

MGC BoD Meeting Thursday 16 March 2017

Members in Attendance

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

Staff in Attendance

Dan Kolar - Manager
Bill Hudson - Greenskeeper

Decision Record

1. The meeting was convened at 6:00 PM.
2. The following items were discussed with regard to the new digitally-controlled irrigation system:
 - Bank: the Bank of Montreal will shortly be in receipt of our 2016 year-end accounting statement. Our loan approval is currently expected by the end of March.
 - Atkinson Irrigation: we anticipate signing a contract with this supplier/installer as soon as the bank loan is finalized.
 - Pumps Plus: the new vertical turbine pumps are expected to be delivered by the end of the month, so that they can be installed as soon as the new concrete floor has been poured in the pump house.
 - Pump house extension: the Municipality of Mississippi Mills approved our application to extend this facility closer to the river at a meeting held on 15 March. There were no objections from the various Municipal departments nor from the public. Authority to

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proceed is expected by 5 April. A meeting was held to finalize the construction plan. The final price from 2 contractors is expected by 20 March.

3. To qualify for the application of herbicide/pesticide/insecticide requires:
 - extensive training;
 - passing an examination; and
 - the use of full protection suits and masks.
 - Members are reminded that the application of fertilizer does not require the use of protective clothing or masks.
4. Ken Maheral is assembling a group of volunteers to install the sound dampening panels in the main lounge and the bar, likely during the weekend of 25/26 March.
5. The following 2017 projects were discussed (funding is in place as part of the Capital Plan):
 - Replacing furnace #1 in the clubhouse and purchasing a new hot water heater. Installations are complete and both systems are properly connected to the appropriate drains.
 - The existing salamander (shallow) gas oven has been dismantled and cleaned (11 hours of labour). The burners need to be replaced at a cost of about \$900.
6. The Greenskeeper's report is attached.
7. Two of the parking lot street lights require repair or replacement. The Manager is looking into retro-fitting with LED bulbs.
8. The spring 2017 Shareholders' Meeting will be held on Wednesday 26 April at 7 PM in the clubhouse. As was done last year, copies of the 2016 financial statement will be available in the Pro Shop and on the website in advance of the Spring Meeting

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(www.themississippi.ca; members log-in; Member Information; Board of Director's Meeting Minutes).

9. The Manager will come up with a price for a “barbecue your own steak” as part of a Friday afternoon green fee package.
10. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM. The date and time of the next meeting will be Thursday 13 April at 6 PM in Myers Motors boardroom.
11. If any member has a question or concern, please contact me at john.foottit@gmail.com.

John Foottit
Secretary/VP

Greenskeeper's Report

Some greens have up to 4” of ice on them. We have tried to break up as much as possible and we are blowing air under the tarps on nine greens.

Many fairways were exposed to the -30 temps this past weekend with only ice or no snow cover at all. The next four weeks will let us know how the course has wintered.

The snow mould is worse then previous years on the areas where we did not apply fungicide.

Some of our staff are taking an irrigation trouble shooting course with Toro next week, while our mechanic and assistant superintendent will attend an electrical trouble-shooting course.