

Golf Board Minutes

June 8, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 by Chairman Mike Bartlett in the Training room in City Hall. Attending the meeting were Bartlett, Kristy Hight, Bill Gordon, Scott Bothun, Carin Hayn, Bryan Tipton, Boyd Conzemius, Seanna Regynski and Vona Johnson. Tom Farnsworth and Michael Keeton were absent.

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

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

STAFF REPORTS:

Carin Hayn, PGA professional, clubhouse manager: Hayn began by stating that play during May was the 3rd highest number of rounds since she has been keeping records. There were also 5 days of little to no play due to weather but still had a good month. The rounds show that we are 2845 rounds ahead of prior year, and are in line with historically good years (with 2019 being a poor year due to weather). The rounds that have been played are approximately 90% season pass holders. Normally this number is 82-85%, mostly due to lack of events out on the course. Hayn discussed the revenue comparison report. Our membership revenue is up \$14K or 9%. This is with a 6% fee increase for 2020. Total revenue is up \$20K over prior year and also beats 2018. Season pass sales through May 31st are sitting at 377 (a few more have been sold since). Cart rental plans are at 188 through May 31st. As far as private cart usage, there are 3 carts that need to pay their fees or be removed from the shed. Numbers are down slightly from prior year.

As far as events, 64 players (2-man teams) played for the first OMGA event. This event was postponed three times and ended up being played the Saturday of Memorial weekend. There have been 4-hole in ones. Another OMGA event, a one-person scramble is to be held this Saturday. There are 42 men signed up and 5 women. This format will be played in 3-somes.

The snack bar sales are terrible as you might expect with the clubhouse being closed and food costs are up. The beer sales are in line with prior years.

Bryan Tipton, Superintendent: Tipton began his report highlighting his plan to aerate the T's and collars in June. They recycle the plugs elsewhere in low spots on the course. The plan to fix the leaking valves behind the #10 green and next to #18 green. This is a big project as they have to shut the whole system down to fix them so they are doing two at once. The stock pile of soil next to the shop has not been moved to build up the area on #2 yet. Native grass is coming in pretty nicely so they decided to leave it and hope to work on that project this fall. The area on #11 (drainage ditch) they have been monitoring with the rains we have been getting. They hope to fix, reshape, and reseed this summer. They hope to also take some sod from the new water treatment plan going in for the City, and utilize the sod out on the course. This is pretty labor intensive, but saves money as sod is expensive.

On a positive note, the concrete on #10 worked! After the heavy rain the night before, no work was needed. This saves the crew a lot of time and labor. Tipton said that the storm the previous night

caused the largest/worst branch pickup ever, especially on holes 11, 15 and 16. This morning the course did have to restrict the carts due to the rain.

Old Business:

1. Golf Course Operation Plan, Progress Report: Hayn began the discussion that they will be allowing two people to a cart (but not required) starting Tuesday the 9th of June. At this point no changes in regards to the clubhouse. The course has not had any shotgun starts for the small tournaments yet. Conzemius added that leaving the flag poles in on the greens as well as no rakes on the sand traps have sped up play. A discussion was held on opening the clubhouse. The City Ordinance expires today in regards to no more than 10 persons in a gathering. The City commission meets on this point Tuesday according to Commissioner Johnson. Johnson will follow up with Tom Farnsworth on that topic after the meeting tomorrow night. Hayn added that the next shotgun start on the calendar is the HPGA tournament on June 25th. Most tourneys have rescheduled for later in the year. Hayn will forward the updated calendar to the board. Tipton asked about the feel for whether or not people are missing the water coolers and the ball washers. Hight added that a few ladies have commented on the water coolers being missing. Most people use the ball washers on the carts and no one has heard of any comments in regards to the missing ball washers with the new Covid rules.
2. Report on SDGA Event June 1: There were 43 seniors that played on Monday. The event was quite a bit of work and the SDGA put together safety first rules and it went pretty well. The play was slow and there were many spectators that rented carts for the event. There were good comments on the course.

New Business:

1. HPGA- Regynski reported that Tuesday is seeing active play with three available time slots for the ladies. Tipton asked about the time slots to see when he could run the fountains. Morning group is around 9, afternoon 3pm, and evening 5:30. The ladies first tourney/event is set for Thursday June 25. We will see if we are able to do a shotgun start on that date. Hayn is returning/voiding the \$300 check that the ladies donated for a membership that is not being utilized.
2. OMGA- Conzemius reported that the OMGA is hosting the one-person scramble this Saturday. Sign up has been good. They typically max the players out around 60 if needed.

With no further business, at 6:12 it was motioned by Gordon and seconded by Conzemius to adjourn, motion carried. The next meeting will be July 6th (place to be determined).

Respectively submitted,

Kristy Hight, Vice Chairman