

October 27th 2020 BOD Meeting

Members in Attendance

John Stanton – President
Brian Bond – Treasurer
Grant Reader – House Director
John Foottit
Chris Valentine – Secretary Vice President
Don Mcleay – Greens Director
Judy Spencer – Ladies’ Representative
Tom Reynolds
Mike Clarkson – Membership
Chris St. Germain – Finance
Gary Hobin – Club Captain

Staff in Attendance

Dan Kolar – Manager
Bill Hudson – Superintendent
Kyle Hudson – Assistant Superintendent

Decision Record

1. The meeting convened at 6PM.

2. Finance Summary

“The financial progress of the Club through September and into October continues to meet expectations and the projected year end as discussed in the Fall Shareholders Meeting Presentation is still on target.

This Club will be exercising our option to buy the first 40 golf carts as they come off lease at the end of this week and will likely do the same for the additional 10 carts when their lease expires next year.”

3. The current tee time lottery continues to be a real issue with not being fair and with the increased memberships for next season this needs to be addressed. We will look at other systems and other clubs to try and find the best set up for the Miss. It was brought to our attention that people feel the system is not completely random with some names getting the better earlier times consistently.

4. We are looking into keeping the tent up for another week or 10 days and the cost etc.
5. We will look at hiring adults for the bar cart next season, so we do not lose our servers when school starts in the fall
6. We are reviewing the decision to not allow guests at certain times, this will be decided after the budget comes through at our next meeting, this will also affect if we will have a cap on Membership numbers. We are also looking at ways to make sure members pay their fees on time, either with a bonus of some kind or penalty if they are late of the normal spring dates. Last season there were over 100 late payments from members.
7. We discussed the possibility of new seed spreaders but with cost and Covid that is not possible at this time, could be brought up again at any time.
8. No decision on new toilets currently either.
9. We continue to look at the terrace possibilities and/or extending the patio as well, this could help if we also decided to accept other events next year such as weddings in the building.
10. The Greenskeeper's report has been attached.
11. All leaving board members were thanked for their time and effort over their terms and John was especially shown appreciation as the out going VP. He has held the position for 6 years and been invaluable to the Miss' continued growth and well-being, he will be missed!
12. Next Meeting November 10th 2020

Board of Directors Meeting
Greens Report - October 27, 2020

All of our greens have been deep tined and we have applied our first application of snow mould fungicide on the greens. Our tees, fairways and surrounds will be done later in the week. Then the final application will be done right before we tarp the greens. We will be doing our slit drains on some greens in the coming weeks. We plan on starting to tarp November 9th. We will be sodding the worn area on the putting green.

We have taken the Junipers out of the garden beside the putting green and will be rebuilding the middle wall in the coming weeks.

All tee signs have been removed and benches will be removed by the end of the week.

The maintenance Quonset hut corrosion at the base of the east and south walls has been repaired with new cement footings.

We will be participating in two research projects this winter. One is with the Belchim Corporation and it is a snow mould fungicide trial. It will be done on the 14th fairway in the area marked out by the small white flags. There are 42 other golf courses across Canada participating in the research and we are one of only three courses in the Ottawa area. The other project is with the University of Minnesota on winter stresses on golf greens. We will be closely monitoring and collecting data from three greens weekly over the winter months.

We would like to thank Bruce and Jane Anne Milligan for their donation of rubber matting.

Bill Hudson,
Greens Superintendent

We have started planning our annual tarping exercise and are asking for eight volunteers to assist. We plan on starting to tarp on November 9. A Covid-19 Tarping Protocol is attached for your information. The protocol must be followed to ensure the safety of the member volunteers and the Greens staff.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Bill Hudson at either 613-227-9979 or billyh@xplornet.com and let him know which days you are available.

Don McLeay,

Greens Director



COVID-19 Protocol for Tarping

Note that this Protocol is intended to be used during the 2020 closure of the course and the tarping of greens by the Greens employees and Club member volunteers.

It will be posted on the Club's website.

Introduction

The Mississippi Golf Club has the obligation to maintain a safe and healthy environment for our member volunteers and employees during the tarping of the greens.

To ensure the safety of everyone at the Mississippi during this COVID-19 pandemic these procedures have been developed. They have been designed to minimize contact with surfaces and to ensure physical distancing as much as possible between volunteers and Greens employees.

Volunteers are expected to comply with the following procedures in this protocol. Failure to do so puts you and others at risk.

- To protect the safety of others, please do not volunteer to assist if you are in self-isolation or exhibit any of the COVID-19 symptoms.
- The club will provide disinfectant products including paper face masks for use by volunteers.
- We expect to start tarping at approximately 09:00 am on November 09 and expect to take two days to complete.
- Volunteers are asked to arrive in the Club parking lot at about 8:45 am each day.
- For transportation, each volunteer will be assigned a club golf cart for the day. If a volunteer assists on the following day they are to use their originally assigned cart. Please remember your cart number.

- Volunteers are asked to bring their own hammer and if not, they will be assigned one. They will also be provided a pail with their name on it which will be full of nails for anchoring of the slats.
- To ensure physical distancing only one person will work on a slat at a time.
- It is not always possible to maintain physical distancing during tarping, so when a 2-meter distance cannot be maintained volunteers and Greens staff must wear a mask.
- Volunteers will not be permitted in the main maintenance building therefore volunteers will be required to eat lunch in their vehicles.
- The clubhouse washroom facilities will be open for use by the volunteers.