

# MGC Board of Directors Meeting Monday 27 April 2015

## Members in Attendance:

President: Michael Mulcahy  
Secretary/VP/Acting Treasurer: John Foottit  
Greens Chairman: Peter Beerli  
Club Captain: Don Green  
Membership: Ken Maheral

## 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. The final version of the Board's briefing to the Wednesday 6 May Shareholders' Meeting was approved. It will cover:
  - Membership revenue;
  - Green fee revenue;
  - Impact of greens budget cuts;
  - Greens keeping staffing levels; and
  - Capital Plan.
3. A Capital Plan is in development, to include all tangible assets costing \$1000 or more. It will be used to objectively calculate our CAPEX (capital expenditures) special assessment over the next 5 to 10 years and will be ready for a special shareholders' meeting planned for August.
4. The same venue will also be used to obtain approval to sell the farm land owned by the club adjacent to number 16 fairway. In this respect, the President will oversee the development of a Request for Proposals (RFP) that will be sent to several Realtors who are currently club members. This will provide estimates for variables such as sale price and commission amount. A Board recommendation will then be conveyed to the members.
5. Thanks to some feedback from Ray Timmons (past Secretary/VP) the amendment to section 14.2 of the bylaws was amended to read ... "any

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contract or transaction of a value exceeding 5% of the previous year's annual total revenue ..." This reflects an amendment made some years previously that reduced the value factor from 10% to 5%. This amendment is on the agenda for the Shareholders' Meeting on 6 May 2015.

6. The Board wants the members to know that the opening date decision is taken by the Board of Directors and not unilaterally by the Greens Keeper. Although the latter could have had the course ready by approximately the 23rd of April, the Board elected to delay the 2015 opening until noon on the 29th because of the forecast weather. This was a business decision; once the course opens we need a reasonable probability of offsetting our increased operating costs with green fee and bar revenue.
7. At our 23 March meeting the Board decided to waive the \$1000 initiation fee for those joining after 1 April of our centennial year. To deal with the effects of this on some members, it was decided:
  - Members' currently paying their initiation fee in installments would be expected to pay their \$200 portion for 2015 and that the balance owing after that would be waived; and
  - Members who had paid their initiation fee up front would not be compensated.
8. The Membership Chair reported that it will not be possible to determine an accurate count of members for 2015 until about mid-May because a large number have yet to pay their fees.
9. The Greens Chairman and Greens Keeper reported that:
  - No temporary greens will be required at start-up;
  - Some spring fertilizer, fungicide, and pesticide applications will be done before the opening date;
  - Aerations, verticutting, and top dressing have been done;
  - All golf carts are ready;
  - Soil and water samples have been taken and sent for analysis;
  - The first cut of rough will be kept at about 1 inch; the second at about 2 inches, thanks in part to the purchase of a new rough mower that is designed to handle uneven terrain;
  - Volunteers were most helpful in getting the course ready for this season. Thanks to Pat Ryan, Ken Kane, Don Green, Ian Edwards, Rob Anderson, Ted Campbell, Peter O'Connor, Ron Mathews, Paul Cas-

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tonguay, Ron Manson, Jack Taylor, Marcel Rochette, Bob Brien, and Trevor Hughes.

- Some ongoing volunteer work will be required for such tasks as caring for the flower beds and refilling ball washers.
10. The Greens Keeper reported that the pump house pressure relief tank could last until this fall. It will subsequently be removed and replaced with a pressure relief valve.
  11. Our wooden benches will gradually be replaced with composites that are not suitable for mounting brass plaques. The advertising on the new benches will come from corporate sponsors. The Club Captain will organize a clubhouse memorial wall display to recognize those who paid for the original brass plaques used on some of our wooden benches.
  12. The kitchen operator, Wendy, is amenable to stocking food items appropriate to non-traditional diets (e.g. Vegan) if the interested members will speak to her in advance about their needs. These items will not be listed on the pre-set menu.
  13. A formula for bar prices has been determined by the House Chair and the Manager, as follows (all price formulas do not include tax):
    - Our wine servings will remain at about 6 ounces;
    - Our selection of wines will be reduced from 28 to approximately 14;
    - Wine by the bottle will be sold at twice cost;
    - Wine by the glass will be sold at 2.5 times cost;
    - Liquor by the glass will be sold at 3 times cost;
    - Beer cans and coolers will be sold at twice cost;
    - Draft beer will be sold at 1.7 times cost; and
    - Prices are typically rounded to the nearest 25 cents (tax included) to make it easier for the bartenders and providing change.
  14. The President renewed an offer to the Ladies' Executive to have a non-voting position on the Board of Directors, at least until such time as a bylaw change can be contemplated. It is understood that this will be discussed amongst the female members at an upcoming meeting.
  15. The General Manager will investigate the cost of keg meters (digital draft beer monitoring systems).

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16. A new provincial law is now in effect which prohibits smoking anywhere food is being served, including outdoor areas. Our patio tables will have appropriate “no smoking” signs placed on them.
17. The Secretary will arrange to have our full, legally required, Code of Conduct placed on the club house bulletin boards. A short summary will also be posted: “All members, green fee players, visitors, and staff shall treat this course and each other with care and respect. Violators may be subject to disciplinary action, including loss of playing privileges, at the discretion of the Board of Directors.” Members are reminded that should they encounter a problem with a staff member, they must deal with it through the Manager, Dan Kolar.
18. The Centennial Committee has purchased a TV for raffle and is also raffling \$1000 towards a 2016 membership.
19. The meeting adjourned at 20:55 hours.
20. The next meeting of the Board will be on Monday 1 June at 18:00 hours.
21. The spring 2015 Shareholders’ Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 6 May at 19:00 hours (7 p.m.).

John Foottit  
Secretary/VP

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