

Golf Board Minutes

May 7, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 by Chairman Randy Vance at Hillsview Clubhouse. Present at the meeting were Vance, Kristy Hepper, Bill Gordon, Mike Bartlett, Carin Hayn, Bryan Tipton, Tom Farnsworth, Vona Johnson, Adam Kulesa.

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 2nd meeting was made by Bartlett, seconded by Gordon, motion carried.

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Gordon, seconded by Hepper, motion carried.

Hepper agreed to take minutes in Scott Simpson's absence.

Head Golf Professional Report- Carin Hayn:

Hayn began her report discussing that due to the late opening, we are a little behind last year's numbers as far as sales. We have 354 season passes sold (actual increase of individual adults with children). Last year at this time we were at 380.

To date, we have 59 family cart plans and 106 single cart plans (17 total plans behind last year's figure). The course has been receiving good comments on the new carts. The new YamaTrack App is going well for those that are using it on the course.

Hayn also gave a cart storage update and stated that they are working on cleaning up the private cart storage and hope to be done by June 1. A total of 89 User tags have been sold (compared to 112 in the prior year). 12 people have removed carts from the storage shed so far, and no new ones have been added.

For the month of May, the course was ahead of the pace thus far, and they are really encouraged by the play out at the course. On Sunday they reached 199 golfers.

The Helmsley Center Golf Tourney was held on Saturday April 28th a week after the course was opened. There were a total of 80 players and a total of \$15,000 was raised (\$7500 + the match).

OMGA had their opening day with 24 teams. This was a light sign up for last weekend.

Tomorrow they have the rescheduled Pierre Girls Invitational and expect around 40 girls. May 14 and the 21st Hillsview is also hosting the Pre and Region B schools. This is for boys and girls.

May 19th the Callaway Demo Day is scheduled from 10-3.

The Jr. Golf Camp registration is going well. The first session starts June 4th. 3 out of the 4 camps are full.

Hayn reported a whopping 39,000 range balls were hit in the first two weeks the range was open.

Superintendent Report- Bryan Tipton:

Tipton reported that even though it was dry going into the winter, the course had very little damage to it. There was some goose damage on the greens (they eat the grass down to the sand). Aeration that was done last winter was a big plus. They are real happy with the turf. The whole course was fertilized as they were able to get a good deal on fertilizer. Their goal is to always get it down before May 5th.

They are currently working on training their new helpers for the summer. A few of the staff are still at college.

Director of Parks and Recreation Report -Tom Farnsworth:

Farnsworth reported that Boyd Conzemius will be replacing John Knox as the representative for OMGA.

A discussion was held on the lockers for rent. The course tries to get these shored up by June 1st also. Hayn reported that there is a little turnover but typically there is a waiting list.

At the Helmsley Center Golf Tourney, it was discussed that Deide Baldwin won the membership that the City of Pierre donated. There was some discussion on how this would be handled as she had already purchased a membership.

Old Business:

Status of Pump Station: The new pump station has been running for 14 days with very few problems reported Tipton. They had one electrical issue and one communication issue. After the meeting is adjourned, Tipton will provide a tour of the new station.

Bunker Renovation: All green side bunkers are completed. There are a few other bunkers left but will need to be completed in next year's budget. This takes a lot of sand to fill one bunker.

Rock Update- The rock engraving on #17 is done. Rock #2 and rock #11 engraving needs to be completed reported Vance. Bartlett reported that there is one more proof on #11 (proof #6) is the one that should be used, not the proof 5 that was in our packet.

Other- For the newly added T-box on 8, Tipton reported that the soil was poor and it needed to be reseeded. They completed this the other day. They moved some good dirt to the T-box and hope to be able to play on it after 30 days.

New Business:

Golf event: Scott Simpson had brought this up to the board in prior conversations. It was discussed by the board and with Hayns' assistance, we picked a tentative date of September 29th for a fundraiser for course improvement (second annual). We will table this for next meeting when Simpson is in attendance.

USGA Course Rating: It is believed that the last rating that was done for Hillsview was in 2001-2002. This was scheduled to be done again (every ten years) when the flood hit Pierre and it was not rescheduled. Hayn is going to work on getting this on the USGA schedule. They recently have changed their rating system.

HLGA: Stacey Nelson was not able to attend the meeting but provided a written update that was included in the board packet. Hayn reported that Tuesday evening league had 20 players attend.

OMGA: As Farnsworth reported earlier, Conzemius is now President, and Joe Villa will continue to serve as Treasurer. Hayn reported they have a 1 man Scramble event coming up on June 16th.

With no further business, at 6:21 it was motioned by Gordon and seconded by Vance to adjourn, and it was carried. The next meeting will be Monday, June 4th. Some of the board and staff continued on to the pump station for a tour.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Hepper, Vice Chairman