

MGC BoD Meeting Monday 14 August 2017

Members in Attendance

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

Staff in Attendance

Bill Hudson - Greenskeeper

Decision Record

1. The meeting was convened at 6:00 PM.
2. The Board wishes to thank the Ladies Executive for their note of appreciation for the Club's support of their Ladies Member Guest event held on 25 July.
3. An update to the irrigation system project was delivered by the contractor (Peter Atkinson). It's highlights were as follows:
 - The availability of a new carbide-tipped rock-cutter wheel has caused some delay in the digging start date, but the machine is now ready and should be on site shortly. It is apparently the only one in Canada of its size.
 - The contractor may be able have additional installation crews available in October after the completion of a project in Sudbury.

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- There will be a sign on the first tee and on the hole where installations are underway, to advise players of work in progress.
 - The contractor will tend not to work on weekends at first but may change that later if the schedule slips.
 - Directional signs will be placed in the vicinity of holes 16 and 17 when the temporary hole is in use.
 - During the week (Monday to Friday), the Club will charge the \$30 “twilight” rate throughout the day whenever the temporary hole is in use.
 - A revised installation schedule and additional information on how the course will be played when construction is underway is appended to the end of this Decision Record.
4. For the period January to July: in comparison to last year we are \$37,112 behind (income minus expenses).
 5. About 25% of the members have yet to receive a bill for their 2017 irrigation system special capital assessment. These invoices will be distributed in the near term.
 6. The House Chair will speak with the contractor and arrange to have two additional glass safety panels installed on the patio,
 7. The project to extend and refurbish the pump house began on 15 August. It is currently planned to install the new vertical-turbine pumps in October.

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8. Information notices and advertisements on the front door have been removed. Such paper advertisements must be posted on the interior notice board in future. For the bar area, the framed notice boards that are hung on many of the walls must be used.
9. In response to points raised by the Ladies Executive, the following steps will be taken:
 - The House Chair will investigate the cost of having a “deep cleaning” service provided to the clubhouse about once per month (e.g. shampooing of carpets and a thorough cleaning and scrubbing of all washrooms). He will also meet with the Manager to review the daily/weekly cleaning schedule to ensure that all necessary cleaning is performed.
 - As a safety measure, estimates will also be obtained to raise and level the paved area leading to the front steps of the club house.
 - The alternate tee box on #2 will be re-levelled as part of the irrigation system construction activities. The cost to the Club is primarily labour. During each subsequent budget-setting cycle, the Greenskeeper will build in estimates for levelling tee boxes that require it.
10. A member has suggested to the Secretary that the names of new members be distributed to the current membership. The Membership Chair will discuss this idea with the Manager. The current new member joining instructions already have a checkbox that will allow anyone to opt out of this process if they have privacy concerns. If the Board proceeds with this initiative, the names could be appended to a Decision Record following each monthly Board meeting. With the assistance of the Club Captains, the Secretary will also add a section to each Decision

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Record indication upcoming competition and social events.
Thanks to Bruce McGibbon for these ideas.

11. On this year's Fall Special (pay for next year and get the balance of this one at no extra cost), we have currently had 6 fully privileged members join the club, plus 4 intermediates and one 5-day.
12. While final estimates are not yet available, it would appear that the cost of installing a medium-pressure air hose/jet for cleaning soft-spike shoes could exceed \$3000. It has therefore been decided to defer this purchase until our financial position is back to normal.
13. While favouring forward placements when the condition of the tee-box permits, the Greenskeeper will normally arrange to have the markers placed in forward, middle and back positions in rotation, to ensure that the wear and tear is evened out.
14. The Greenskeeper will budget sufficient funds in 2018 to install garbage bin covers on all the receptacles on the course.
15. With a view to possibly installing a thunderstorm warning-horn system, the Secretary will make enquiries concerning the cost of real-time lightning data. The Treasurer will review the Club's insurance policy with regard to lightning strikes.
16. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM. The date and time of the next regular meeting will be Monday 2 October at 6 PM in the Myers Motors boardroom.
17. If any member has a question or concern, please contact me at john.foottit@gmail.com.

John Foottit
Secretary/VP

14 August Greens Report

Greens are being cut at .125 and rolled two or three times a week, weather dependent. Because of all the moisture we have received this summer the roots on all grasses are short, which means we have to be very careful of height of cut and any stressful conditions, i.e. verticutting, especially if we get hot humid conditions.

Fairways have been sprayed three times for dollar spot and anthracnose. Because of wet conditions as the river goes down, No. 13 fairway will dry up but not before.

We sprayed for grubs in July and will keep monitoring for them this fall and try to hit hot spots with a contact insecticide if necessary.

As you probably noticed, we have cut ash trees that were infested with Emerald Ash Borer. There will be more and they will be dealt with in a timely way.

Greens are currently scheduled to be aerified on Monday 28 August and Tuesday 29 August.

Competitions and Social Events

- Senior Club Champions - Trish Wilson and Ken Zubricki.
- Open Club Championships (Ladies and Men) - Saturday August 19th to Sunday August 20th.

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- Ladies Senior Intersectional team competes in intersectional matches at Sand Point on Monday August 28th.
- Men's Senior Intersectional Competition (Group C) - hosted by Mississippi on Tuesday Sept. 5th.

Irrigation System Installation

Preparatory tasks such as pipe assembly will likely mean that work that will directly effect play will not start until early September this year. A draft installation schedule is attached. Given such variables as weather, installation crew illness, and other unforeseen problems, this schedule will change over time. The installer will maintain notice boards that will be updated regularly, so that players can be informed of the work in progress. Installation crews will normally work from Monday to Friday and “button up” their work areas at the end of each week so that the full course can be played at the weekends.

Players are reminded that if their ball lands on a new irrigation trench that has been sodded over but the grass has not yet taken root, such an area will be considered as ground under repair. A player should drop his or her ball one club-length from the nearest point of relief without penalty and carry on.

There could be some minor disruption to play on some of the holes near the clubhouse later in August as the installation crews install the main feeder pipes. This disruption could include, for example, having to hit across a feeder trench that runs perpendicular to the direction of play.

The levelling of the number 10 fairway out to the 150 yard marker will probably commence sometime in October (late enough to

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minimize disruption to play but early enough for the sod to take root before the first frost). The new vertical turbine pumps will also be installed later in the 2017 season.

Whenever installation work renders a hole unusable, golfers can play a full 18 by using a temporary par 3 that will take advantage of the existing greens-sod nursery area as a putting surface (located in front of the #17 blue tee box). The temporary par 3 will be about 145 yards from the whites (at the back of the #17 white tee box) and 98 yards from the gold (located at the Lamb's Lake drop area). Appropriate directional signs will be put in place. After completing this temporary hole, players will advance to a tee box on #17.

The new layout that will include the temporary par 3 will not be officially rated by Golf Canada. To unofficially maintain your handicap at close to what it should be, the following procedure is recommended when the temporary hole is in play:

- Note your score on the temporary par 3 in relation to par. If the hole under construction is a par 3, simply enter your score for the temporary hole as is;
- If the hole under construction is a par 4, enter your score in relation to par on the temporary hole as if it were a par 4. For example, if you shoot a bogey (4) on the temporary par 3, enter a score of 5 (par plus 1) on your scorecard; and
- Similarly for a par 5. If you shoot a par on the temporary hole, enter a score of 5 because the hole under construction that you could not play is a par 5.

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As usual, if any member has a question or a concern, please speak with the Manager in the Pro Shop or communicate with the Secretary at the following e-mail address: john.foottit@gmail.com.

Installation Schedule Courtesy of Atkinson Irrigation

Description	Start Date	Completion	Estimated Days
Mobilization	14 Aug	18 Aug	
6" Mains	22 Aug	24 Aug	2.25
8" Mains	24 Aug	30 Aug	4
4" Mains	28 Aug	6 Sept	3.8
Hole 10	7 Sept	11 Sept	2.5
Hole 11	11 Sept	15 Sept	2.75
Hole 12	15 Sept	20 Sept	3.5
Hole 13	21 Sept	25 Sept	2.75
Hole 14	25 Sept	27 Sept	2.5
4" Main	28 Sept	3 Oct	3.95
Hole 15	4 Oct	6 Oct	3
Hole 16	10 Oct	12 Oct	2.25
Hole 17	12 Oct	17 Oct	2.75
Hole 18	17 Oct	19 Oct	2.75
Clubhouse	20 Oct	21 Oct	2
10" Main	23 Oct	25 Oct	2
6" Main	26 Oct	26 Oct	0.75
4" Main	26 Oct	27 Oct	0.95

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Description	Start Date	Completion	Estimated Days
Hole 7	30 Oct	1 Nov	2.75
Hole 8	1 Nov	3 Nov	2.5
Hole 9	6 Nov	8 Nov	2.5
4" Main	8 Nov	9 Nov	1.1
Hole 6	9 Nov	14 Nov	2.75
Hole 5	14 Nov	16 Nov	2.5
4" Main	17 Nov	20 Nov	2.2
Hole 1	21 Nov	23 Nov	2.5
Hole 2	23 Nov	28 Nov	2.25
Hole 3	28 Nov	30 Nov	2.75
Hole 4	1 Dec	5 Dec	2.25
			Total: 70.5 Days

This schedule includes no work on 21 August and 12 September.