

**Lincoln Municipal Golf Committee Meeting**  
Minutes from January 25, 2019  
Woods Park Place – 3131 'O' Street, Suite 300  
Large Conference Room

**Members Present:** Brad Brandt, Sherrie Nelson, Alice Skultety, Bill Allen, Michael Calvert, Denis Vontz, Jason Hutchison, Casey Karges, Matt Herman.

**Guests:** N/A

**Staff Present:** Wade Foreman, Kyle Oakley, Casey Crittenden, Joe Canny, Chris Meyer, Michele Jordan.

**Call to Order:** Sherrie called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

**Approval of June Minutes:** Minutes were approved by all committee members.

**Staff Reports:** Wade stated that he and Casey Crittenden worked on the Monthly Report together. December had a few nice days and round were played along with a few weeks in January with 1,250 rounds. Wade shared that Joe has the Player Development groups updated, finalized and posted on the website. Many people are registering already. There have been two interns hired from UNL for the summer to help with programs at Ager.

**Golf Report:** Wade updated the committee regarding the status of the replacement of the irrigation panel at Highlands which quit working in October. Temp has been in place. The bid was finally awarded for the new panel.

April 6<sup>th</sup> is the date of the Golf Open House at Holmes. If there is decent weather Wade anticipates there will be a 500+ turnout. He shared what the Open House consists of Joe, along with the other leagues and organizations will have information tables set up, door prizes along with food and beverages.

Sherrie introduced the new member of the Golf Advisory Committee, Michael Calvert. Mike shared his financial and government background which will benefit the committee greatly.

The question was raised why some courses have been open when others weren't. It was explained by Casey due to the location of the courses and how wet each course was affects when it opens. Casey talks with each course superintendent daily on opening.

**Rounds Report:** Wade shared the 2018 weather article in the Lincoln Journal Star and broke down the weather dates, weekend or weekday which shows how weather affects the amount of golf played. Michael raised the question of what the annual average number of rounds comes from which is now at 164,000. Wade reviewed the previous year's target goals for rounds played along with how they compute the averages over the last few years to determine number of rounds. Kyle updates the data yearly to assist in the target annual rounds. As always, weather plays a role if the target round is made, surpassed or not made.

There was discussion as to how maxed out the courses are during open hours. Wade shared that there are some slow times during the peak hot weather days.

**Financial Report:** Wade highlighted that in December there is a negative at Holmes. Golf Pro pays the occupation tax which the City needs to reimburse, found under "Club House Lounge Sales". A question was asked as to what "Payroll" consisted of. This is the salaried and hourly employees along with benefits. There was a lot of discussion regarding different financial report data. Wade explained that a chance to "make up" rounds will come in March, April and May if weather is nice. Wade stated last year was a rough weather year and approximately 158,000 rounds were played. Target rounds are decided by looking back historically at weather and rounds played.

A "Reserve" or "Rainy Day" fund was discussed for situations when revenue is lacking in a year and other larger ticket items that do not fall under CIP. Pros and cons were discussed regarding such a fund. There is some concern within the committee the Mayor could potentially see and use the money elsewhere which has been generated by City Golf. There was discussion regarding how the CIP and budgeting work within the City.

**L.M.G.A.:** Mike shared there will be a seminar with rules of golf sponsored with the Nebraska Golf Association a golf roll-out for membership on February 9<sup>th</sup>. In the process of building scheduled of events which will be posted on the website shortly. There will be a few changes to the format.

**Women's League:** Alice said their events are scheduled and league times are set.

**Senior Men's League:** Bill stated they are in the process of setting this year's schedule. Enrollment will be open until April 15<sup>th</sup>. 30 new members were added last year and anticipating more members this year. The number of members is close to maxing out the golf courses and leaving no time for non-senior league members on Wednesday. There was discussion on using all four courses on Wednesday or moving some scheduled league times to Thursday. Matt brought up the revenue side vs. all four courses being used on Wednesday. No decisions have been made as of yet.

**Old Business:** Wade updated the flooring brought up last November at Highlands Clubhouse and stated that they are going back and forth on how to proceed. They have found out there is a difference in floor height. Wade is meeting with a carpet person soon. This project will need to be put on hold due to tear out prior to installation. Wade stated Casey's shop was broken into. There were 2 carts stolen at Mahoney. Shortly after Casey's shop was broken into the Highlands maintenance shop was broken into and many tools were stolen such as chainsaws and other tools. A brick was used to break in at one shop and crowbar at another. Total of five golf carts have been stolen in less than a year. It seems the golf maintenance shops are being targeted. Security cameras are being installed. The police are involved and aware of the situation.

**New Business:** Chris updated the committee regarding the energy saving lighting replacement throughout Parks and Recreation which includes the golf course areas.

**Other:** Wade shared that today was Clancy's last official meeting prior to retiring from the committee but is not in attendance today. Clancy may sit in randomly but will not be part of voting, etc. Casey posted a story and video on Facebook via Fly Away Geese regarding winning a trained Goose Dog valued at \$6,800 and is in the top five and will be emailing everyone the link for "liking" Casey's video.

**Adjourn:** 1:04 pm.