

## **Golf Board Minutes**

**May 3, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 5:36 by Chairman Mike Bartlett at the Hillview Clubhouse. Attending the meeting were Bartlett, Kristy Hight, Carin Hayn, Bryan Tipton, Boyd Conzemius, Heidi Ruch, and Tom Farnsworth. Hallie Getz, Scott Bothun, Michael Keeton and Vona Johnson were absent.

Hight volunteered to take minutes as the secretary was absent.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from last meeting by Hight, seconded by Ruch, 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 Big Dakota conference had 17 players play on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. It was cold and windy.
- The following week was the Varsity invite on the 27<sup>th</sup>. 40 players participated in the cold and light rain.
- The lady's start this Tuesday with three groups of t-times at 10 am, 3pm, and 5:30pm
- OMGA's 2-man best ball is this Saturday with a shotgun start at 9am.
- May 24<sup>th</sup> the small high school (3A) girls have a pre-region and on May 27<sup>th</sup> regions, expecting 30-35 players.

Hayn went over the rounds report next. The round total of 2878 is the 3<sup>rd</sup> most in April since she has been here. YTD we are up 803 rounds for the season and 507 for April only. The range has been busy, over 70K balls have been hit on the range.

Season passes (397) have exceeded more than was sold for the entire year in 2020. Hayn expects this to grow. Cart rental plans have 12 more sales (218) than historically.

There are 9 private carts that have not registered yet that are in the shed.

Hayn also discussed the upgrade on Golf Genius. The cost per year is \$2,800. OMGA had donated a TV to be hung out on the deck. This application will allow live scoring. The HS girls tested it out and they are going to have OMGA use it this weekend.

John Hipple passed recently. His family donated \$750 to the junior golf program. They are going to buy some clubs to be used for the camps this summer. Farnsworth is going to get a press release together for this.

There was some discussion from Hayn and Bartlett over the ESD tournament and scheduling. Moser, the athletic director for Pierre moved it to Watertown this year, but we will host two events in the fall and next spring.

Bryan Tipton, Superintendent: Tipton began his discussion on the course opening date of April 27<sup>th</sup> and the irrigation system up and running on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Due to the temperatures not warming up, the ground temperature normally is 55 degrees by now, and is only 48 degrees today. The greens/bent grass is slow to come out of dormancy. Everyone keeps comparing our course to Sioux Falls and Rapid City courses, and they both have had a lot of rain, and we have not. During the Big Dakota tourney, they had ice on the greens and had to play on the back 9. The new greens this spring actually came out and are outperforming the old greens (typically the other way around). Tipton plans to have his crew aerifying on May 16<sup>th</sup>. This shouldn't affect play. Toro is coming on Wednesday and will be testing wire etc. on the 25-year-old system. They are planning upgrades in the next two years.

Tom Farnsworth, Director: Nothing much to report other than working on some budget numbers and the capital outlay plan.

Old Business:

Other: Hayn led the discussion on t-time intervals and if we wanted to reduce them from 10 minutes down to 9, or back to 8. Bartlett asked Farnsworth if there are any Covid concerns regarding this and Farnsworth said no. Bartlett and other board members agreed that if Hayn feels this could be changed, that would be her call. Hayn said that last year it was a cart issue, with everyone in separate carts. Now it shouldn't be a problem.

New Business:

1. HLGA- Ruch began her report discussing the ladies' kickoff meeting was attended by approximately 40 ladies and the clubhouse served a taco bar for dinner. There were many new faces that joined the group. Matchplay should have around 16 teams. This is up from two years ago. The ladies are testing out a new Band app for sign up for Tuesday afternoon/evening play. The ladies also voted to re-designate our bridge donation of \$2500 to some needed patio furniture. Hayn is going to proceed in purchasing the furniture with the help of the HLGA board.
2. OMGA- Conzemius discussed the 2-man best ball for Saturday. They have around 20 teams but Hayn is expecting more to sign up. Lunch will be served. He also touched base on the couples' event that is Scheduled for June 5<sup>th</sup>.

With no further business, at 6:06 it was motioned by Conzemius and seconded by Ruch to adjourn, motion carried. The next meeting will be June 7, 2021 at the Hillsvie Clubhouse.

Respectively submitted,

Kristy Hight, Vice Chairman