

## **GOLF BOARD MEETING**

**October 16, 2023**

### **Minutes**

The meeting is open to the public. This meeting will be at the Clubhouse.

**5:30 PM - Call to order by Chairman Bartlett, Hillsview Clubhouse.**

- **Determination of quorum to conduct business, Bartlett X Keeton      
Booth X Hanig X Villa X Willey X Bothun X  
Wise X Steiner X Tipton X Johnson**

- **Minutes of August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, mtg, motion to approve.**

**Booth moves to approve the minutes, seconded by Bothun. Minutes approved.**

- **Any additions to the agenda, motion to approve.**

**No additions. Villa moves to approve the agenda, seconded by Willey. Motion carries.**

### **Staff Reports**

#### **Chad Wise, Clubhouse manager**

We have the rounds report through September, right now we are at 28,414 compared to last year we were at 26,658 so slightly busier. For the revenue report, we are doing well, we are about \$50,458 ahead of last year at this time. At my old course, we used to do a discount on membership as the summer went on.

Bartlett- So that would be a pro-rated amount. So, based on whenever you want it, July or August, it would be less?

Wise- Yes.

Wise- The other thing is we had a twilight fee.

Tipton- We did try that a couple of years ago and that didn't really make a difference.

Wise- We did have the state come out and do our compliance and we passed their inspection. The other thing is we have increased marshaling. We have had a few groups that have had issues with not following cart rules. We started putting together our calendar of tournaments next year. When we came to Pierre last year, we stayed in 3 different hotels and there were no advertisements for the course so I would like to start doing that.

Bartlett- I was anxious to see rounds played and revenues and those look really good. So, you will just have to keep doing what you are doing and just fine-tuning things. Kudos to you for getting those rounds increased and revenues increased.

#### **Jordan Steiner, Superintendent**

I thought that we did a good job of treating our grubs this year. There was very minimal damage. You guys can see our project here that we started with the practice putting green up there. We got short-staffed and every time we started to work on it, it would start raining. We do plan to finish it this fall. I am going to order plants for next spring and then we will have a bench placed in the area also. We aerified greens on September 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. We did do a little more aggressive approach this year. As soon as we did that, I overseeded the greens again. We aerified the tee boxes in September and hope to do the

fairways and collars this fall. Bryan and I had the chance to meet up with a golf course consultant at our conference last year who has a lot of experience in high-end golf course maintenance, and he was able to come out and look at our course after visiting other area golf courses. We had sent him samples of our topdressing sand and a water sample prior to his visit. When he visited the course, he collected profile samples from 4 greens to get a better understanding of our greens profile. He also gave us some suggestions for products to help unlock some nutrients based on our water samples. With his help, I would really like to improve our putting greens and topdressing program. Regarding our golf cart fleet, we did get a shipment of sand and seed containers but unfortunately, they didn't get us quite enough. I ordered some sand and seed mix, it's called Turf Mend, and I have been watching the spots where people have used those, and I have been happy with it.

### **Bryan Tipton, Director of Parks and Recreation**

None.

### **Old Business**

1. Golf Cart accessories update- sand and seed containers – cart operations- Steiner  
Covered in staff reports.
2. Rounds report, membership report, and budget update – Wise  
Covered in staff reports.

### **New Business**

1. Report from HLGA – Hanig  
Hanig- I believe this is my last meeting, Marla is taking over as president. We have our annual HLGA meeting tomorrow night. Katie and I will be coming off the board and Heather and Marla will be coming on. We did our check presentation from the Pink Ball tournament to the Helmsley Center. We have chatted that we want to move that to a weekend and collaborate with the OMGA and Avera and make it a bigger event.
2. Report from OMGA – Villa  
We have the Honker coming up. The group is revamping again, and we will have some changes coming up. We are looking to start a committee to really be involved. There are a lot of things that we can do. We are still working on our membership numbers. Chad and I will be meeting later to chat about some accounting stuff that we are working through.
3. 2024 Membership forms – Rules changes  
Tipton- We have chatted about wanting to change some rules or add to the rules to address some issues we have had. One thing we don't have is the vandalism rule. An example would be if you were found vandalizing golf carts or turf you had a month's suspension of your membership.  
Bartlett- Can we just add something that says if you damage the course or a cart, then there is the possibility of suspension of membership?

Bartlett- Do we want to push back the next meeting until the first weekend in December?

Tipton- That is good with me.

Dialogue as time permits.

**6:10 PM – Adjourn –**

**The next Golf Board meeting is on December 4, 2023, at the clubhouse.**