

Golf Board Minutes

August 5, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 by Chairman Mike Bartlett at Hillsview Clubhouse. Present at the meeting were Bartlett, Kristy Hepper, Bill Gordon, Carin Hayn, Bryan Tipton, Adam Kulesa, Tom Farnsworth, Boyd Conzemius, Karla Baus, and Vona Johnson.

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

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

Head Golf Professional Report- Carin Hayn: Hayn highlighted the rounds report noting the small increase in rounds over the prior year. It was wet over the 4th of July but still had a pretty good turnout. A bit of headway was made on the revenue side (down \$3,426) YTD, as we are still trying to recover from May. Green fees are lower per the Golf Course Revenue Comparison report but again May was very poor.

Highlights include the Adult/Junior championship with 168 competitors and the State Junior championship with 151 competitors. Hayn was appreciative of all the private cart owners that let them use their carts. They rented out 81 spectator carts in two days. She also thanked individuals helping Kulesa and Tipton clean up after the storm (Gordon included) and Joe Villa and others that helped with the live scoring. The course received great comments on the condition of the clubhouse and the course. They also completed the 2nd session of Jr. golf, with John Knox and Katie Bartlett helping with that group. There were "5" hole in ones in July.

Coming up in August is the big weekend for the Desert classic. They have 54 2-man teams playing 5 9-hole matches and other games starting Friday at noon and serving three dinners. On the 15th is the annual BIT tourney with t-times. HS Boys golf starts the 12th. The Pierre invitational is scheduled for the 27th. The last HLGA event is the 2-person scramble on the 29th and OMGA has their stroke play championship starting on the 31st.

Twilight golf for July amounted to 5 weekends with 13 – 18 hole signups and 33 – 9 hole signups. Hayn is estimating that between 20-25% of the business was bonus golfers.

Superintendent Report- Bryan Tipton: Tipton started off his report with the course being in excellent shape due to help from mother nature and the 9-10 days it rained in July (which it never rains in July!). Fairways were fertilized last week as well as top dressing the greens. He reported that there were some irrigation leaks (2 on the range and one on 18) that they have been repairing. They are finishing edging the bunkers this week and doing various jobs to get ready for the Desert classic.

Hepper asked some questions on the pond liner and they are waiting for the bonding to be completed. Also it has been wet and thought it would be much dryer for them to do some work in the pond. This is the 4th wettest summer on record. Tipton also discussed the river pump with the water levels being so high on the river. The pump fills at about an inch an hour.

Director of Parks and Recreation Report- Tom Farnsworth: Farnsworth added that as soon as the company provides the City the bond for the pond liner, the City will issue a notice to proceed on that matter. He also discussed that Hayn's contract is up this year and negotiations have started for another contract renewal.

Farnsworth and Bartlett discussed the twilight hours again, and discussion was had if we should continue it for August. Hayn did not oppose the idea, so Gordon made a motion to continue the deals for August, and Hepper seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

Farnsworth added that it is exciting to have the High School Girls State Tournament in 2020.

Old Business: (not covered under prior reports)

1. Golf Rock: Tipton reported that he did not get a sale sign or pictures posted for the rock on #14. He will get this done.
2. Hayn added an update on the 2-Woman SDGA championship in Watertown the past weekend that Katie Bartlett and her partner Julia Hall from Vermillion, won the championship division by getting a birdy on the second playoff hole. Hepper added that there were about 8 women golfers participated from Hillsview and had a good showing.

New Business:

1. Budget: Farnsworth went over the attached budget report with some preliminary figures included. He reviewed his notes on the bottom of the report. We also looked over our pricing structure and discussed a fee increase for next year. Season pass fees were last raised prior to the 2017 season. Updated information will be provided at the next meeting.
2. 2019 Superintendents challenge has been penciled in for September 28th. The fountain for this year's fund raiser is \$5200 (the fountain has already been installed). It was discussed that Randy Vance did a great job getting pin prizes etc. for the tournament and Farnsworth said Randy would help with that again this year. Bothun was working on the raffle according to Farnsworth.
3. HLGA report: Baus reported that we had our Pink ball tournament with a great turnout of 44 golfers with 5 non-members joining. It was fun to have the pink flags and cups out on the front nine. They raised over \$1000 for the Helmsley cancer center. The Match Play season just wrapped up and the tournament schedule is posted.
4. OMGA report: Conzemius discussed updates on their events with the biggest coming up this weekend with the Desert classic. At the end of the month is their stroke play championship, then they will have their 1-man scramble on Sept. 14th. Match play is ongoing for the men's group.

With no further business, at 6:24 it was motioned by Baus, and seconded by Gordon to adjourn, motion carried. The next meeting will be September 9th at the clubhouse due to the Labor Day holiday.

Respectively submitted,

Kristy Hepper, Vice Chairman