

## MGC BoD Meeting Tuesday 12 January 2016

### Members in Attendance

John Stanton Jr. - President  
John Foottit - Secretary/VP  
Tom Reynolds - Finance  
Don Green - Club Captain  
Ken Maheral - Membership  
Dave Evans - House

### Staff in Attendance

Dan Kolar - Manager

### **Decision Record**

1. The meeting was convened at 18:10 hours (6:10 PM).
2. It was decided that the term "5-day" membership is a misnomer and that the term "limited membership" should be used instead. It is intended to serve those members who do not play as often and to free up more morning tee times. The creation of it was a business decision. With a view to revenue generation, it would be useful to nudge some members to use the weekday afternoon tee times, which have been under-utilized in the past.
3. The Board, in a supplementary meeting, decided to modify the conditions of the limited membership category by decreasing the ladies' rate by 15% (in acknowledgement of the loss of playing opportunities on Thursday afternoons (Mens' Night) and the mens' rate by 5% (in acknowledgement of the loss of a lesser number of playing opportunities on Tuesday afternoons (Ladies' Night)).

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4. On the issue of revenue generation, although we typically have a very small number of tournaments, the Board would like the club's members to know that we welcome large and small weekday tournaments (including Friday). The Board will manage the number of these bookings, such that the tee time impact upon the membership will not become onerous.
5. As indicated in a recent mail-out, there will be a special land sale approval meeting on the 28th of January. The vote on this issue (approval by the membership to sell the land) is the only item of business that will be entertained. In that respect, the Board is of the opinion that our timing for selling this surplus land could be just right. If markets suddenly decline, then it could take several years for the value of the land to rebuild to its current level.
6. If members have any issues that they wish to have discussed at the spring shareholders' meeting, they are invited to send them to the Secretary for consideration by the Board.
7. The first draft of our new Bylaws has been received and we are generally pleased with the progress so far. Two major issues are under further consideration at the moment: the wording associated with Board spending limits and the question of which provincial legislation should the club be under (e.g. the Ontario Corporations Act or the Ontario Non-Share Capital Corporations Act). We'll resolve these questions with a view to sharing the new Bylaws with the members as soon as conveniently possible.
8. The year-end financial picture is not yet complete but, as of now, we continue to see a potential profit in the \$100,000 range.

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9. The Board remains committed to building our Capital Reserve fund with a view to paying for items identified within the Capital Plan and for a new irrigation system. We continue to pursue best price options for the latter, such that any loan obligations are kept as low as possible.
10. Thanks to its many fundraising activities and a generous donation from the “Sunshine Boys”, the Centennial Committee realized a small profit of \$302. This committee’s contributions to the club included a new bench (\$600) and paying off the balance of the cost for our new flagpole (\$2,500). The Board would like to thank the Centennial Committee for their efforts during our centennial year. The Board would also would like to thank the membership for supporting the many events put in place by the Centennial Committee.
11. The President spoke with TMSI (sports management) with a view to setting up a meeting to better understand their business model and their levels of service. In the event, this company declined an opportunity to meet with some Board representatives once they understood that we were not in financial difficulty.
12. A report from our Greenskeeper is attached, as is a reminder of our various membership, green fee, and cart rental charge rates.
13. The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be on Tuesday 9 February 2016 at 18:00 hours (6 PM)
14. The meeting adjourned at 20:10 hours (8:10 PM).

John Foottit/Secretary/VP

If any member has a question or a concern, please contact me at:  
[john.foottit@gmail.com](mailto:john.foottit@gmail.com)

### **Greenskeeper's Report**

We had record breaking warm temperatures during much of the fall and early winter. Turf needs 3-4 weeks of temperatures at or near 0 degrees C for proper hardening of the plants. We know that covers do not keep temperatures more than a few degrees above uncovered turf. We also know that if a forecast of +17 degrees C is hit that is only for a few minutes in a day, not all day. We have breathing systems on six greens this year, Putting, 2, 4, 5, 7 and 15, which is twice as many as last year. During the month of December we kept the water blown off all greens as much as possible. On Christmas Day we came in and got water off all greens. Hopefully no ice accumulated between then and the first snowfall. The only green I am a bit concerned about is No. 8. As usual we put straw on it. This system has proven to protect greens from winter injury very well except during warm winters where the turf can die from anoxia.

Some of the cultural practices that we have used to help the turf properly cold acclimate are raising mowing heights during fall, reducing shade on Nos. 5, 8 and Putting greens, and ensuring good surface drainage with trenches in front of some greens as well as drainage holes.

We did apply preventative snow mould applications on greens (three different types and applications during the fall) and on tees

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and fairways once. The warm temperatures could have impacted the efficiency of these treatments because of the 5-7 weeks of exposed turf. There is a good chance that the active ingredient in the fungicides was breaking down. In addition, there was some turf growth after treatments but we used a systemic active ingredient so the new growth will still be protected. If only a contact fungicide was used there could have been a problem.

The good news is the cold we are having now comes at a time when the turf should have some cold tolerance. There is a layer of insulating snow and in most areas there is no ice cover yet.

We cut 22 dead or dying elm trees this fall along with 3 maple trees on the right of number 5 behind the green, and one at the pro-shop plus a huge willow at number 8. The greens were either being shaded by these trees or being affected by their roots. Most of the brush was chipped for future use and we are selling the good wood. Most of the stumps were cut low and covered with plugs.

The sand trap at 11 was filled in as it was a hard trap to maintain owing to drainage problems with bedrock very close to the surface in that area. That trap had been remodelled twice in the past 25 years and still gave us problems. Also people had difficulty getting out of it because of the damp sand.

I have been in contact with Aaron Goose Management. I am trying to get a license so we can deal with the problem, and then get these people to come out and teach us how to find the nests and what other means we have to get rid of them. They charge approximately \$250 a trip and it might take 3 or 4 trips to get us up and running. The first step is getting a license. This group has

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been dealing with geese at Anderson Links, Camelot, Cloverdale, Outaouais, Eagle Creek, Equinelle, Greensmere, Loch March and Marshes. The permit usually takes 4 weeks to get through the Canadian Wildlife Service. Then we are good to go in early spring once geese start scouting nesting spots.

We have done most of the sharpening of reels. We took advantage of booking programs and purchased all our scheduled service items along with bed knives and reels for our greens mower and fairway units as they were at the end of their service limit. Doing this pre-booking not only saves us money (approximately \$3,000) but also saves us time during the busy summer months. We are now going through our preventative maintenance on each machine, along with oil changes.

We are also working on our Integrated Pest Management Annual Report. This has to be submitted by the end of January. Also the water-taking report for irrigation and clubhouse wells has to be done and sent in, plus our Material Safety Data Sheets have to be checked and renewed.

We are getting ready for an early spring which could possibly bring added cost.

Bill Hudson

### **2016 RATES** HST

**NOTE:** All Rates are +

#### 18 Holes

18 Hole Green Fee (Public)	\$47.00
18 Hole (Guest of member)	\$45.00
Twilight (after 1pm daily)	\$30.00
Monday Twilight Special (after 12pm)	\$30.00

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Twilight (after 4pm daily)	\$22.00
Junior twilight (under age 16 after 4pm daily)	\$10.00

### 9 Holes

9 Hole Green Fee (Public and Guest of Member)	\$30.00
9 Hole Twilight after 1pm (Guest of member)	\$25.00
Men's/Ladies night (Guest of member)	\$25.00

### **Power Cart**

18 holes (Member)	\$30.09
18 holes (Public)	\$32.00
9 holes (Member)	\$16.81
9 holes (Public)	\$18.00
Men's'/Ladies' night (9 holes)	\$12.83
18 Hole Single Rider (Member)	\$22.57
18 Hole Single Rider (Public)	\$24.00
9 Hole Single Rider (Member)	\$12.83
9 Hole Single Rider (Public)	\$13.00

Twilight Cart (With Purchase of a Green Fee)  
\$20.00

### **Power Cart Packages:**

1 <sup>st</sup> Member Cart Card	20 x 9 holes	\$240.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Member Cart Card	20 x 9 holes	\$225.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Member Cart Card **	20 x 9 holes	\$210.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Member Cart Card	20 x 9 holes	\$195.00
5 <sup>th</sup> Member Cart Card	20 x 9 holes	\$180.00
6 <sup>th</sup> Member Cart Card	20 x 9 holes	\$165.00
7 <sup>th</sup> Member Cart Card	20 x 9 holes	\$150.00

*\*\* Members with a medical certificate would start at \$210 for their first cart card.*

*Single Rider members with cart packages can pay \$5 for a second nine (instead of using a ticket)*

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**Reciprocal Agreements:** (Excluding carts) (*Reciprocals not yet confirmed for 2016*)

Arnprior	\$25.00
Brockville	\$30.00
Outouais	\$25.00
Perth	\$20.00
Renfrew (\$40 + HST with cart)	\$25.00

*Arrange tee times through the Mississippi Pro Shop 2 days in advance.*