

15 October 2019 BoD Meeting

Members in Attendance

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

Staff in Attendance

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

Decision Record

1. The meeting was convened at 6:00 PM.
2. The fall General Meeting presentation was reviewed and approved. Please submit your proxy if you cannot make it to the meeting on the 23rd of October at 7 PM in the clubhouse.
3. The Greens Director and the Greens Superintendent developed a Tree Policy for the club. The Board approved it. A copy is appended.
4. The number of trees on the right-hand side of #4 fairway will gradually be reduced so as to allow for more sunlight to help promote the growth of the rough. This should help prevent balls rolling into the penalty area. A number of larger trees will be retained. Over time, the fairway and rough on the right side will be levelled to permit the addition of a cart path.

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5. The septic system alarm box next to the terrace will be lowered, such that the views to the 18th green from tables alongside the “glass wall” will be unimpeded.
6. A type of rubber traction mat will be trialed on the bridge below the putting green, before the 2020 season begins. If this type of safety matting is deemed to be acceptable, it will also be installed on the bridge that crosses the creek on the left-hand side of the 18th fairway.
7. Members may be interested in an article found by the Membership Director. If you’re wondering what tee box you should be using, this article could help:
<https://www.golfdigest.com/story/does-this-overly-simple-formula-for-figuring-out-what-yardage-you-should-play-from-actually-work>
8. The meeting adjourned at 8 PM.
9. The next meeting after the AGM on 23 October will be on Tuesday 5 November at 6 PM at Myers, to begin the 2020 budget setting process.

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Tree Policy

Introduction

According to the USGA:

“Trees are a significant component of most American golf course landscapes. Good quality tree species, planted in the proper locations, can be spectacular and functional golf course features for decades. On the other hand, poor-quality or ill-advised tree plantings can be a nightmare for the golf course and those who manage it. It is always disappointing to see new tree plantings that are destined to fail because too little thought was given to species selection and placement. Taking a casual attitude toward planting and maintaining trees without considering the long-range implications and expenses is a waste of both time and money. It takes a specialized knowledge of trees, golf course architecture, and sun angles to properly locate and arrange tree plantings, and it can be a challenging task, even for experienced professionals.”

Trees are an important asset for the Mississippi. They are a benefit to the environment and provide beauty to the golf course. They frame the course, helping to define tees, fairways, greens, and bordering properties. They also contribute to the strategy used when playing a hole. They protect golfers, not only by offering shade on those hot sunny summer days, but also from wayward golf shots. While trees are a tremendous asset, they can also

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contribute to turf problems and in some instances may pose risks to health and property. Green-side trees that drop leaves, sticks, fruit and bark lead to costly and time-consuming cleanup efforts plus frustration to the golfer trying to make that tough putt.

Over the past number of years, the Mississippi has lost a number of beautiful old mature trees to Mother Nature through wind damage and lightning strikes. We have also lost many trees to Dutch elm disease and the Emerald Ash Borer.

However, problems associated with trees can be effectively dealt with through proper care and management of the trees.

Trimming and Removing Trees

The decision to remove a tree is not taken lightly, but when a tree is infected by Dutch elm disease or the Emerald Ash Borer it must be removed.

Trees that shade playing surfaces, particularly greens, and cause turf deterioration and maintenance issues will be pruned or removed.

Trees with aggressive surface roots that are damaging turf or cart paths will be removed.

Trees that are a potential hazard or impact safety including sight lines will be trimmed or removed.

Every effort will be made to preserve trees of strategic importance to the course layout however those that interfere with play owing to overgrowth will be trimmed.

Recommended Trees for the Mississippi

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Within budget restraints, we will strive to continually replace trees lost to age, disease and weather, with the objective of maintaining a treed landscape.

Based on the soil conditions and weather at the Mississippi, the following types of trees are recommended for planting. The trees will be in the height range of 6 to 8 feet.

- Red Oak
- Amur Maple
- Hackberry
- Ivory Silk Japanese Lilac
- Greenspire Linden
- White Spruce
- White Oak

When trees are planted, adequate space must be provided between them to ensure they remain healthy, turf conditions are not impacted and golfers have plenty of room to play. The size of the tree as it matures must be considered when planting.

Financing the Planting of Trees

Each year, the Greens Superintendent and the Greens Director will determine the number of trees to be planted in the coming year. The cost of the trees, approximately \$200 each, will be budgeted for in the coming year's budget.

A member can request and pay for the planting of a tree. The location for the new tree must be mutually agreed upon with the Greens Superintendent and the member. Members wishing to purchase a tree should contact the Greens Superintendent or the

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Pro Shop, so that trees can be ordered this year for planting in the spring.

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Greens Report 15 Oct 2019

Greens- The greens will be rolled for the majority of the rest of the season and cut when needed at .140. This will allow more rooting to occur. The greens will be deep tined starting October 22nd, this should take two days. After they are deep tined we will double roll the greens to smooth them out. There are three applications of snow mould treatments to be applied to the greens; one has already been applied, the second around the first of November and the final one right before we tarp.

Tees- Tees will be cut on as needed basis. Tees still have two more applications of snow mould treatment.

Fairways- Fairways will be cut on an as needed basis. One application of snow mould treatment will be applied around November 1st, then we will not cut the fairways after that.

Trees- We are beginning to cut down dead trees and will be bringing in an arborist to help us with the more difficult ones.

We have cleaned up the brush around the putting green and bridge and have rebuilt the rock wall around the back of the clubhouse.

Clean-up- The old concrete culverts which were located in the treed area right of the gold tee box on the number one hole have been removed.