

GOLF BOARD MEETING

April 12, 2017

Wednesday

Opening: The meeting was called to order by Golf Board member John Robinson at 4 pm.

In Attendance: Jim Willey, Melvin Newell and John Robinson – Golf Board, Andy Hollis – County Manager, Chuck Callahan – County Council, Owen Sutherland – HN General Manager, Rick Stacey – HN Superintendent, Suzanne Bannan –Head Golf Professional, John Bartlett- Pro Shop Manager.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Sand Traps – discussion held about on-going issue with better drainage for the sand traps.
- Chipping Green and approach were over seeded in fall and will over seeded this spring.
- Holes 16 and 18 will have new drains for the low areas in fairways.
- 1st Tee Program – Fund raiser to be help at the Talbot Country Club. Currently looking for a local leader. Discussion held regarding the 1 st Tee Program with one problem being is that it is currently set up as the “Baltimore City 1st Tee”. Looking to start a new chapter for the “Eastern Shore”.
- RT 50 signage – Currently collecting pricing for new signage, addressing zoning issues, signage options and location of signage were all discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Financials – discussion held regarding current financial report. Over-all consensus was that the financial report was outstanding and the course is currently going in the right direction.
- JOHN BARTLETT:
 - Reported that there are still some connection problems with the new system but is getting better.
 - Currently the course has 185 season pass holders.

- John reported that the week of April 18th, the course will have an AM & PM Marshall in addition to an AM Starter.
- CHUCK:
 - Reported that the County Council has put in the budget \$418,500 for sand traps for FY 18.
 - The County Council has authorized equipment purchase as of July 1, 2017. Equipment to be purchased is a sweeper and mower.

- Bridge on Signature hole # 17 – Quotes are being received. Golf board funds to be used, \$3,800. Work to be done by county employees, Brian Moore and crew.

- SUZANNE:
 - Clinics for ladies being held every Wednesday evening.
 - Masters Event had three golfers participate. Will do again next year with some minor adjustments.
 - Mixers planned for upcoming season.
 - Suzanne shared a “2017 Monthly Event Dates” schedule at meeting. A copy is attached.
 - Suzanne reported that she has been spending a lot of time on course meeting people and getting on course feed-back.

- OWEN:
 - Scholarship program discussed.....
 - Café discount - discussion held on procedure.....
 - Signage for café – doing well, staffing for cart
 - Premium beers currently being served – Dog Fish, IPA & Devils Backbone.
 - New scoreboard planned – Kelly Distributors may sponsor the new scoreboard.
 - New advertiser – “DOC’s” for the Tee Box Signage.
 - Looking into new Patio furniture.

- RICK:
 - Sand for traps priced at “York”, 22 tons, approximate cost \$1,124.00.

- Towels for “Tee Boxes” bought locally and (hand-made) by maintenance staff approximate savings \$100.00.
- New aluminum cups and new (shorter) flag sticks have been purchased. Shorter flag sticks provide better stability.
- Currently maintenance staff is starting at 6 am.
- Fairways will be fertilized the week of April 18th.
- Fairways currently being cut at “130”, about ¼ inch.
- Fairways and tee boxes will be aerated the week of April 18th.
- Tees and Fairways have been sprayed with herbicide.
- Irrigation pumps are up and running.
- Woods (selected areas) will be sprayed with round-up.
- Current staffing – Six individuals, 3 regular Full time employees and two employees (2-3 days per week) and George Bodmer the assistant superintendant.

John Robinson made motion to accept minutes for the March 2017 meeting, seconded by Mel Newell.

Next Meeting Date and Time: Wednesday, May 10th, at 4 pm

Mel Newell made motion that meeting be adjourned, seconded by John Robinson.

Respectfully Submitted: Carl Sauca