

29 May 2019 BoD Meeting

Members in Attendance

John Stanton - President
John Foottit - Secretary/Vice President
Tom Reynolds - Membership
Brian Bond - Treasurer
Don McLeay - Greens
Dave Evans - House

Staff in Attendance

Dan Kolar - Manager
Bill Hudson - Greenskeeper
Kyle Hudson - Assistant Greenskeeper

Decision Record

1. The meeting was convened at 6:00 PM.
2. We have a larger than normal number of people who have yet to pay their full membership, apparently owing to the late season start. We expect to be able to provide an update on both the financial and membership situations by the end of June.
3. The Buz system continues to have some IT problems that have not yet been resolved. We have a work-around that is functional. As a temporary measure, you can log onto the booking form at: www.mississippigolfclub.org:8089 Use the same digital ID and password that you have used in the past. If you can't recall what those are, please call the Pro Shop at 613-257-3396.
4. We are pleased to announce that green fee players can now book on-line through a separate Visual Golf system. An announcement to this effect was made on the 30th of May

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through Ottawa Golf. Further details are available on the Ottawa Golf website (ottawagolf.com).

5. It was agreed that the Manager will place a colour information brochure explaining membership options and prices in each tournament cart for all future events.
6. A letter has been sent to the President of the Royal Ottawa Board of Directors thanking him for their club's generous invitation to have interested Mississippi members play at their club, at no charge, when we were unable to open. A similar invitation was extended to the Royal Ottawa for the 2019 season.
7. The Greenskeeper's report is attached, detailing both normal maintenance and flood/ice damage activities.
8. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM. Our next meeting will be Wednesday 3 July at 06:00 PM at Myers.

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Secretary
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Greens Report

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Introduction

This report is broken down into two sections. The first section will deal with what would be considered usual course maintenance activities under normal conditions. The second section will deal with work associated with repairing the damage caused by the spring flooding of the Mississippi.

We have experienced a lot of ice damage on our fairways this past winter, however compared to other courses in this area we have been fortunate, particularly with our greens. Many courses have extensive fairway and greens damage which has led to a lack of grass seed from suppliers. We have what we need.

Two course updates were sent out to the membership on April 23, 2019 and May 1, 2019 detailing completed work and a summary of flood damage.

Normal Maintenance Activities

Since the last report to the Board on April 4, 2019 the following work has been completed:

- The normally scheduled cutting of the rough, tees and greens.
- All greens, except for the 8th, have been aerated, top dressed and rolled.
- The hedge in front of the tees on the 5th was cut down.
- The hedge on the green side of the 5th was trimmed.

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- A number of tree stumps were ground down.
- The three small areas in the rough which had grub damage have been sprayed.
- The spring cleanup with the help of many dedicated volunteers has been completed.
- Fairways and approaches that are sufficiently dry have been over-seeded as well as the tees and the driving range teeing area. Some fairways and approaches have been over-seeded twice. However, warmer weather is required to promote faster germination and growth.
- All fairways have been fertilized once, while damaged areas have been fertilized twice.
- The hedge by the pull cart storage area has been removed.
- The bushes in the creek in front of the 10th Gold tee have been cut down.
- The monitoring for bugs began the week of the 20th. To date the 9th, 11th and 12th fairways as well as the top of the 3rd fairway have been sprayed for Black Turfgrass Ataenius beetle.
- The testing of the total irrigation system has been completed. One damaged elbow has been replaced.
- Four of the seven blow-out valves on the irrigation system have been replaced and the others are scheduled to be completed by the end of May. This work is being done free of charge by Atkinson.

Repair of Flood Damage

The flooding this year was the worst we have ever experienced at the Mississippi. Extensive flood damage was experienced on both the back nine and areas of the front nine. All costs, labour and material, associated with repairs resulting from the flooding are being tracked.

The covered bridge is still standing. However, there is significant washout damage to the paved cart path at both ends. This has compromised the safety of the bridge and will require extensive repairs. The bridge has been blocked off and signage has been posted regarding the bridge as well as instructions on how to proceed from the 5th tee to green.

To date, the following repairs have been completed:

- The washed out bridge on left-hand side of the 18th has been repositioned.
- The washed out 8-inch irrigation line across the 18th fairway has been re-buried.
- The washed out right-hand cart path on the 18th has been repaired.
- Cath paths on the 3rd and the 16th have had stone dust added.
- Many asphalt and cart-path washouts over culverts have been repaired.

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- The small culvert from the 17th blue tee to the fairway has been worked on.
- The 4th white tee has been re-sodded due to ice and water damage.
- The washed out cart path over the culverts on the right side of the 1st has been repaired. As part of the repair three new culverts have been installed. This will provide additional protection to the path in the event of future flooding. Additional cement work has been completed as part of the installation of the new culverts. This is necessary and a priority as it will allow for a cement truck to cross the creek and access the covered bridge for repairs.

Within the next two or three days, work will start on the repairs to the covered bridge and is expected to take two to three weeks to complete. Also work will commence on repairs to several damaged approaches and damaged areas from the flooding, particularly along the creeks.

Bill Hudson – Greens Superintendent

Don McLeay – Director of Greens