

Golf Board Minutes

February 1, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Chairman Scott Simpson at Hillsview Clubhouse. Present at the meeting were Bill Gordon, Randy Vance, Brian Tipton, John Knox, Tiffany Benham, Park & Rec. Director Tom Farnsworth, Commissioner Jeanne Goodman, Golf Pro Carin Hayn and Superintendent Dean Heymans, with Board Member Kristy Hepper absent.

John Knox made a motion to approve the corrected minutes, second by Bill Gordon and motion carried.

Randy Vance made a motion to approve the agenda, with Bill Gordon second, motion carried.

Nancy Gordon with Morris Inc. was present at the meeting to give the Board an update on the Boulders marking each hole on the course and the advertising spots available. She passed a handout to the members that included a price sheet and pictures of different boulders and a list of golf comments that could be placed on the boulder. The costs provided were estimated guidelines and were originally 2010 numbers and there were some written in estimates, but Nancy indicated that each boulder would have to be priced in a case by case basis depending on the size of the boulder and graphics to be placed on the boulder. She did talk about some confusion on Hole #2 and the thought that it was either sold to Morris Inc. or traded to Morris Inc. It was my understanding that Dean and Tom were going to look into this. Tom asked for suggestions from Board Members on costs. Brian asked about Hole #11 and Nancy explained the process of installing the graphics on the boulder and her estimated costs. She did reiterate the costs on the sheet provided were estimates and maybe more of a guideline to go by in the future with some costs increasing at the request of the Board. Tom commented on why he had Nancy join us in an effort to refresh the Board on the boulders in an attempt to maybe get all of the boulders sold. Nancy talked some about what was typically put on the rocks, for example advertising or golf statements and indicated that every comment was Board approved. She talked about the on sight process and difficulty due to the noise and dust and that 1 boulder would take 2 to 3 mornings to engrave.

Scott commented on the boulders thinking we need an effort to get the rest of the boulders sold and maybe the money could be put into a special fund for a special project. Jeanne indicated that this could be discussed with the City Commission.

There was a question from American Bank & Trust on changing the American State Bank rock to AB&T. Nancy indicated they need to contact her and make plans and that the boulder could probably be changed.

Scott again visited about how long it took to get a boulder done and Nancy added to the original 1 to 2 day comment indicating that they do have some difficulty getting the equipment on the course and try to get them done early in the year when it is a little warmer but the frost is still in the ground.

Scott thanked Nancy for coming and the Boulder discussion would continue at the next meeting. Nancy gave her phone number and added to feel free to call with any questions.

Superintendent Dean Heymans reported that the course was wintering well and that it went dormant much better than it did last year. The greens were frozen solid and this was good. They had over seeded and aerated the practice tees prior to winter setting in. They have been working on the trees damaged from last year's storm and had removed several more trees and are cleaning up many of the hanging limbs damaged from the storm. They wanted to get the trees taken care of early so they could get to work on the course earlier in the season. Dean also talked about they were preparing to clean the floors in the clubhouse this week.

Golf Pro Carin Hayn reported that this time of year there is not a lot going on, but provided the board with the 2016 Tournament Schedule that she handed out. Especially the SDGA match play and how it would impact course play in early July. Indicating that a practice round on Wednesday, with qualifying on Thursday and the tourney from Friday through Monday, but thought there would be some free times on the weekend for member play. There was some conversation about the economic impact on the Pierre area. Carin indicated that the Tourney Schedule is fairly similar to last year, but maybe a little lighter on the High School side. Carin also commented on the floors getting cleaned. Also reported that the tee box signs had arrived and they would be installed in the spring.

Park & Rec Director Tom Farnsworth had items later in the agenda but did visit a little bit about the difficulty with the part time staffing in the summer, with a starting wage of \$11, with people with experience getting a higher wage of course. The people being hired have to be a certain age to operate the machinery making things difficult. Dean indicated he wished he could hire younger kids but he can't.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tom reported on the year end revenues and expenses indicating that he did not think expenses were final, but revenues are. Tom provided the Board with a general Fund Handout that indicated they had Revenue Budgeted at approximately \$504,500 and revenue ended up \$548,865, with a positive \$44,365. With expenses currently at approximately \$714,746 and Tom reiterated that this probably is not final but close and with this meaning that by taking the Revenue of \$548,865 from expenses that the City is Subsidizing the course at approximately \$165,880. With this being well under the budgeted amount of \$234,599 and this is really a

positive ending to the 2015 year in his opinion. There was talk about Park & Rec and how typically all Park and Rec items are subsidized. Tom provided some examples such as the Rec Center in Brookings and how it is subsidized.

Golf Course Season Passes, Tom had them at 22 so far just in January and Carin indicated it was probably closer to 30 as she had several that she had not entered in the computer on her end.

NEW BUSINESS

Golf Rocks were discussed at the beginning of the meeting.

Capital Outlay projects. Dean reported the primary project would be the new river pump system. He is in the process of lining up the contractors and costs. The project will consist of a new pump and all new power from the course to the river and that the power will be in conduit and will have to be placed above the water table in the ground meaning that the road will have to be raised slightly. They will add new rip rap to the river back to decrease erosion. This is an ongoing process that will be completed this spring and will help keep the ponds on the course full of water and will help with the watering of the course.

Dean is also working with a couple of different contractors trying to get the green Drainage project completed. This will start with greens #8 and #10. Dean comments that access to the drainage pipes were installed when the course was re-done. Dean would like to get the greens done prior to his first aeration in the spring. He did not have a commitment from any contractor, but indicated the green drainage project could be done in the spring or the fall. Dean will have more information for the Board on these projects at the next Board meeting.

Dean also commented on the new heavy duty aerator they will be getting that will help with the aeration of the tee boxes and the fairways. They are already in the process of mapping areas that need aeration the most, probably starting with the fairway on Hole #6 due to the soils.

Dean reported some water heater issues in one of the bathrooms and a new water heater was installed.

Tourney Schedule was reported in Carin's Report.

HLGA Tiffany reported they will meet in March and April and finalize their tourney schedule.

OMGA John reported the tourneys are scheduled, but they do want to modify the match play tourney some. He also commented on the SD Match Play Tourney inspection will be done in the spring to verify condition of the course, but did not see a problem with this inspection.

Commissioner Goodman did add a comment letting the Board know about the next Town Hall meeting on the new proposed Rec Center in Pierre and invited the Board to attend or offer comments. The date for that meeting is Feb. 18 at 7pm at CUC.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM with Tiffany making the Motion and John Knox seconding and the motion carried.

Next Meeting will be March 7, 2016.

Recording Secretary,

Randy Vance