

Golf Board Minutes

March 9, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 by Chairman Mike Bartlett at Hillsview Clubhouse. Present at the meeting were Bartlett, Kristy Hight, Michael Keeton, Bill Gordon, Scott Bothun, Carin Hayn, Bryan Tipton, Boyd Conzemius, and Tom Farnsworth. Seanna Regynski and Vona Johnson were absent.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from last meeting was made by Gordon, seconded by Bartlett, motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the agenda by Gordon, and seconded by Hight, motion carried.

Head Golf Professional Report- Carin Hayn: Hayn handed out the updated tournament/course calendar. One item to note is that the Desert Classic has been moved to the first weekend in August. To date, there have been 70 memberships sold, 20 more than the prior year at this time.

This Thursday the 12th, Tom Jansa, with SDGA is having a presentation on the new handicap system in Pierre. All clubs need to be certified on the new system. On the 24th of March, a regional rep for the Golf Genius software is coming.

Hayn asked the board to confirm a prior discussion on the \$3 fee being charged for groups of 20 or more golfers. Conzemius and others agreed that the organization should pay this upfront for the tournament and the course shouldn't have to be responsible for tracking down the \$3 fee per player.

Superintendent Report- Bryan Tipton: Tipton reported that they moved some equipment sheds around that stores the HS Golf team equipment. They are redoing the cart path on #10- concrete will be poured down the hill to the silver T's. Western Liner will be coming mid-April to seam the panels. Volunteers (8-10) will be needed to help with this project as they are heavy. They have been working on finishing the edging, have done some trenching (85% done with the trench). Tipton's goal is to have this done before any major events on the course.

Tipton with the SD Superintendents Association have created a guide for Best Management Practices. All golf courses have a copy. The cover features Hillsview and a copy was circulated.

The two carts have been ordered and the crew is waiting for some additional equipment that should be here this week.

Director of Parks and Recreation Report- Tom Farnsworth: Will provide his comments later on the agenda.

Old Business:

1. Club House Equipment- The freezer fix has been completed. Needed a part was all.
2. Club house carpet update- Installed and looks great.
3. Sr. Grounds Care Maintenance Specialist- Vacancy- A conditional offer has been accepted. Just need to pass the background checks. Tipton asked the board for a recommendation to include as part of the job, a full unlimited membership at Hillsview for the position. He reported that it is very helpful to have this individual to actually golf the course to see it from a player's

perspective. After discussion was held, Bothun made a motion and Gordon seconded, to recommend to the city to change the policy to include a full unlimited membership for the position. The motion was passed to make the recommendation. The City of Pierre will need to change the policy. Farnsworth will visit with the City Administrator regarding the motion.

4. 5 year Capital Plan- Farnsworth touched on the updated handout (overview) of the projects and equipment requests. Tipton added that the Toro Lynx upgrade is high on his list. This equipment will not be supported in two years. This is a huge project, putting new controllers in the ground etc. The software is 22 years old.
5. Other- Discussion was held on a prior rule infraction from 2018 that a member involved in the incident, wanted the board to revisit. Much discussion was held. It was noted that there have been no further complaints in regards to this individual. The board felt that it handled the issue via a letter that was sent to the person at the time, and it was decided to leave it at that.

New Business:

1. HLGA- Hight reported that we had a board meeting which Hayn attended recently. The kickoff meeting is scheduled for April 28th. May 5th will be the opening league play. May 21st will be the opening play for Match Play.
2. OMGA- Conzemius reported that their first meeting will be at the same time as their 2 man event scheduled for May 9th.
3. Golf range and course opening: Tipton reported that the ground is still frozen. He would like the soil temperature to be 45. The goal if weather permits would be March 27th. Bartlett asked about the range as many would like to get out and hit some balls. Hayn reported that they usually open the range a bit earlier. It was discussed that staff needs to be up and running before they open the range, and they don't like to open the range much before the course opens. Tipton reported that the course is drying up pretty well except the ditch on 11 has some moisture still. They are looking at starting to blow the t-boxes out tomorrow.
4. Other: Tipton discussed the First Green program which is a school-based lesson plan to show kids what is done out at the course. He is taking some 6th graders out to show them a little about what his job entails.

With no further business, at 6:41 it was motioned by Gordon and seconded by Keeton to adjourn, motion carried. The next meeting will be April 6 at the clubhouse.

Respectively submitted,

Kristy Hight, Vice Chairman