## 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.
- Although a small number of expenses are not yet in, our yearend financial picture looks essentially the same as it did in 2016. Given the spring weather, this is very positive. In terms of cash on hand, our basic accounts are \$29K ahead of last year.
- 3. The total irrigation system cost estimates remain on track.
- 4. The Treasurer circulated a copy of the club's Capital plan, with a view to updating it over the next few weeks.
- 5. By the end of 12 January, all membership invoices will have been sent.

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- 6. We have 21 new members for 2018 so far; all joined under the 2017 fall special. Additional new members are anticipated in the spring. Losses will be known at about that time.
- 7. We will participate in the Ottawa Golf Show in early March, highlighting our renovations and the new irrigations system. In addition, those green-fee players purchasing a coupon from the show can bring 4 to the course for the price of 3. Members who have video or pictures of the club that could be used to decorate the booth are encouraged to submit them to the Manager. In addition, should you wish to volunteer to staff the booth, please advise the Manager of your availability.
- 8. The purchase of all the stone "hole information" tablets has been completed at a price of \$5,739. Future revenue from advertising will accrue to the club.
- 9. A notice will be framed over the water fountain on the main level to draw peoples' attention to forthcoming events: "Members are encouraged to check on all club events and tournaments. Notices and registration information are posted in the Members lounges downstairs."
- 10. We will allow 5-day "afternoon only" members to participate in the club opening and closing tournaments upon paying the appropriate green fee and entry fee but the 5-day members so doing will not qualify for any further competitive team events. A reminder: 5-day members can participate in the morning Sunshine Boys or Ladies Thursday Morning League by paying a premium of \$200 per year.
- 11. The meeting adjourned at 07:45 PM.
- 12. The next Board meeting will be on Wednesday 21 February 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

We stopped work on the installation of the irrigation lines during the last week of November as it was getting hard to clean up. Ninety (90) percent of the main lines are done on the front 9. The two road crossing lines are complete, but only one is hooked up. Number 7 fairway and green are complete but still need to be cleaned up better. The holes that still need to be completed are: 1,2,3,4,5,6,8,9, chipping green, putting green, number 10 tee and number 18 from creek to green. That being said, we are done virtually all the "rock work", so the completion of these distribution lines should be low risk.

In the spring, 95% of the back nine will be watered using the new lines and the majority of the front nine will be watered using our existing lines. Each hole will be changed over to the new system as it is individually completed. The new pumps are installed and the inside of the pump house is done (exterior siding to go). The 10" pipe is completed and tied in to the pump house.

We have begun sharpening all 27 of our reel mowers, changing oil seals and replacing bearings if needed. The reels need to be replaced on our oldest fairway unit (this means they must be completely taken apart). All our units have oil and filters changed. As in recent years, each will have hydraulic lines removed, inspected and, if needed, replaced (to reduce the odds of a fluid spill). Our rough unit is 3 years old and needs most bushings replaced.

We have begun our 2017 Integrated Pest Management (IPM) report. This will be sent into the IPM Council by Ian Edwards by the end of January. Also the daily water-taking for the irrigation system and the club house must be sent in by the end of February. We will be sending employees to a 2-day seminar put on by the Ottawa Valley Turfgrass Association as we need to get IPM education points each year to keep our accreditation with the IPM Council of Canada. Starting in February, we are taking some irrigation system seminars; they will be held at the golf course.

We are also re-doing our Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for all of our products (fertilizers, pesticides, oils, penetrants, paints, silicones, cleaners, fuels, grease, batteries and glues).

We are blowing air into nine of our greens bi-weekly. As of this date, there is just a nice layer of fluffy powder on top of the greens.