

Members in Attendance

John Stanton Jr. - President
John Foottit - Secretary/VP
Tom Reynolds - Finance
Don Green - Club Captain
Dave Evans - House

Staff in Attendance

Dan Kolar - Manager
Bill Hudson - Greens keeper

Decision Record

1. The meeting was convened at 18:05 hours (6:05 PM).
2. To bring the membership up to date: a vote was taken at a special shareholders meeting on Thursday 28 January 2016 to accept an offer to purchase our surplus farmland for \$352,000 (\$352K). The vote was 95 in favour and 13 opposed. The net proceeds after expenses (e.g. capital gains tax and realtor's fee) should be in the \$280K to 290K range, but the final amount is not yet known. These funds will be put into our capital reserve fund.
3. The club owns a small weather autostation that is currently on the farmland that has been sold. It will be relocated to the road allowance.
4. About 35 singles and 17 couples took advantage of our credit card payment option. Currently, we have gained 11 new members, but 20 members have left the club, for a net loss of 9. However, many members have not returned from their

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winter holiday, so a final count is not yet possible (we had about 373 members in 2015).

5. The Manager will arrange with Buzz to provide a demonstration to the Board of their green fee player booking system prior to the start of the 2016 season.
6. Our 2015 year-end financial picture is not yet available, but the Treasurer currently estimates our profit to be in the \$130,000 range (plus or minus \$20,000). Whatever the final amount turns out to be, \$100,000 will go into our capital reserve and the balance, if any, will go into our operating contingency fund (currently at \$56,000).
7. The re-write of our Bylaws continues to be a work in progress. We are trying to determine how to convert to a non-share capital corporation so that active members are the only ones that will have a say in the operation of the club. The other issue concerns a spending cap. We currently are limited to 5% of the previous years' gross revenue for any single transaction (about \$55,000). This number is too low in the Board's view because the cost of items such as greens keeping equipment has gone steadily up over time. For example, grass cutters can now cost in the \$70K range. There is a second Bylaw that restricts the over all borrowing to a fixed dollar amount. This number, unfortunately, has been out of date for many years and it contains references to dollar amounts (such as the mortgage), that bear no resemblance to reality. The Bylaw has therefore been ignored by this Board and many others preceding it because it would not allow any spending if it were followed to the letter. In any case, the need for it needs to thought through before we proceed further.
8. The Board discussed the Limited Membership category and decided to continue with a 15% discount for the ladies (in

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acknowledgement of the loss of playing opportunities on Thursday afternoons (Mens' Night), but elected to remove the 5% discount for the men because Ladies' Night is much later in the day and does not take up very many tee times.

9. The President will shortly be distributing a letter via e-mail to all members asking for volunteers to lead a marketing program that will be centered on our web site and other digital media.
10. The Board decided to refurbish the upstairs and downstairs washrooms prior to the opening of the 2016 season. The upstairs counters will be replaced with granite, while both upstairs and downstairs will be fitted with single lever taps and new soap dispensers. An older set of paper towel dispensers will be installed again in an effort to reduce the amount of scrap paper on the floors.
11. The Manager will follow up with all members who have not paid by the 1st of April. It was also decided that any member who has not paid in full by 1 May will be denied playing privileges.
12. The Board wishes to remind you that the weekend tee time lottery is normally completed by 9 AM on Wednesday morning. Following the completion of the lottery, members can book up to 3 guests into any available weekend slot. This has to be done by phoning the Pro Shop as the Buz system software cannot accommodate this functionality.
13. The club intends to proceed with a project to measure the start, cross-over, and finish times for all tee-time groupings over a fixed period of time in the spring of 2016 (probably not more than a month). The goal is to acquire objective data that

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can be used to discuss the importance of the pace of play with those groups that are identified as “slow”.

14. It was decided to switch to a trial of a “back nine” start after the spring frost delays are over. The advantages of this are perceived to be:
 - the proximity of the driving range to the first tee box;
 - the Pro Shop can still see the tee box if certain foliage is kept trimmed, although more reliance on the members will be required to sort out any confusion in the playing order;
 - All players will finish beside the club house. With the conversion of the dining room to a lounge bar and an upgrade of the patio, there will be a visual attraction for more members and green fee players to stop in after their game; and
 - The Greens keeper will be able to cut the green on the current hole # 2 and the tee on the current hole # 3 without incurring any noise complaints from the nearby residents.
15. The club is applying for a Canadian Wildlife Service permit to move goose nests and will contract with Acron Goose Management to show the greens keeping staff how to locate the nests.
16. In 2015 the pace of play was slowed considerably on those days when an insufficient number of carts was available (people had to wait for one to come in before they could proceed). The Greens Chair and Greens keeper will therefore investigate the cost of increasing our cart fleet from 40 to 50. This number should be sufficient to handle normal traffic.

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17. Members are invited to submit suggestions to the Secretary on improving the pace of play, for discussion at our spring Annual General Meeting (AGM).
18. A report from our Greens keeper is attached, as is a reminder of our various membership, green fee, and cart rental charge rates.
19. The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be on Saturday 20 February 2016 at 11:00 hours (11 AM), specifically to review the details of the construction of our new lounge bar and the upgrade of our patio. The cost of this work will be considerably under the Board's current spending cap.
20. The meeting adjourned at 20:25 hours (8:25 PM).

John Foottit/Secretary/VP

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

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Greens keeper's Report

This is shaping up to be a tough winter on turf. The freeze-thaw cycles have been numerous and this is hard on the grass especially poa annua which is the most prominent species of grass because of the age of the course. We have been able to get rid of the majority of the ice off most of the greens but there remains quite a bit on greens that had more snow on them. We are still not sure what the grass looks like underneath the tarps. It is good that they are covered with tarps now that the cold and windy weather is returning.

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We have a grub problem, mainly European chaffers and Japanese beetles. These species mate and lay their eggs in mid summer, mainly from mid June to mid August. The eggs hatch in 2-3 weeks and begin feeding. The grubs grow quickly and become nearly full sized by fall, feeding until late November when the ground starts to freeze. They emerge in early spring and continue feeding until mid June to early July when they pupate, the process reoccurs.

The larger the grub the harder they are to kill. That is why spring treatments don't work as well as summer preventative or fall curative. Late last July, after seeing the grub damage that had been done the fall before and spring, we applied an insecticide to those areas affected. This worked well but the problem was that many other areas became infected. This spring we will have to treat all affected areas. This is an expensive product so only spot treatments will be done.

Susan our long time gardener is retiring. We will have to find another person to fill her shoes along with an irrigation person. We will be bringing in some additional revenue in the coming weeks - sharpening the mowers from other courses (22 from Arnprior golf course and 9 from White Sands).

Bill Hudson

2016 RATES

NOTE: All Rates are +
HST

18 Holes

18 Hole Green Fee (Public)	\$47.00
18 Hole (Guest of member)	\$45.00

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Twilight (after 1pm daily)	\$30.00
Monday Twilight Special (after 12pm)	\$30.00
Twilight (after 4pm daily)	\$22.00
Junior twilight (under age 16 after 4pm daily)	\$10.00

9 Holes

9 Hole Green Fee (Public and Guest of Member)	\$30.00
9 Hole Twilight after 1pm (Guest of member)	\$25.00
Men's/Ladies night (Guest of member)	\$25.00

Power Cart

18 holes (Member)	\$30.09
18 holes (Public)	\$32.00
9 holes (Member)	\$16.81
9 holes (Public)	\$18.00
Men's'/Ladies' night (9 holes)	\$12.83
18 Hole Single Rider (Member)	\$22.57
18 Hole Single Rider (Public)	\$24.00
9 Hole Single Rider (Member)	\$12.83
9 Hole Single Rider (Public)	\$13.00

Twilight Cart (With Purchase of a Green Fee)
\$20.00

Power Cart Packages:

1 st Member Cart Card	20 x 9 holes	\$240.00
2 nd Member Cart Card	20 x 9 holes	\$225.00
3 rd Member Cart Card **	20 x 9 holes	\$210.00
4 th Member Cart Card	20 x 9 holes	\$195.00
5 th Member Cart Card	20 x 9 holes	\$180.00
6 th Member Cart Card	20 x 9 holes	\$165.00
7 th Member Cart Card	20 x 9 holes	\$150.00

*** Members with a medical certificate would start at \$210 for their first cart card.*

Single Rider members with cart packages can pay \$5 for a second nine (instead of using a ticket)

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Reciprocal Agreements: (Excluding carts) (*Reciprocals not yet confirmed for 2016*)

Arnprior	\$25.00
Brockville	\$30.00
Outouais	\$25.00
Perth	\$20.00
Renfrew (\$40 + HST with cart)	\$25.00

Arrange tee times through the Mississippi Pro Shop 2 days in advance.



2016 MISSISSIPPI GOLF CLUB FEE STRUCTURE

Memberships for 2016

Single:	Membership fee **	\$1,510.00
	Food Money *	150.00
	Club Storage *	90.00
	Golf Canada HDCP *	27.50
	TOTAL:	\$1,777.50

Couple:	Membership fee **	\$2,660.00
	Food Money *	300.00
	Club Storage *	180.00
	Golf Canada HDCP *	55.00
	TOTAL:	\$3,195.00

Limited Play:	Membership fee ***	\$1,100.00
	Golf Canada HDCP *	27.50
	TOTAL:	\$1,127.50

Junior: (limited availability, includes Golf Canada card)

Age:	10 - 18	\$418.00
	10 - 18	378.00 (if parent is a member)

Intermediate: (limited availability, includes Golf Canada card)

Age:	19-29	\$1,027.50
	30-39	1,127.50
	19-29	777.50 (Full Time attendance in School)

- Copy of proof of age is required for junior and intermediate members (attach copy of birth certificate)

- Intermediate members qualify for a \$150 discount if parent(s) is a member, or if applicant is a past junior member.

- All fees are subject to HST where applicable

* Compulsory charges.

** Membership fee includes annual assessments of \$300

*** Limited Play membership available for play Monday to Friday after 12pm. Ladies get a 15% discount due to men's night on Thursdays

FOR ADDITIONAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION, or TO JOIN, PLEASE CONTACT:

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