Counsel, in reply to an inquiry from a suggestion at a previous meeting, indicating that Authority members are not permitted to receive discounts to play golf

### **Chairman's Comments/Reports**

Use of personal email for communicating with personnel is discouraged. There is a general Richter Park e-mail address that should be used.

### **Arts association report-**

Hot water is most welcome at the house.

### **Musicals at Richter**

Auditions are complete.

### **Richter House**

A meeting has been scheduled to discuss possible walkway improvement and installation of railings at the entry of the house.

### **FORe**

The annual meeting will be held on May 13 at the Richter House.

Mr. Eberhard had to leave the meeting and Mr. Totten, Vice Chairman, presided over the remainder of the agenda.

## **Business Manager's Report**

Renewals for insurance are pending. Café on the Green rug quotes are in.

## **Head Golf Professional/Operations Report**

In addition to the award granted to Mr. Gehan, the PGA awarded Richter Park Golf Course the Walter Lowell Outstanding Public Golf Course Award in the CT/MA region. Golf Guide USA ranked Richter Park #8 in the MET area (NY, NJ, CT). It is the only CT course in the top 25. Hearst Media Survey ranked Richter Park the best course in CT to play in the Spring.

Most of the repair from water damage from burst pipes is done.

Operations are doing well considering a delayed opening and tough winter.

Mr. Priola made a motion for the 2016 season that it be required for each of the five High School golf teams to purchase a minimum of ten "Golf Team" passes with the student and the school district paying one-half of the cost each. This cost is in addition to the surcharge.

Motion passed unanimously.

## **Grounds and Greens**

Reclaiming cart path on Hole 13 is in progress. Tree work has been done in-house. Most other tree work can be done in the fall.

Fairway and green damage from the winter is being worked on.

## **Financial report**

After a slow start finances continue to improve.

## **Finance Committee Report**

The finance committee will meet on Tuesday, May 12 at 6PM.

## **Old business**

Cell tower

A site walk will be held this Thursday with interested companies. Plans are moving forward.

## **New business**

a. Discussion of communication between individual members of the Authority and employees.

Requests should be made through the executive committee.

b. Suggestion box on Website

Suggestions can be e-mailed through the Richter Park site.

c. Pace of Play

Pace of Play Policy was distributed for further study.

## **Executive Session**

None

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Jean T. DaSilva

Recording secretary