

Wicomico Shores Golf Course Advisory Board MINUTES

October 22, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bernie Kneeland, Chairperson; Tom Eicholtz, Terry Black, Jerry Ostrowski, Jim Hodges, Joe King

R&P STAFF PRESENT: Patrick Dugan, WSGC General Manager, Ray Bivens, Director Parks and Recreation

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Wicomico Shores Golf Course Advisory Board (WSGCAB) was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Riverview Restaurant at Wicomico Shores Golf Course by the Board Chair, Bernie Kneeland

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the 15 July, 2025 meeting were approved by email prior to the October meeting.

GOLF COURSE/RESTAURANT UPDATES

Patrick Dugan provided copies of the following documents/ information to the board

- Year-to-Date Rounds of Golf, Revenue and Expense Comparison FY26 Compared to FY24
- Annual Comparison FY18-FY26 Financial Statement which included FY26 Approved Budget
- Wicomico Shores Golf Course Revenue Comparison FY2026 & FY2025
- Wicomico Shores Golf Course Expense Comparison FY2026 & FY2025
- Capital Improvement Projects, Project #: RP2503
- Capital Improvement Projects, Project #: RP 2603

Copies of the above documents were provided to the Board members via email prior to the meeting. In summary of the above documents, Patrick reported that overall golf operations and restaurant were doing well. Rounds of golf for the first quarter of FY26 exceeded the rounds of golf for the first quarter of FY25 (12,030 vs 9,918). Pat reported that rounds were up in September of this year but that revenues were down. He explained that part of that delta may have been to the normal walk up rate charges for rounds being offset with tee time book charges. Overall Operating Revenues and Expenses for the first quarter of FY26 exceeded the revenues and expenses for the first quarter of FY25. Net operating costs was a positive \$291,968.

- Status of Capital Improvement/ Equipment Purchases in FY25
 1. CIP projects for FY25 have been completed. All equipment planned for FY25 was received.
- Status of Capital Improvement / Equipment Purchases for FY26
 2. Patrick reported that he is still holding on to the FY26 CIP funding until he receives the final approval for the test well. Once that approval is received Pat will put out the appropriate RFP's for the work.
 3. Course Manager and lead Groundskeeper are also looking at possibly accessing a second pond to support course irrigation efforts.
- Green Initiatives
 4. There was a discussion on the possibility of capitalizing on some Green Initiative funding that may be available through grants.
 5. Solar grant for Solar panels
 6. Have to prepare an application in December
 7. If successful in obtaining funding, funds could be used for improved lighting at the course including in the parking lot.
 8. Also could support a future upgrade to electrical system to support electric golf carts at the course.
- There was also a discussion concerning further improvements at the golf course. Some of the potential improvements (e.g. expansion of the parking lot, addition of a larger practice area) require access to additional land around the golf course. Some of the land on or bordering the existing course is not owned by the golf course. More knowledge and options of potential paths forward or potential impacts to the course is required on this topic.

OLD BUSINESS

- Pat reported that the MSGA had completed their reevaluation of the course with the new tee placements(Black, Blue, White, Gold, Red, Purple). The report of results has been received. The course and slope ratings for the tees has been updated in GHIN effective on 13 October 2025.

New Business

- Tom Eicholtz brought up a question on eligibility for tournaments at the Course. Specifically, his question related to eligibility for the Course Championship. The Course has a Tournament Committee to help manage the tournaments held at Wicomico. After some discussion, the Board felt that the issue should be discussed further with the Tournament Committee and is not considered a Board issue at this time. If something comes out of the meeting with the Tournament Committee that is appropriate for the Board to discuss it can/ should be brought up at the next Board meeting.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2026 at 6:00 pm at the Wicomico Shores Golf Course Clubhouse.

ADJOURNMENT

- Terry Black made a motion to adjourn and Jerry Ostrowski 2nd the motion. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:50 P.M.

Bernie Kneeland

Minutes approved by the WSGC Advisory Board on