

# MGC BoD Meeting Monday 19 October 2015

## Members in Attendance

Michael Mulcahy - President  
John Footitt - Secretary/VP/Acting Treasurer  
Don Green - Club Captain  
Ken Maheral - Membership  
Daryl Craig - House  
Kim Ridpath - Ladies Representative

## Staff in Attendance

Dan Kolar - Manager  
Bill Hudson - Greenskeeper

## **Decision Record**

1. The meeting was convened at 17:50 hours (5:50 PM).
2. The bill for the digital scanning of all of our paper records came in at \$850 (there were more pages than initially estimated).
3. Following the AGM, a new sub-committee will be formed to continue the negotiations for a new contract with our Manager. This initiative needs to be complete by 31 December.
4. With the surplus from its fund raising activities, the Centennial Committee purchased a new bench and paid for the rest of the flag pole installation. The Board suggested using some of the remaining funds for the production of a sample hard copy of the club history book that is being finalized for our 100th anniversary. This could be put on display in the Pro Shop so that prospective buyers can see what they are paying for. There are currently about 35 people who have signed up for a copy, but production will not be financially viable unless approximately 200 do so.
5. The Board expects a final accounting statement from the Centennial Committee to show the results of their various fund-

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raising activities. This accounting will also need to include the sale of the anniversary greens flags, which is currently being done (\$50 each), and the membership-credit raffle that is being drawn at the AGM.

6. An attempt to address the issue of slow play by logging the out/in times of all playing groups did not work because some groups understandably went directly to their vehicles following play and their end time was therefore not observed by the Pro Shop staff. The Board intends to use someone stationed outside to log all out/in/crossover times for a limited period in the spring of 2016 so that we can obtain the required data.
7. The Greenskeeper met with someone who specializes in the elimination of geese but one of their solutions will not work for us because there is a law prohibiting the use of firearms within 300 metres of a residential area. The Greenskeeper will investigate the use of dogs and their handler(s) to patrol the affected areas during spring breeding season.
8. The Club Captain suggested that a framed attestation be hung in the clubhouse to acknowledge all those who paid for the brass memorial plaques on our wooden benches.
9. The acting Finance chair advised that we are currently projected to have a surplus over budget of approximately \$100,000 by the end of our fiscal year (31 December) and that our savings account and contingency fund balances should be in the order of \$100,000 and \$56,000 respectively.
10. The Board agreed that a financial review rather than a full audit would be conducted for the 2015 fiscal year (at about half the cost).
11. The Board decided to leave our fiscal year as 1 January to 31 December.

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12. The Club Captain is currently working on our 2016 schedule (we will be hosting 3 tournaments). This schedule will include 3 Friday “nine and dine” events.
13. The Greens report is attached as a separate document.
14. The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be established after the AGM elections.
15. The meeting adjourned at 19:40 hours (7:40 PM).

John Foottit

Secretary/VP

If any member has a question or a concern, please contact me at:

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# Greens Report

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This has been a very dry fall. We have had just an inch of precipitation so far this month, which is half of the total for October last year. We had to irrigate right into October which is unusual. Our irrigation system has been blown out as of October 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Greens** – deep tine aerification is taking place this week. We will be doing a few greens each day and topdressing them as well. We are rolling more than cutting as the greens are not growing as quickly because of colder weather.

**Fairways** – have all been aerified and some have also been topdressed. Dollar spot has been very active all summer. I have not sprayed since August because of budget restraints and thus there is a lot of dollar spot showing up.

Leaves have begun to fall and this keeps us busy blowing them out of the way.

We have quite a few trees to cut this fall and will begin that around the 20<sup>th</sup> October. The majority of trees are elms which have succumbed to Dutch elm disease.

**Grubs** – Members may have noticed damage to the turf in several places caused by animals and birds digging for insects. This is because we have “white grubs”, which are beetle larvae that feed on the grass roots. We have both European chafer grubs and June beetle grubs, which result in damage at different times in spring and fall.

In July we applied the insecticide Merit to kill the grubs but did not have enough in the budget to apply everywhere, just where the damage was visible in spring. Since then damage has appeared in other areas, and we treat as we see the problem developing.

Applying insecticide is less effective at this time of year because we have to use a different spray. Merit is systemic which means the insecticide is taken up by the plants and kills the grubs when they eat, whereas at this time of year we have to

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use Sevin, which must contact the grubs directly. Also, while Merit is 90% effective, Sevin is only 60%. We don't use Merit at this time of year because it takes two to three weeks to be taken up by the plant by which time the grass will be dormant.

Bill Hudson