

MGC BoD Meeting Wednesday 21 February 2018

Members in Attendance

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

Staff in Attendance

Dan Kolar - Manager
Bill Hudson - Greenskeeper

Decision Record

1. The meeting was convened at 6:05 PM.
2. The preliminary take on our 2107 year-end is a net income of \$10,000, but all expenses are not in yet.
3. The annual Ottawa golf show will be held at the EY Centre near the airport on Friday 9 March (noon until 8 PM) and Saturday 10 March (9 until 5 PM). We have sufficient volunteers to staff our booth for both days and a schedule has been finalized. The total cost to the club will be in the \$3-4K range. We will offer a chance to win one annual membership for those that register at the show with an e-mail address.
4. To compensate for the irrigation system construction, the club will offer a spring special of \$35 for our daily green fee rate until the end of May.

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5. A few members expressed some concern about the increase to our club storage fee. Thank you for doing so. We would be a very poor democracy if we always agreed with one another. The main reason this fee has gone up is the increase to the Provincial minimum wage. All of this fee is paid out to the “back shop” staff. Whether you use the club storage service or not, it is important to remember this is an umbrella term for a variety of services that are essential to all members, such as: cart preparation, cleaning and loading; various errands on the golf course; daytime resupply and maintenance of clubhouse and washrooms; backup for Pro Shop staff attending to other on course requirements; club cleaning and storage.
6. We are gradually going to bring back a grass over-seed program for both greens and fairways. We will begin with the former this year.
7. The new TV for displaying tournament scores has been mounted in the clubhouse.
8. A 2018 version of the Membership Guide is currently being drafted.
9. The meeting adjourned at 08:00 PM.
10. The next Board meeting will be on Thursday 22 March 2018 at Myers at 6 PM.

John Foottit
Secretary/VP

If any member has a question or a concern, please contact me at:
john.foottit@gmail.com

Greenskeeper's Report

The siding of the pump house is just about finished. We are waiting on the last bit of siding to arrive. All of our reels have been sharpened, seals and bearings replaced. All of our cutting units have been looked over and have had oil changes and filters replaced. Hydraulic lines have been inspected and replaced if needed. We still need to go over our small equipment and start oil changes and minor maintenance on our 50 golf carts next week.

Our Integrated Pest Management annual report for 2017 has been done by Kyle Hudson and sent to the IPM council of Canada. Kyle has also calculated all of the water taking for our irrigation system and the club house well and it was all sent to the Ministry of Environment. He has also redone and updated all of our training sheets for all of our machines. All staff old and new will be retrained on all the machines and they will sign the new sheets.

We have done some webinars on our irrigation system. On Feb 21 we took a full day class on the control system for our new irrigation system at the Ottawa Toro store on Carp Road.

Our Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) sheets have all been updated. A couple of us are taking a supervisor safety training day at the Ottawa Hunt Club in March. Our goose management contract has been signed for 2018.

Our nice fluffy snow has turned into hard ice on much of the course owing to all the freeze and thaw periods we have had over this winter. We have been blowing air into nine of our greens and we have been breaking ice on the greens that have it (which is most of them). If anyone is interested in volunteering to help

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open the course in the spring please leave me your name and contact info at billyh@xplornet.com or text me at 613-227-9979.