

## **GOLF BOARD MEETING**

**April 4, 2021**

### **AGENDA**

The meeting is open to the public. This meeting will be at the Clubhouse.

#### **5:30 PM - Call to order by Chairman Bartlett, Hillsview Clubhouse.**

- **Determination of quorum to conduct business, Bartlett X Keeton      
Booth     Hight X Conzemius     Getz X Bothun X  
Hayn X Steiner     Tipton X Johnson X**
- **Minutes of March 14, 2022, mtg, motion to approve.**  
Motion to approve by Hight, seconded by Bothun, Motion passed.
- **Any additions to the agenda, motion to approve.**  
Motion to approve by Bothun, seconded by Getz, Motion passed.

#### **Staff Reports**

##### **Carin Hayn, PGA professional, clubhouse manager**

The course opened today, April 4<sup>th</sup>, and the range opened on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. There was heavy frost on Monday morning, however, the first tee time was at 10:30 AM. We have sold 215 season passes so far, just a little behind pace from last year. April 26<sup>th</sup>, the Pierre girls host their high school tournament here and we think it will be a good turnout because we are hosting ESD this spring as well. Their high school practice started today, April 4<sup>th</sup>.

##### **Jordan Steiner, Sr. Golf Course Groundskeeper**

Last board meeting, we had around 90 decoders left and now we are around 20 remaining. We should be done by the end of the week and we will be able to water automatically. We are still waiting on some various equipment. We got 3/10s of rain over the weekend. The bathrooms were fired up and are open on the course now as well. Brian and I did go out and there is some growth coming up.

Barlett- Do you have to wait to mow until there is growth?

Steiner- No, we just mowed this weekend.

Barlett- With the new mower?

Steiner- No, because we knew that there would be a lot of sand so did want to do that to the new ones. Hopefully we will get fairways/tees mowed this week.

##### **Bryan Tipton CGCS, Director**

We have held phone interviews and face-to-face interviews for the superintendent position. We gave our recommendations to Kristi Honeywell and she has not made her decision yet.

Barlett- How many were interviewed?

Tipton- 3.

#### **Old Business**

1. Report on operations/maintenance work by Steiner
2. Report by Hayn – schedule,

Hayn- We did move to 9 minute interviews for tee times.

3. Cart path discussion

Tipton- I spoke with an architect from Minnesota on some of the questions that Michael Keeton had asked. He has done a lot of work at other golf courses. We had a phone call and we looked at all cart paths on the course. One thing he pointed out was that all paths should be 30 feet from fairways and this is more concerning than doing the concrete. A master plan would cost \$14K to \$20K. I can send all of the information to the board members to have a look at. Another question, Keeton asked was how much would it cost to relevel some tee boxes, the architect said that it costs \$4 per square foot. Another question he asked was about greens and he quoted those at \$30K per green to completely rebuild and those would probably be out all season. For target greens on the range, those would cost around \$20K each to make them react like a normal green. To do bunkers and cart paths, no greens or tees, it would cost \$1.5M. We also could phase these projects and we wouldn't have to ask the city for all of it at once.

Hight- So where would this money come from?

Tipton- This would have to be a budget request to the city commission.

Johnson- The city has received funding for COVID for water infrastructure projects. We had previously allocated our own funding towards certain projects. So if we can allocated ARPA funds towards those projects then it frees up our own money that we can decide what to do with.

Tipton- We need to think about what the benefit is of doing all of these projects. Does rebuilding a green help improve profit? Or bunkers? We have to justify how these projects will help the city of Pierre.

Bartlett- Before we move forward with anything we need to have a new superintendent hired and then we can sit down with the board and discuss.

Tipton- Yes, we would have to do that master plan to allow us to get a better idea of what this projects would cost and entail.

Barlett- We could od the master plan or the board could trump that and just do it all on our own as well.

Tipton- I would urge the board to go with the master plan if we wanted to do these projects. We always run into issues if we start doing these projects ourselves.

4. Irrigation project update

Steiner already covered in staff reports.

5. Other?

Tipton- There was a request for full reimbursement for someone that purchased a membership that is now moving to a different town. Since this occurred before the season even started, we granted full reimbursement.

## **New Business**

1. Report from HLGA – Booth

Hight gave report in Booth's absence- We are meeting April 19<sup>th</sup> to do a little happy hour that would allow any ladies that are possibly interested in joining this year to come out and see what we are all about. Information is posted to our Facebook page.

2. Report from OMGA – Conzemius

Conzemius Absent.

3. Project discussion

Bartlett- Again, I think that we need a superintendent hired before we discuss any more of these projects. Brian is no longer the superintendent and serves in a higher capacity so I know that you will have more influence now than previously. We need to make sure that the new superintendent is on board with any of these and we aren't just throwing them projects right off the bat.

4. Range accessories

Hight- The HLGA spoke about possibly putting bag holders down there?

Tipton- We should have money for that within the budget, just send me what you are thinking and we can look into it.

5. Other?

Bothun- What ever happened with the bridge project?

Tipton- We turned it into the building code people with the city and haven't gotten approval yet. I will check back in with them.

Dialogue as time permits.

**6:30 PM – Adjourn –**

**The next Golf Board meeting is May 2, at the clubhouse**