

14 August 2018 BoD Meeting

Members in Attendance

John Stanton - President
John Foottit - Secretary/Vice President
Tom Reynolds - Membership
Brian Bond - Treasurer
Dave Evans - House
Gary Hobin - Club Captain
Judy Spencer - Ladies Representative

Staff in Attendance

Dan Kolar - Manager
Bill Hudson - Greenskeeper

Decision Record

1. The meeting was convened at 6:00 PM.
2. While some expenses have increased for the course, higher activity at the Club continues to produce improved financial performance compared to last year.
3. We have had 7 new members join the Club since 1 August using our ongoing Fall Special offer (play the balance of this season for the cost of a membership for next year).
4. The grass alongside many fairways has been longer than we would desire recently because our best rough mower was down for 2 days, waiting for a part.
5. The Buzz tee-time reservation system sometimes “crashes” and ejects the user. This tends to happen at 8 PM when many members log on concurrently to book a tee-time 7 days in advance. Buzz advises that this problem would be significantly

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reduced if we had a new computer server with 32 GB of RAM (random access memory) vice the one we have now with 4 GB. The Board voted to install the new server following the end of this year, to avoid any risk of system conversion problems during the active season.

6. “Area under video surveillance” signs have been posted at several locations around the property.
7. The Board is continuing to investigate the design, siting and cost of installing permanent toilet facilities on each nine. The municipality has advised that we can use a large holding tank rather than a septic bed.
8. In recent weeks, we had a lightning strike near 11 green, which hit a splitter, then travelled back to the maintenance shed and “fried” a circuit board. This despite the fact that lightning rods and plates are part of our irrigation system. The cost of repairs was largely covered by the warranty.
9. We have a window and frame on site for installation in the door that is alongside the food order counter. This unit will be installed in near future.
10. Some members asked the Board to consider extending our cart path system so that it connects throughout the course, facilitating “cart path only” golf on or immediately after heavier rain days. Although this concept is “on our radar”, the Board decided not to proceed for the foreseeable future because:
 - While not formally costed, the expense is expected to be onerous, especially if the cart paths were paved. If paved, they have to be maintained by an outside contractor because paving is not a task our greens staff can manage;

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- We are “risk averse” to starting up expensive capital projects given the debt we are managing with regard to the new irrigation system;
 - Other potential capital projects likely hold a higher priority (e.g. permanent toilet facilities);
 - To prevent cart paths from being inundated, it is often necessary to raise them. Such path sections then become dams in their own right and water diversion measures such as drainage pipes have to be considered, adding to the expense.
 - The problem is intermittent and not normally an impediment: As briefed at our fall AGM last year, in 2016 we had zero days when the course was not playable and zero no-cart days. In contrast, the course was closed 13 times in 2017 owing to wet weather and we had 31 no-cart days. We also closed a few days early in November owing to a forecast of extended wet weather. So far this year, we have had one day when carts were not allowed following a non-playable day of heavy rain.
11. The Club will advise shareholders of the 2018 fall Annual General Meeting (AGM) by mail, but recipients will be advised that, in future, if they want to receive such a notification, it must be via e-mail, in accordance with the Bylaw amendment that was approved in the spring (unless a shareholder does not have an e-mail account).
 12. The interior and exterior club house windows and screens will be professionally cleaned during the month of August. The Board voted to have a window cleaning done monthly, subject to the negotiation of an acceptable price.

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13. We are considering replacing some of our older benches at both the gold and white tee boxes. If a member wishes to sponsor a composite-material bench, this can be done at a cost of \$650 (including plaque). Please see the manager.
14. During the month of September, the Board approved the temporary closure of one hole at a time (2 per day) to allow the Greenskeeper to aerify, verticut, top-dress, seed and clean-up all the fairways. The temporary par 3 will be open so that 18 holes will always be available. Depending on the weather, the entire task should be completed in about 2 weeks. The work will be carried out during the week, not on weekends.
15. At least one member has had a skin rash following the application of a herbicide on the golf course. In accordance with Ontario law, the Greenskeeper posts a notification sign at the beginning of each nine, indicating the intention to spray within 24 hours and when the spraying is complete. In future, he will also display this information on a "sandwich board" in front of the Pro Shop. As an aside, this task is normally done twice per year. Most other spraying is fertilizer.
16. Congratulations to both the Mississippi my FM mixed team and to the Ethel Ferguson team match women's team for winning both events earlier this season. The events were held in July and August at Pembroke and Perth Golf clubs respectively.
17. The Greenskeeper's report is attached, as are the minutes of the last meeting of the Joint Health and Safety Committee.
18. The meeting adjourned at 8 PM.

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19. The next Board meeting will be on Tuesday 11 September at 6 PM at Myers Motors.

John Foottit
Secretary/VP

If any member has a question or a concern, please contact me at:
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Greenskeeper's Report

Greens - will be aerified, front nine August 27, back nine August 28. We will be using ½" tines and pulling cores and also topdressing.

Tees - will be aerified the week of August 13th, again ½" tines, pulling cores and top-dressing. At the same time, we will be doing surrounds and approaches to greens along with banks.

Fairways - we will be verticutting and aerifying fairways after the club championships finish, doing a few each week until complete. This is a huge job but must be done.

Aeration is performed to control organic matter (decaying roots and grass stems) which is called thatch. It also relieves soil compaction, stimulates root growth and improves drainage. So, basically everything that makes greens good relies on aeration.

- if you don't aerate, the ground holds water instead of being able to drain
- aerations reduces the chances of diseases occurring
- aeration and top-dressing makes greens firmer and allows faster greens owing to less thatch

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After aerifying fairways, we will be seeding and sodding damaged areas on 3, 4 and 6 fairways.

This fall we will be levelling No. 7 tee and starting to level and re-sod red teeing areas

There are many dead and dying trees to be cut later this fall

We are in the process of removing all quick about approx. 600 coupler heads in fairways and old pop-up heads around old tees and greens and capping them.

MGC Joint Health and Safety Committee Meeting

Date/Time: July 19, 2018 / 12:00 – 12:35 pm

Present: Dan Kolar (Co-Chair), Bill Hudson, Kyle Hudson, Matt Ireton (Chair) Sheila James, Chris Kempster,

Absent: Kitchen representative

Minutes: Chris Kempster

1. Motion to approve minutes as circulated. Matt read out agenda. Kyle moved to accept agenda. Motion seconded by Dan. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Minutes from last meeting read out and reviewed. Dan moved to accept the minutes of the June JH&SC meeting. Kyle seconded the motion. All in favour. Motion carried.
3. Reviewed issues that were discussed at the last meeting

Work completed since last meeting:

- Drainage caps have been cut and spray painted to avoid tripping.

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- Cleaned around breaker panel at maintenance building complete.
- Valve boxes filled in and covered with top soil.
- Safety goggles and nitrile gloves now in place at gas pumps and ready to use while fueling equipment.
- Monitoring footwear to determine needs (steel toed shoes in Pro Shop, anti-slip shoes in kitchen)
- Hoist in maintenance shed has been inspected and repaired.
- Walk through inspection was done with Sheila of the kitchen and bar.

Action required:

- Collect safety sign off sheets for pro shop and kitchen, Dan is handling issue.
- Pro Shop staff need supervisor training, Dan is handling issue
- Steam table in kitchen needs “caution hot” signage
- Heat in kitchen an issue, too hot for staff, not healthy.
- Kitchen staff need to wear non-slip shoes.
- Health and safety committee need a representative from the kitchen to be appointed to attend all meetings.

Safety Goals 2018:

Our goal for 2018 is zero claims this year.

Next meeting: August 13 at noon.

Matt called for meeting to be adjourned. Kyle moved to accept adjournment. Motion seconded by Bill. All in favour, motion carried.