

January 2020 BoD Meetings

Members in Attendance

John Stanton - President
John Foottit - Secretary/Vice President
Tom Reynolds - Membership
Brian Bond - Treasurer
Gary Hobin - Club Captain
Don McLeay - Greens Director
Grant Reader - House Director

Staff in Attendance

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

Decision Record

1. We have several requirements that a new on-line tee time reservation system must satisfy. One of the most important is to allow green fee players to reserve and pay for a slot on line. Others include having a stable supplier, a secure off-site data base and a provision for a weekend tee-time lottery.
2. A Board sub-committee (Tom Reynolds and Dan Kolar) thoroughly examined 4 contenders and put together a spread sheet that facilitated an objective comparison. So far, none have completely met our needs.
3. If we decide to implement a new system, it should take less than a month to do so. The Board therefore decided to defer a decision until approximately late March while we work with potential suppliers on aspects of their system that are not yet fully to our liking.

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4. The Manager will approach the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) to amend our permit to draw water. Our existing let has the irrigation system and the clubhouse on the same permit, even though their water sources are different (river and well). In addition, the MOE needs to know that we will occasionally draw water to the clubhouse during the winter months.
5. The Manager is working with an Appleton-based wedding planner, to see if we can increase the number of events being hosted in our clubhouse, especially during the off-season.
6. The Greens Director has provided a guide (attached) that will be useful to those that prefer early morning tee times.
7. Our submission claiming compensation from the Province for our Spring 2019 flood damage was denied. A resubmission will be undertaken by mid-February. The Treasurer has also approached the office of the local Member of the Legislative Assembly, seeking assistance.
8. A Greens Report is attached.
9. The meeting ended at 7:20 PM.
10. The Board is always open to ideas that might improve the playing experience at the Mississippi. If you would like to assist, please submit a concise response to each of the following questions, by e-mail directly to the Secretary:
 - What would you change? and
 - What would you keep the same?

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11. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 25 February 2020 at 6 PM at Myers.
12. If any member has a question or concern, please e-mail me at john.foottit@gmail.com

John Foottit
Secretary/VP

Early Tee Times

Each morning's course maintenance activities are scheduled and sequenced to ensure they are performed efficiently and effectively to provide the best playing conditions possible.

We commence work at 5:00 on the front nine and plan on two hours per side to complete the scheduled work program for the day.

We understand some players like to play early and book the first tee times of the day. However, if a player or players tee off before the first tee time of the day or attempt to play their round in three hours or less they may catch up with maintenance staff performing their duties.

The following activities are performed daily:

- Cutting the greens
- Cutting new hole placements
- Tee block placements

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In addition, the following activities may be performed:

- Rolling the greens
- Fertilizing the greens
- Top dressing the greens
- Cutting the tees
- Over-seeding the tees

We ask players to please yield to the staff and give them the right-of-way to finish their respective tasks properly without having to rush. This will ensure that our course condition is maintained to the usual high standard and provide an enjoyable playing experience.

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Board of Directors Meeting **Greens Report 14 January 2020**

Since we put the tarps on the greens the weather has been up and down. So far this year we have had 56.6 cm of snow and 91.1 mm of rain. This has caused a lot of ice to form on our tarps but we have been monitoring them and have plowed them off 3 times so far. The last time we plowed them it took 2 full days to break all the ice and plow it off. There was an average of 3 inches of ice on all the greens. With the 48.3 mm of rain we got on Saturday we will be plowing off the greens one more time on Wednesday when the weather is a bit warmer. There is a thick ice build-up all over the course (fairways, tees, approaches), which is not ideal to have this early in the winter.

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All of our reels have been sharpened and we are currently working on our Toro equipment. One greens mower is getting a new engine put in it.

The Integrated Pest Management (IPM) report for the 2019 season is done and will be sent away for its audit this week.

Bill Hudson – Greens Superintendent