

## MGC BoD Meeting Thursday 10 November 2016

### Members in Attendance

John Stanton - President  
John Foottit - Secretary/Vice President  
Tom Reynolds - Membership  
Don Green - Club Captain  
Brian Bond - Treasurer

### Staff in Attendance

Dan Kolar - Manager  
Bill Hudson - Greenskeeper

### Decision Record

1. The meeting was convened at 6:05 PM.
2. Two irrigation system installation companies have recently surveyed the golf course, using the ground radar analysis data available to them. Bids are expected well before the end of the month.
3. The operating expenses (OPEX) budget was analyzed and discussed line-by-line and conservative estimates were derived for all revenue and cost streams, relying primarily on the last 2 years of actual financial activity data. As an offset to the consumer price index (CPI), it was agreed to impose a 2% increase to membership dues for all categories. Further work needs to be done on the capital expenditures (CAPEX) before the complete budget can be finalized.
4. The Board received a suggestion to do away with most rope barriers because they are a tripping hazard and interfere with the grass mowers. The Greens Superintendent is reluctant to take this step because of the potential for cart damage to the grass on many fairways that tend to stay quite wet or become so after it rains. Some fairways, such as 4 and 16, can have their ropes

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lifted when moisture conditions permit. On other holes, there are gaps in the ropes and people are expected to use these rather than step over the ropes.

5. Another suggestion was to increase the number of off-season events that we host, with a view to increasing revenue. The Board is also reluctant to take this step, as most of these events have their profit margin seriously eroded by the cost to warm up the clubhouse and clear the parking area of snow. Off-peak hour events during the regular season are more profitable and the Board remains open to attracting more of this type of business.
6. We will look at adding pre-form concrete steps on the ladies #1 tee and will consider using them when the wooden steps on other tee-boxes wear out. This approach will be taken only if the Greens Superintendent can show that there is a return on investment in the form of lower maintenance costs for the more costly concrete steps.
7. As to eliminating the steps entirely, the consensus was that there was no compelling need to warrant this expense. If we used bevelled grass all around each tee box, the risk of people slipping when it's wet would increase. If there is a need to avoid using the steps, then fairly flat access is available at the back of most tee-boxes.
8. The Greens Superintendent will look at the cost of putting in an additional path on the left side of 12 between the traps on the approach to the green. This could avoid turf damage in an area that many cart drivers use anyway because the path around the back of the green on the right side is the long way around.
9. The Superintendent will look at using white flags on each green in the 2017 season to make them stand out more.
10. Blue flags on power carts are for people with disabilities. The users of this service must remain 30 feet away from all greens, 30

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feet from tees and never use the fairway on par 3's. We have had issues with people not respecting these rules and the Board will therefore be taking stronger enforcement measures for the 2017 season.

11. The Greenskeeper's report is attached.
12. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 29 November at 6 PM in the Myers boardroom.
13. If any member has a question or concern, please contact me at [john.foottit@gmail.com](mailto:john.foottit@gmail.com).

John Foottit  
Secretary/VP

### Greenskeeper's Report

Greens have been deep-tine aerified and the last fungicide application will be put on this week along with some drain holes on 3, 7, 15. Tarping will begin next week, the week of the 15<sup>th</sup>, as we do every year.

Leaf blowing takes up a lot of our time this time of year. We will have another two weeks of leaf work to do.

We have been doing some tree work this week. The basswood on 1 was cut as it was hollow. We were just going to cut a few branches but discovered it was hollow and rotting so a decision was made to cut it. There was another dying tree on 12 that was fallen, also the elm on the corner of 3 was dead and has been cut. The ash at 4 green is the first victim of the Emerald Ash Borer. We are seeing symptoms of it on the 17<sup>th</sup> hole at the river. We trimmed the willow along the river on the left side at 17 to open the gap. We are also trimming other trees to promote health.

Grubs – we have been monitoring grubs for several weeks now and have noted their locations, not all of which have been dug by skunks or crows yet. We

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applied insecticide to these areas and will have to wait until spring to assess the effect. Most likely we will need to keep using insecticide for the next few years to keep the population down.