

# Golf Board Minutes

May 2, 2016

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

Bill Gordon made the motion, Seconded by Kristy Hepper to approve the minutes, motion carried.

Kristy Hepper made the motion to approve the agenda, Seconded by Brian Tipton, motion carried.

Dean started his report about the course and Scott commented about how good the greens were. Dean said the aerification process has helped the roots and to remove the layer of silt. The roots are now down 2 to 3 inches, with more roots making for a healthier green. There is plug aerification scheduled for May 16, 17 and 18, but Dean was concerned that they may not have the sand due to the wet weather and the trucks have not been able to get in and pick up the sand to haul from North Dakota to Pierre. Dean commented that the new aerator was here and it should make the overall process faster. They also have the tee boxes and fairways scheduled to be aerated as well. Dean said they were making progress in getting all of the spots where trees had been removed from last year's storm, getting them seeded and grass growing. Scott asked about the grub problem and Dean indicated that the grub control process is not as simple as just spraying for them because they need to wait for the eggs to be laid so they can kill both the grubs and the eggs at the same time. They are planning on doing this in June.

There was then some questions about the flags indicating the depth of the hole on the flag sticks and Dean had said he and Carin thought they could go without them because the sky caddie go to the prism on the pin, but said they would put the flags back on the pins.

Carin reported April Rounds were down from 2015 due to the weather, with the course being behind 675 rounds from 2015 year to date due to weather despite opening earlier. Membership sales are about the same as last year, with the cart plans up year to date from last year, with 100 single plans sold this year so far with 91 sold last year at this time and with 59 family plans, with 64 sold last year at this time.

Upcoming events – The Pierre High School Girls Invite was postponed due to weather. The Lakota Nation Tourney has to be rescheduled due to weather. May 7<sup>th</sup> is the OMGA 2 man best

ball tourney. Carin is estimating 30 to 36 teams for this tourney. The Junior Achievement is scheduled for Friday May 13 and Carin expects 70 to 80 players for this tourney. The High School Region qualifying has been pushed back later, with Pre-Region scheduled for Monday May 23 and Tuesday May 31.

Tom reported and commented on how he appreciated the volunteers that helped on the course during the clean up days. Tom also commented about the calling all sports radio program that had commented on the good condition of the golf course. Tom also informed the board that Commissioner Goodman had only 1 meeting left with the board.

## OLD BUSINESS

River Pump The pump has been installed and is up and running and Dean is pleased with the way the process has gone so far. They are adding some additional protective guards around the pump area to deter vandals. The new pump system does give the course better access to water when the US Army Corp. of Engineers is not running much water through the dam.

Green Drainage Project may be delayed until fall due to the weather the company Dean had contacted is now behind and they were going to try and just fit our 2 greens in to bigger projects. They would prefer to bid projects with 6 or more greens for financial purposes. Brian asked if the 2001 renovation drainage is working as expected and Dean indicated he thought it was working good.

Golf Rocks Randy has 2 sold and Brian and Randy are both working on possibly 2 more. There was some discussion on the remaining rocks being fairly expensive and if the board would be willing to negotiate price. It was decided that if a lower offer is made it could be brought to the board for approval.

## NEW BUSINESS

HLGA had their kick off membership meeting, with league starting Tuesday May 3 and match play at the end of the month. Tiffany indicated they were pleased with the number of new faces.

OMGA will have a membership meeting after the 2 man best ball tourney on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Tom asked about inviting the City Commission and the Mayor to maybe tour the Course for our July Meeting. We will all think about this and visit at the June Meeting to finalize any plans.

Dean and Carin asked the Board to support them in asking people with "All Terrain" tires on their carts to change them either in a Golf Course Policy or rule. The Board indicated they

thought Dean and Carin had the authority when considering the condition of the course and any potential damage the tires may cause.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 with Tiffany making the motion and John seconding.

Next Meeting will be June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Randy Vance, Recording Secretary