

Golf Board Minutes

July 6, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 5:29 by Chairman Mike Bartlett in the Training room in City Hall. Attending the meeting were Bartlett, Kristy Hight, Bill Gordon, Michael Keeton, Carin Hayn, Bryan Tipton, Boyd Conzemius, Tom Farnsworth and Vona Johnson. Seanna Regynski and Scott Bothun were absent.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from last meeting by Gordon, 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 her report by highlighting the events at the course that took place in June. The OMGA held a 1-person scramble of which 66 men and 7 women took part. The SDGA Junior Tour had 77 players compete, Pierre was well represented in this event. This Thursday the 9th will be the rescheduled HLGGA 4- person scramble that was postponed from June due to weather. There are 9/10 teams registered and will have a shotgun start at 5:30. Saturday, July 11th will be another OMGA event, the ABC scramble. Next Tuesday is the generation challenge for the ladies, an 18- hole event starting at 3pm. July 25th is the Booster club tournament scheduled for a shotgun start at noon. HLGGA has their Pink Ball Classic, a fundraiser for cancer to be held on July 31st. The Desert Classic is scheduled for July 31- August 2. There have been two holes in one this last month.

Hayn went over the attached rounds report, with a YTD number of 11,812 (2,872 ahead of prior year). Play continues to be mostly of season pass holders (around 90%). They have averaged 162 rounds per day. Hayn discussed revenue being up \$7,302 over 2019 for a YTD \$445,670. Looking at the detail, green fees are down. Mostly this is due to revenue lost due to no tournaments/events to speak of. Hayn provided a cancelled event report for June showing a loss of revenue totaling and estimate of \$23,868. Cart rental numbers are down a little bit, but revenue is up due to the increase in fees.

Bartlett asked about the 10-minute t-times and if that has had an affect on revenue. Carin is not sure of the numbers but thinks that this may have had an impact. Pace of play has improved. Conzemius thought that we should change the t-times back to 8 minutes apart. He has heard some complaining about individuals not being able to get a t-time. A lengthy discussion ensued. Busiest times on the course are Saturday and Sunday mornings, and Wednesdays. Bartlett suggested possibly changing those times back to 8 minutes. Hayn added if they do that, they may run into cart issues if everyone is driving their own carts. There are issues with people driving carts "only" because of speed of play (or personal preference), and not because of Covid. Another discussion ensued regarding possibly suggesting that the operating rules should be changed. Keeton brought up the issue about removing the foam and being able to pull the flags as other courses around the state are doing that. Tipton brought up the absence of rakes on the bunkers. Conzemius brought up the water cooler issue and others had ideas about this as well, including a possible water filler located by the restrooms. Johnson suggested to not change the operation rules as Covid numbers are on the rise. Bartlett has had a discussion with Mayor Harding, and he thought it would not be a good idea to relax the rules with our recent spike in active Covid cases in the area as well. After much discussion, the consensus was to leave everything the same,

however Tipton will try to shorten the foam inside the cups to alleviate problems with missed putts rolling out of the cup. It was suggested that the course put up signs regarding the cart issue. Hight is going to put a post on the ladies Facebook page regarding the carts as well.

Bryan Tipton, Superintendent: Tipton began his report by saying that he has moved his aerating the T's to this fall. June has been extremely hot. They have been spraying for grubs as there has been some signs of digging out on the course. Usually June is too early for this and the window is pretty short for spraying. They have been spot spraying weeds and are a little behind on this. They are edging bunkers again to get ready for the Desert classic coming up at the end of the month. They continue to work on #11. The ditch/water flow is working and the level of soil has been raised. This area is difficult to prevent flooding but this will help. Goal is to get it seeded. The wind storms have been terrible this year. The sticks and debris have been very labor intensive for clean-up. Bartlett asked if there was a new drain installed on 8. Tipton replied that there was not, but the drain was capped off (not glued or permanent). He can pretty much run the fountain as much as he wants to. Farnsworth added that the energy savings have been great with the pond liner and the decrease on the wear and tear on the pump is significant. Tipton said the decrease in gallons being pumped is huge.

Tom Farnsworth, Director: Farnsworth said he has been helping Hayn and Tipton behind the scenes getting ready for events etc. They are working on the budget. He added that the mosquito crew has been doing well at fogging etc. They normally go out after night fall around 10pm or after.

Old Business:

Covered under Hayn and Tipton's staff reports.

New Business:

1. HLGA- Hight commented on the 4-Person scramble event for this Thursday and that they had a couple new members join since last month.
2. OMGA- Conzemius reported that the OMGA is hosting the ABC Tournament this Saturday. The event combines a A- golfer, with B- golfer and a C- golfer etc. and has a few twists. Signup is already better than last years. The couples event scheduled for this coming Sunday is postponed (date TBD).
3. 2021 budget Process- Farnsworth reported that this is in the works.

With no further business, at 6:33 it was motioned by Hight and seconded by Gordon to adjourn, motion carried. The next meeting will be August 3rd at City Hall.

Respectively submitted,

Kristy Hight, Vice Chairman