

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Recreation Department

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

March 14, 2001

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL - Mrs. Coniglio, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on March 14, 2001, at the Palm Beach Recreation Center. The Commission members in attendance were Mrs. Coniglio, Mr. Gavigan, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Ochstein, Mr. Silken and Mr. Shulman. Alternate members in attendance were Mr. Raffo, and Mr. Shore. Mr. Spaziani arrived at 8:45 a.m. Absent from the meeting was Mr. Gross for medical reasons. Staff members in attendance were Mr. Bitzer, Mrs. Walkowich, Mr. Gardiner and Mr. Dytrych.
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Mr. Schulman made the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Mrs. Morris, all were in favor.
- III. APPROVAL JANUARY 10, 2001, MINUTES - Mr. Ochstein made the motion to approve the January 10, 2001, minutes. Seconded by Mr. Shulman, all were in favor.
- IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. 18th Annual Palm Beach Pro-Am Benefit Golf Tournament

Mr. Gardiner reviewed the financial report from the tournament. This report is attached. After expenses, this year's tournament raised \$10,000 less than last year.

Mr. Shulman said that we need to come up with a new way to sell spectator tickets at the condos. He said that after 18 years, it has become very difficult to find any one individual at each of the condos to take on this responsibility. Mr. Silken suggested that next year we should mail a letter on official town stationery to every resident at the condos (approximately 6,000 letters) in the south end of Town.

Mr. Shulman said that he remembered discussing Mr. Silken's idea this past year and that there were some problems. Mr. Gardiner said that Mr. Shulman was correct and that there was a time factor this past year that would not have made it feasible. Mr. Gardiner said that if we are going to consider Mr. Silken's idea then we would need to consider the expense that would be incurred. Mr. Silken said that he felt it could be done for \$1,000.

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Mr. Shore suggested that maybe a format change for the tournament was in order. He said that we need to review the tournament and weigh the exposure the golf course gets against the amount of effort, time and money raised in holding this event. He felt that it was getting harder every year to get sponsors.

Mr. Gavigan said that every time he's at the golf course it is packed. Mr. Dytrych said that we are very busy and that there are other ways of showcasing the golf course without having a fund-raising event. Mr. Shore said that there is an awful lot of work and energy involved in putting on this event for such a small amount of money. Mr. Shore suggested that we may want to change the format totally, get away from a fund-raising event and do something else that would be fun for the residents.

Mr. Shore made a motion that the staff review the tournament for a possible format change and that the staff bring back their findings to the next commission meeting. Seconded by Mr. Shulman.

Mrs. Coniglio reminded the commission that all of this had been discussed last year. She said that several of the commissioners approached possible title sponsors but were unsuccessful. She said that the tournament was a great event and the residents had a wonderful time. Mrs. Coniglio said that the money raised no matter how small, is a help to the Recreation Department. She said that we need to figure out how to raise the money differently, figure some way to rejuvenate this tournament.

Mr. Raffo said that we have worn out the format over the past 18 year. We need to look at changing the format, possibly contacting the clubs in the area and let them bring their own pros and team. He said that have a built in audience with all the clubs in the area and we are not utilizing them. He said that we also need to sit down with the rehabilitation center and see what they can do to help us. Mr. Dytrych said that Mr. Raffo's idea is interesting but it is still a pro-am and we have to pay the pros. There has to be a purse or you won't get the pros to come out. Mr. Shore said that the rehabilitation center is not going to get involved because they can make more money themselves, they just use this tournament for exposure, but that he would talk with the rehabilitation center about Mr. Raffo's idea.

Mr. Shore said the he still felt that the staff should review the tournament and come back to the commission since they were the experts. Mr. Bitzer said that the staff would review the tournament, review any suggestions that the commission made and then bring this information back to the next meeting.

A special meeting was scheduled for April 4, 2001 at 8:30 a.m. to discuss the tournament

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Mr. Raffo suggested that Mrs. Coniglio appoint a committee to look into the format change of the tournament and the staff should come to the next meeting with a letter to be sent out to the clubs. Mr. Shore said that he felt Mr. Raffo's suggestion was premature since we don't know what type of tournament we're going to run.

Mr. Shulman reiterated Mr. Shore's motion. Mrs. Coniglio called for a vote, all were in favor of the staff reviewing the tournament for a possible format change and bringing these findings to the next commission meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

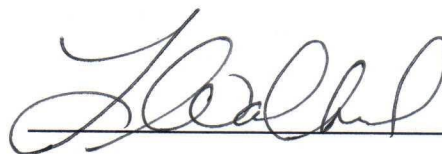
A. Winter/Spring Program Report - This report is attached.

VI. ANY OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Bitzer said that staff was starting the budget process for FY-02. He said that the budget presentation would take place in May and if the commissioners had any suggestions they should let him know as soon as possible.

Mrs. Coniglio congratulated the staff on the success of the golf tournament. She said that she has also been hearing great feedback from the community regarding the programs and special events.

VII. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m. by Gail Coniglio.



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Record of Attendance 2001

<u>Regular Members</u>	1/10	3/14	5/9	9/12	11/14		
Gail Coniglio	P	P					
James Gavigan	P	P					
Arthur Gross	P	E (illness)					
Eileen Morris	P	P					
Larry Ochstein	P	P					
Stanley Silken	P	P					
Stuart Shulman	P	P					
<u>Alternate Members</u>							
Richard Raffo	P	P					
Michael Spaziani	P	P					
Allen E. Shore	P						

LEGEND: P = Present
 E = Excused
 U = Unexcused
 A = Absent Pending Classification as "Excused" or "Unexcused"

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LEGEND: X = Conflict of Interest