

Golf Board Minutes

September 14, 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, Carin Hayn, Bryan Tipton, Boyd Conzemius, Bill Gordon, and Tom Farnsworth. Seanna Regynski, Scott Bothun, Michael Keeton and Vona Johnson were absent.

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

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

STAFF REPORTS:

Carin Hayn, PGA professional, clubhouse manager: Hayn highlighted the activity since the last meeting as follows:

- The SDGA Sr/Pre-Senior event had 156 participants that was a record number for the event. It was a 50% increase over the past year. Hillsview was well represented with 32 golfers. Everyone that participated was respectful of our Covid restrictions.
- 8/25- The HS invitational was held with 70 students competing. Pierre has a very young team but they are playing well.
- 8/29-30 OMGA had their stroke play tournament.
- 9/3 The Junior Achievement tournament was held (rescheduled from spring) and had 18- 4 person teams.
- 9/10 A middle school tournament was held with some unexperienced golfers. They played 18 holes but played the front nine twice so the course could be open on the back 9.
- 9/12 OMGA held their modified scramble. OMGA has one more tournament remaining, the Honker Open.

There have been 3 holes-in-one since the last meeting. YTD – 10!

Coming up this Thursday is the BIT tournament, 10 groups with t-times that was rescheduled from July. Friday is the Kiwanis tournament with 19 teams and a 1pm shot gun start. Saturday HLGGA has their club championship with t-times in the morning, re-grouping and another set of t-times after lunch. On the 24th, Hillsview will host a Pierre JV invitational that usually sports around 50-60 kids. Sept. 26 is a couple's tournament hosted by OMGA with a 2pm shotgun start. October 8th is the Chamber tournament that was rescheduled.

Hayn went over briefly the rounds and revenue reports. She is hoping that with a couple of the tournaments that are normally held earlier, revenue will be up for the months of September/October.

Bryan Tipton, Superintendent: Tipton began his report by announcing that they finished aerifying the back 9 t-boxes. They will start now on the front 9. He reported that there was frost on the course last Thursday (which is a month early). This spring they will spray for broadleaf. He also mentioned now is the best time to spray for weeds. The Oahe Dam announced that the tail races reported a record high temperature of the water at 75 degrees. That shows what a hot summer it was. In 2018 they pumped

96 million gallons of water on the course/ponds. This year to-date they pumped 60 million thus far. The pond liner is working, even with the hot season we had.

There is some animal damage on the course due to grubs, mostly in the non-irrigated rough. He thinks there is a racoon out there. They sprayed the area with insecticide as racoons don't like that and hopefully that will work. Even though they treat for grubs, some areas are hard to get 100% coverage.

Tipton asked the board to help spread the word not to walk out of the face of the bunkers. Foot prints should try to be smoothed out with your shoe as best as you can with the absence of rakes.

They had the women prisoners helping for a couple of weeks before Covid showed up in the prison then they were no longer able to work.

Conzemius mentioned the red tree out on the course that is beautiful. Farnsworth thought it was a sugar maple, but not 100% sure.

Bartlett asked about trimming some branches that impede swings in the fairway.

Tom Farnsworth, Director: Farnsworth commended the board for selling all of the rocks on the course. This has been a long process. He also said Nancy Gordon cleaned up the face of the rock located at our entrance and encouraged everyone if they see her to tell her thank you. He appreciated all the positive comments he received from Hillsvie hosting the SDGA event. He heard great things about our customer service. Also, he mentioned the CBS coverage and other positive correspondence he is receiving about the course. He also thanked Bill Gordon for his service. He is scheduled to go off the board this year.

Old Business:

Status of Christenson Rock on 14: Morris was working on the layout on the rock today, Tipton reported. Hoping to be done with this soon.

New Business:

1. HLGA- Hight discussed the Club championship and the different format they are using for this Saturday. 19 women are signed up. October 6th they will be hosting their awards night at Drifters at 6pm. Tuesday league's last night of official play will be September 29th.
2. OMGA- Conzemius discussed the one-man scramble that was held and that the Honker open coming up. He asked the board to spread the word about the couple's tourney scheduled for Sept. 26th. Hight said she would post it on the ladies facebook page. This will be a 2pm shotgun start and will be a fun format.
3. 2021 Budget Farnsworth reported that they are putting the finishing touches and should be done at the end of the month. The capital outlays have been accounted for. Tipton discussed the plans for concrete for the back of the clubhouse/cart barn. They plan to tie in to the #9 cart path. This will dress up the course nicely. They plan to put in a small retaining wall and have some extra cart parking. They hope to begin as soon as the snow melts this spring.

Bartlett asked about some other construction projects, but Tipton said it is hard to get these done without some experience with the staff like we had with Adam. Hight also brought up that

HLGA still has \$2,500 for a donation for the walking bridge. Tipton is trying to get some figures and a plan together for this. They will need some beams that span 40 feet.

4. Likness tree donation: Joan Likness on behalf of her husband is donating 5 Norway Spruce trees. Tipton has some ideas of where to put these on the course. Farnsworth with Commissioner Johnson's help, will have some dialogue and acknowledge the gift in a possible presentation on the course.

With no further business, at 6:09 it was motioned by Hight and seconded by Gordon to adjourn, motion carried. The next meeting will be October 5th at City Hall.

Respectively submitted,

Kristy Hight, Vice Chairman