

13 Oct 2020 BoD Meeting

Members in Attendance

John Stanton - President
John Foottit - Secretary/Vice President
Tom Reynolds - Membership (via Zoom)
Brian Bond - Treasurer
Don McLeay - Greens Director
Grant Reader - House Director
Judy Spencer - Ladies' Representative

Staff in Attendance

Dan Kolar - Manager
Bill Hudson - Superintendent
Kyle Hudson - Assistant Superintendent

Decision Record

1. The meeting convened at 6PM.
2. We intend to keep a weekend/holiday tee time lottery system but the draw for the following weekend will be on the Monday morning before, not the Wednesday, beginning in 2021. A discussion of our lottery system is appended to this Decision Record.
3. Next season, there will be a policy of no guests until 12 noon on weekends and holidays. In addition, there will be no Monday green fee league on holiday Mondays.
4. Three morning slots dedicated solely to green fee players on both weekdays and weekends were discontinued earlier this year.

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5. There have been 2 small EG Golf tournaments on weekends this year. There are no more scheduled in 2020 and none will be permitted next season. The ones that were scheduled this year were in accordance with the terms and conditions of our current contract with EG Golf. We entered into this contract because at the beginning of the season there were no government subsidies, no certainty as to when we could open and, at the cut-off date, approximately 100 former members had not paid in full. Revenue was therefore a serious concern.
6. Except for sod, we have at hand all the materials necessary to construct a new Gold tee box on #10 across the creek. If sufficient labour can be set aside, this could be done this season, on the right/center side to minimize the risk of errant tee shots from the 18th tee. We are still waiting for consensus from the Playing Committee and the Ladies' Committee. An additional tee box also allows for more flexibility in placing the white tees and for existing tee boxes to recover. The Gold tees could be placed back in their current location at times to facilitate such a recovery.
7. If members would like to participate in the Ryder Cup competition, please ask the convenor through the Pro Shop whether a slot is available. There is a desire to keep this event small.
8. The roofing contract for the clubhouse has been let. Work will commence this week.
9. Our current supplier of portable toilets will not have them available for next year. The Board is looking at alternatives, including upgraded structures that offer both a Men's and a Woman's side, with a sink and a mirror in each.
10. Plans for the extension of the stamped-concrete terrace are being drafted so that a cost estimate can be derived.

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11. We have Reciprocal Play agreements with 5 other golf courses. Members from these courses can book a discounted green fee but their play is restricted to afternoon only.
12. Our golf carts are 5 and 6 years old and most of their windshields are cracked, largely because of travel over uneven terrain at a speed that is too high. The Board approved a \$10K purchase of 50 new windshields now so that a 20% discount on the price could be realized before the end of November. This bulk purchase will result in a small number of spares once the cart fleet has been refitted,
13. The Greenskeeper will remove some trees close to the 1st green to reduced shedding onto the putting surface, improve the airflow and allow more sunlight. More than half of the current grove would remain.
14. The Greens report is attached.
15. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM. The next full meeting will be on Tuesday 27 October at 6:00 PM at Myers, where the focus will be on a smooth transition to a Board with several new members.
16. It's been my pleasure to serve the Club as your Secretary/Vice President for the last 6 years. Thanks for your support. If any member has a question or concern, please contact me at john.foottit@gmail.com until 19 October 2020. After that time, your new Secretary/VP will be Chris Valentine. (cvalentine10@yahoo.ca)

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Board of Directors Meeting
Greens Report - 13 October 2020

Our greens are now being cut at .135. We will be deep tining our greens the last week of October. Our putting green will be done one week earlier.

The Irrigation System has been blown out. All of our fairways have been verticut, aerified and fertilized.

We have built a mound on 8 fairway and we will be planting an Oak tree in the hole that is on the mound later this week. The tree was donated by Ian Clunie. We are also sodding bunker faces and areas where we go in and out of bunkers with our bunker machine. Hopefully we will sod some areas on tees that have been damaged owing to the excess amount of play this year. Some tees may be closed for the season so they get a chance to fill in.

The first of three fungicide applications will be applied on our greens and tees this week.

Bill Hudson,
Greens Superintendent

A Lottery System Discussion

There have been several recent complaints concerning the Club's use of a tee-time lottery system for weekend and holiday draws. Many members are not consistently getting a tee-off that is close to the morning time they requested. The current Buz lottery system is "random", except that a favouring weight is assigned to

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every member depending on how far apart their requested and actual tee times were on the previous 5 draws.

If the lottery algorithm is fair (enquiries are underway), it should be a question of supply and demand. There are sufficient slots available between 07:00 and noon to accommodate 150 players. If the demand exceeds this number, which it routinely does this year, then some members are going to get pushed to the afternoon. This will be true whether a lottery system is used or not.

To illustrate, let me cite a recent weekday example when a lottery system didn't apply. Amongst one of my regular groups, we neglected to log on at 8 PM Thursday evening to book a morning tee off for Friday of the following week. When a log-on was made promptly the following morning, the earliest tee time that we could find for 4 players was 1:40 PM.

So, use a lottery system that puts your requested time into a virtual holding room for a subsequent draw for the coming weekend, or cancel the use of the lottery and compel everyone to log on as soon as they are allowed to about 7 days in advance and take their chances?

By the way, an experienced computer systems engineer in the family advises me that it's simple to add an application to your computer system or mobile phone that will try the appropriate reservation web site every few milliseconds until it connects. That's what dinosaurs like me would be competing against.

Perhaps it's the short lead time between Wednesday morning and the weekend that is part of the problem? In other words, you've made arrangements to golf with others during a weekend morning, but find out only about 3 days in advance that your tee-off time is in the afternoon. If so, can we ease the situation by

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moving the lottery draw to Monday morning, about 5 days in advance?

Is there anything else that could be done, given that about \$400K in annual green fee revenue is absolutely necessary in order to avoid a considerable increase in rates that would ensue if we became a private club?

Perhaps a totally random lottery? Change the number of games played from 5 to a greater number when the lottery algorithm assigns a weight to the variance between what was assigned and what was asked for? How about assigning a weight according to the number of games played?