

MGC Board of Directors Meeting Monday 1 June 2015

Members in Attendance:

President: Michael Mulcahy
Secretary/VP/Acting Treasurer: John Footitt
Greens Chairman: Peter Beerli
Club Captain: Don Green
Membership: Ken Maheral
House Chairman: Daryl Craig
Ladies Representative: Josée Biggs

Staff in Attendance

Head Pro and Manager: Dan Kolar
Greens Superintendent: Bill Hudson

Decision Record

1. The meeting was convened at 18:00 hours.
2. It was decided not to mount a wall plaque honouring the founding members of the club for fear that one or more names would be missed. A centennial book of the club's history, currently in development, was deemed to be sufficient.
3. The Treasurer will provide a modified version of the current Capital Plan for the next Board meeting, to include sub-totals for Greens, Irrigation System, and Golf Carts, and a second version that drops golf carts (to assess the impact if we decide to lease rather than buy). The Greens Chairman and Superintendent will be meeting with potential suppliers of irrigation systems on the 11th of June to further refine our understanding of options and costs. While actively pursuing more information, the Board continues to favour a "risk averse" approach to the issue of replacing/maintaining our current, manual, system.
4. The Manager will obtain several quotes from suppliers for both the purchase and lease of golf carts. If the lease rates are competitive, this would be the favoured option as the cost would be transferred from Capital Expenditures (CAPEX) to Operating Expenditures (OPEX). The total number would likely be in the 40 to 60 range (we currently have 42 and must rent more for tournaments).

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5. The 2015 budget continues to be on track (projecting a small surplus). The Manager reported that there was a gain of \$24K in green fee and cart revenue over May of last year, probably owing to better weather.
6. A decision was taken to extend the sale of discount green fee pass booklets until 14 June to give members more time to take advantage of this sale (4 passes at \$25 each, plus tax; limit one per member). There is no expiry date associated with the use these passes.
7. It was decided to continue to have our annual audit or financial review statement delivered in its current format rather than switch to reports that are sub-divided by department.
8. The Request for Proposals (RFP) for the potential sale of our farm land was approved and will be distributed to several local realtors in the near term (our thanks to Tom Reynolds for preparing the RFP). Members are reminded that the RFP is only a means of gathering information about the asking price for the land; the realtor's commission and other costs associated with a sale; and a marketing plan, including the likely length of time necessary to sell it. No commitments to sell will be made unless a majority of a quorum of shareholders approves. This approval will likely be sought at a special meeting to be held in August.
9. The Membership Chair reported that the number of full members is now at 372, down from 383 in 2014. This represents a very slight leveling in the downward trend; a decline of 2.9% versus the 6% average of the last 2 years. Some additional members may result from a repeat of our "fall special", whereby new members may join in late summer and play the balance of the current year at no additional cost. In any case the fully privileged players now number 372; new members, including 9 from the 2014 fall special: 27.
10. The Greens Superintendent reported that:
 - The greens are being cut daily at close to summer height (.130"); verti-cutting and top dressing of the greens should start soon, weather permitting.
 - Tees have been fertilized;
 - Fairways 10, 13, 15 and the bottom part of 16 have been aerified;

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- Grub/skunk damage is being repaired; insectide will be applied in these areas later in the summer;
 - The rough is finally beginning to grow; a slightly lower height for the 2nd cut can now be considered (perhaps 1 3/4”).
11. There have been some complaints concerning the janitorial service. The Manager will speak to the cleaner.
 12. The Club Captain has scoped out the number of honorary brass bench plaques whose purpose will be retained in some fashion within the club house. A final decision on how this will be done has not yet been taken.
 13. The Manager and House Chairman will meet with the kitchen operator in the near term to discuss some complaints concerning food quality.
 14. The Manager reported that keg meters for our draft beer tanks would cost about \$4,500 for 9 lines. It was decided to defer a decision on this option until we have more experience with our new bar sales/inventory tracking system (Visual Touch).
 15. The number of “no show” and “ghost bookings” has declined dramatically in comparison to last year. Notwithstanding, there are a small number of repeat offenders. The Membership Chair will speak with them in an effort to forestall the need to level fines.
 16. The Manager will determine the cost of centennial bag tags and order-of-play “spinners” so that the options of low cost sale or giveaways can be considered.
 17. The Manager agreed to implement a new member “checklist” to ensure that all information items are covered (e.g. Golf Canada ID and password; Buzz ID and password; kitchen “funny” money; and tournament options) and that a hard copy is available to give to the new member.
 18. Our current contract with our Manager allows the use of volunteers in the bag storage area. Notwithstanding, the Manager has agreed to stop this practice until such time as the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) implications can be fully understood. The Ladies Repre-

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sentative, Josée Biggs, advised that her curling club is currently conducting a full review of this issue and that she would share the results of it as soon as these became available. WSIB questions aside, all volunteers are covered by the club's insurance (such as those that help to open the course in the spring).

19. The Secretary reminded the Board that a new contract with the Club Manager/Professional must be negotiated before the 2016 budget setting process is complete. The Manager has provided Board members with a Business/Transition plan that emphasizes club management over other activities. A Board sub-committee will be struck to deal with this issue.
20. The air conditioner in the main lounge will be replaced by the 4th week in June.
21. The meeting adjourned at 21:00 hours.
22. The next meeting of the Board will be on Monday 6 July at 18:00 hours.

John Foottit
Secretary/VP

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