

Golf Board Minutes

June 10, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 by Chairman Mike Bartlett at Hillsview Clubhouse. Present at the meeting were Bartlett, Kristy Hepper, Karla Baus, Michael Keeton, Bill Gordon, Scott Bothun, Carin Hayn, Bryan Tipton, Adam Kulesa, Tom Farnsworth, and Vona Johnson.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from last meeting was made by Bothun, seconded by Gordon, motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the agenda by Bothun, and seconded by Hepper, Motion carried. There was one correction of HLGA report (should be Baus versus Bothun).

Head Golf Professional Report- Carin Hayn: Hayn started out with congratulations to the Pierre HS Girls placing 5th in the state tournament. Her tourney report included the OMGA 2 Man was rescheduled and had 44 players. The Junior Achievement was rescheduled and had 20 teams and the weather was great. For June, the Chamber tourney was held on June 6th with 22 teams/ 88 players. Today they had a Junior tour with four different age groups of around 60 players, and tomorrow there is a small 9-hole tournament with the SD Realtors with 9-4 person teams. This shouldn't affect Tuesday Ladies night as they will tee off on the back nine. Saturday is the OMGA's one-man scramble and the Class of 1979 will be having a small reunion golf outing. June 27th will be the first HLGA tourney of the year with a 5:30 shotgun start that Thursday evening.

The rounds report is attached with 3087 rounds played. YTD this figure is 1607 rounds behind last year. For May alone, we are 1585 rounds behind, but not much we can do about the weather. The staff monitored some "pace of play" figures and for the most part the rounds are generally under 4 hours (unless the course had restrictions such as cart path only, or if they are really busy).

Hayn added that the Jr. Golf program filled up nicely. The first session is June 17-21.

Superintendent Report- Bryan Tipton: Tipton said they were happy to get the new hedge in on #8 which most of us who have golfed have seen. They are working on the last fairway bunker tomorrow then that project will be wrapped up. It is quite the process of removing the old sand, working on the drain tile, then putting the new sand back in. All the green side bunkers were done last year after starting the process in 2017. They are very pleased with the results after the rainfall tests we have been receiving. Tipton did some research and the labor they have saved with doing the repairs themselves is over \$20,000.

The new fountain is installed and currently they are running it from 7 am to 9pm (on a timer). They use minimal electricity for this. Bartlett asked about the life of the motor and Tipton said we should get 10+ years from the motor.

Director of Parks and Recreation Report- Tom Farnsworth: Farnsworth discussed the feature story on the golf course working with the SD Department of Corrections that turned out nice. There have been no complaints, and Commissioner Johnson added that no news is good news.

Old Business:

SDGA- the report was attached to the agenda with some slight changes. These are already live on the GHIN system and will be on the new score cards Hayn added.

Hendrickson update- Bothun informed the board that the tree has been planted. The stone will be coming shortly and Tipton said they will handle getting this put in.

New score cards- The proofs will be in tomorrow and Hayn said they will get about 15,000 ordered. The cards will be 8x6 with advertising so there is no cost to the course.

Season pass sales to date- Hayn discussed the attached reports. Total sales equal 386 compared to 410 for total 2018 figures. 11 more have been added in June. The cart rental plans are looking positive this year, while the private carts gradually decrease each year. More people are inclined to use the rental program each year. There are 8 outstanding private cart fees still outstanding, they are working on getting these up-to-date.

Maintenance updates/Priorities: Tipton said they had a rough start to the month with some employees out sick. One thing that has helped is the minimal watering they have had to do on the course. There was a big surge of growth in the rough and it has been difficult getting the mowing done but they are doing the best they can. They have been using cores/plugs from aerification to fill low spots on the course.

A priority for them is fixing some old irrigation trenches/drain tile lines where there is some water sitting out on the course after rainfall, the worst is on hole 10, with #1 and #9 have some issues also. With Lake Oahe, there were some concerns about water creeping in. The Lake level was down 17 inches though, and there are some issues with the smell of the rotting grass on the back nine. The carp was cleaned up.

New Business:

Twilight Golf- Kulesa lead the discussion by sharing ideas to add this feature to Hillsvievw to increase usage of the course during slow times. Hayn added her comments about slow times on the course. After much discussion it was motioned by Gordon, and seconded by Hepper to add for the Month of July, twilight golf after 5pm on Saturdays and Sundays. The prices will be \$35 for 18 holes (with a cart) and \$20 for 9 holes (with a cart). Full prices are \$52 and \$35 respectively. The motion was carried.

Golf rock by #14: We only have one left to sell. Tipton will get the numbers for the engraving. Hepper suggested to put it out on Facebook, and spread the word that way as well to generate some interest. Tipton said he could take some pictures.

Reports from HLGA. Baus reported that our first tournament is a 4-Person scramble on June 27th. Numbers have been great for Tuesday evening play and the sign up on Facebook is working very well.

No report from OMGA, other than Hayn added that they did start their match play tourney that lasts well into the season.

Other- It was brought up that we are missing our secretary position with Fuller's resignation. Bartlett asked for volunteers and there was not any. We will see who volunteers to take the minutes next time.

With no further business, at 6:24 it was motioned by Bartlett, and seconded by Gordon to adjourn, motion carried. The next meeting will be July 1st at the clubhouse.

Respectively submitted,

Kristy Hepper, Vice Chairman