

Golf Board Minutes

March 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 by Chairman Randy Vance at Hillsview Clubhouse. Present at the meeting were Randy Vance, Scott Simpson, Kristy Hepper, Bill Gordon, Tiffany Benham and Mike Bartlett and Park & Rec Director Tom Farnsworth, Superintendent Bryan Tipton and Golf Professional Carin Hayn.

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Hepper and seconded by Gordon, motion carried.

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Simpson and seconded by Hepper, motion carried.

Golf Professional Carin Hayn reported that the 2017 summer schedule is already beginning to fill with SDGA, SDHSAA and several locally sponsored tournaments. The clubhouse is ready to open as soon as the weather cooperates with a few consecutive days of good warm temperatures. Merchandise is beginning to arrive and carts will be ready to go.

Carin also reported that season passes are on sale at the city office, clubhouse and online. 83 memberships have been sold to date, which lags a bit from last year. The course opened, however, on this date last year and memberships will likely pick up when a course opening is announced.

Superintendent Bryan Tipton advised that preparations are being made for the course opening. The course looks to have come through winter in good shape, and it will be ready to open as soon as the weather cooperates.

Director Tom Farnsworth congratulated Bryan on his selection as superintendent. Tom advised that most summer seasonal course positions had been filled, but three still remain. Also, four rocks remain to be sold on the course and any funds received for these rocks would be available to be used for course amenities. The course web page will be redesigned over the next couple of months and the idea of a superintendent's blog is being discussed as a way for the public to interact and learn about maintenance activities.

Old Business

Youth Golf: Carin has not heard back from the SDGA, but will continue to investigate some ideas on how to expand youth opportunities at Hillsview.

Tom advised that Dennis Huber Senior Groundskeeper will be retiring from the golf course staff in late March. Interviews are being lined up and hopefully a replacement can be identified in early April.

New Business

Superintendent Bryan Tipton reported on the insight staff gained at the South Dakota Golf Course Superintendents Association meeting in Sioux Falls on March 6-8. This included information about golfer dispersion on the course to help identify areas that may not need to be maintained, maintenance master planning and hidden costs of course maintenance. Bryan discussed greens rollers and will be demoing some rollers to see what may fit into the maintenance program. He also advised that he and the staff have been working to map the irrigation system to maximize efficiency and optimize the capabilities of the system. Bryan will also be looking at the possibility of purchasing remote moisture sensing equipment that will allow for better water management on the course.

Bryan has established a twitter handle (@Hillsviewsuper) where the public can follow what the crew is up to and stay informed on course maintenance activities.

Carin advised that SDGA has raised the cost of a handicap index card by \$2 for the coming year.

Tom advised that the main clubhouse entrance to the clubhouse will be made ADA compliant by the end of the month.

Tiffany Benham advised that the HLGGA will have their organizational meeting on March 29th at the clubhouse.

Motion by Benham, second by Gordon to adjourn at 8:22.

The next meeting will be at 5:30 on Monday, April 3 in the clubhouse.

Recording Secretary

Scott Simpson