

## GOLF BOARD MEETING

Monday – September 11, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Golf Board President, Jim Willey at 3 pm.

In Attendance: John Robinson, Jane Kasper, Jim Willey Golf Board, Rich Setter- GM/PGA, Owen Sutherland – Superintendent, Fran Vinski -MHNGA, and Dick Kemp – MHNGA and Mark Herrmann PGA.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Motion by Jane Kasper to accept minutes, seconded by John Robinson.

Agenda Items -

1. **Golf Course Financial Update** – Rich reported that thru July labor was \$17,000 less than compared to same period 2018. Expenses for same period were \$ 12,000 less overall. Jane presented three separate revenue charts which tracked both Revenue and Expenses for current year. Discussion held regarding these charts. Copies of charts are attached. John Robinson suggested that Angela Lane be invited to the October golf board meeting to discuss current revenue trends. Rich will invite Angela.
2. **Sand in Bunkers** – Owen stated that there is still a critical labor issue which hampers his ability to do all the work that is necessary. Maintenance tried to rake the bunkers three times a week. A few of the traps do need extra “premium” sand and he plans to work on this project next week.
3. **Cafe Performance** – Rich stated that he does not have access to cafe system. He did state that Jordan is happy with the cafe and does desire to renew contract for 2020. A question was asked about who was responsible to clean the pavilion. Rich stated that it is Jordan's responsible to clean pavilion when he is catering an event. He also stated that groups can choose who they wish to cater their event. The course does recommend Jordan but a group can select an outside caterer if they wish..
4. **Golfers Comments** – The issue of the rough height was raised. Owen stated that the cutting height was raised to 5 inches for the summer. Any lower height would have resulted in the rough burning up. He stated that the rough mower height will be lowered for the fall. Owen said he is dealing with different grasses in the rough which makes it difficult to select the perfect cutting height.. The pin placement issue was discussed. The PGA recommends that pins be changed every day. Owen stated that moving the pins everyday combined with ball marks, ant holes makes finding a perfect location very difficult.

5. **Men's Fall League** – Rich reported that the Fall League will start today and is scheduled for six weeks. There is a total of 18 Teams playing in the league. Each week there will be a different format and after the matches food will be provided in the cafe.

6. **Upcoming Events on the Calendar -**

14 September	EVFD Tournament	132 Players
15 September	MHNGA	Club Championship (1 <sup>st</sup> Round)
17 September	MISGA	
20 September	Nine & Dine	
22 September	MHNGA	Club Championship (2 <sup>nd</sup> Round)
26 September	High School Match	
27 September	Ridgely Lions Club Tournament	
28 September	Choptank Transport Tournament	132 Players

7. **Pavilion Furniture Challenges going forward** – Rich stated that the furniture currently being used is of plastic construction and is beginning to break. This furniture is becoming a safety issue. Discussion held regarding furniture for pavilion and the pavilion in general. The consensus was that the furniture needs to be replaced. Rich will research prices for new furniture.

**Additional discussion items -**

- **Hiring Process** – Currently there is no shortcuts for the hiring process. However, Sherry Thomas director of HR has retired. It is hoped that the hiring process will be eased with the appointment of a new HR director.
- **Irrigation** – A discussion was held regarding a new irrigation system for the course. It was noted that the county council is well aware of the need and the system is a possibility for the next fiscal year.

Motion to adjourn by Jane Kasper, seconded by John Robinson.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl R. Sauca

