

Lincoln Municipal Golf Committee Meeting
Minutes from June 27, 2019
Woods Park Place – 3131 'O' Street, Suite 300
Large Conference Room

Members Present: Jason Hutchison, Casey Karges, Todd Johnson, Sherrie Nelson, Karen Flowers, Mike Calvert, Alice Skultety, Matt Herman.

Staff Present: Wade Foreman, Scott Philippi, Kyle Oakley, Casey Crittenden, Joe Canny, Scott Carlson, Jonathan Benson, Dennis Vontz, and Tim Rowland

Call to Order: 12:02 p.m.

Approval of May Minutes: Approved by Karen Flowers. Casey Karges 2nd motion.

Staff Reports: Rain was timely regarding keeping rounds close to target for June along with revenue looking good. 670 rounds per day needed to close out the month. 700-800 is average so on target. Player development is expanding specifically Mahoney trying some new events. There is also a Youth/Adult event coming up at Ager in mid-July.

Golf Report: Casey made mention how lush the golf courses are looking for mid-June. Casey also educated the committee on some items taking a back seat due to irrigation repairs arising at Pioneers that will take priority. Sherrie asked about the trees and brush being disposed of. Casey assured everyone that once the ground is dry enough to support the equipment everything will be ground up and disposed of, including brush and debris. Casey advised the sand suppliers now have the proper sand which means there will be more top dressing at the courses. Casey also shared that Peg did not work out due to barking even after the trainers came to assist with more training. Peg has been replaced by Bogey who seems to be doing well. The breeders and trainers were excellent to work with and will make sure Peg has a good home with more training. Sherrie asked what the reasoning is regarding the narrowing of the fairway. Casey explained that for several years they widened things out. Casey said they found it was beyond what was realistic to take care of. Casey assured everyone if there is a legitimate need for change he will look into it.

Rounds Report: Wade stated May was very good. The numbers were similar as to what was targeted. Ager was higher than normal do to events happening in April that reflected in May.

Financial Report: Expenses are being kept in line with a profit of \$197,527. The deficit is being cut into nicely. Wade reminded the committee that Casey and everyone are aware and being wise regarding staff hiring, watering, etc. Sherrie asked if we are over the hump. Wade said he can't say that quite yet but revenues is looking better. Wade stated that more dollars are being taken in than anticipated in May and June.

L.M.G.A.: Mike reported the Ryder Cup event was held June 1st and 2nd with 88 registered. It was organized as the East/West Competition. Mike likes to think of Team East as Mahoney which won. A Stableford Format was held at Holmes June 23rd with 70 players registered with two person teams. Mike stated it was a successful event. The next event will be the Stroke Play July 13th & 14th at Holmes and Highlands. July 20th will be the Youth/Adult event at Ager. Mike asked if anything has been formalized regarding the whole clubhouse at Holmes being rented out. Event rental has been formalized, no full clubhouse events until after 7:00 p.m. during summer months along with notice to golfers. The time may change to 6:00 p.m. later in the year when the sun starts to go down earlier. The event being discussed was the first event held and served as a good learning lesson.

Women's League: Alice shared there was great participation in the City Golf Tournament and many of the Women's League players did very well. They also got members of the L.W.M.G.A. planning committee which worked out well. Alice thanked Jonathan and Scott for their service and stated the courses were in fantastic shape.

Senior Men's League: Bill was not present but had given Wade notes. Due to rain interfering with their league schedule a few dates have been rescheduled. The men should be able to get their games in if there is no more rain on their golf days. The league doesn't have the luxury of extending their season due to many of their schedules and fun days later in fall. Wade did report via Bill that the league is going well and everyone is having fun.

Old Business: Beer update from Jason. Beer is being packaged with a cool logo that involves a golf ball. Beer will be rolling out next week.

10 year CIP Update: Wade discussed that JJ. Yost will be assisting. There will be a July meeting regarding the CIP. This will be presented to the Committee in September. Everyone will be looking at a prioritized CIP plan. Sherrie brought up September being the month for possible rate increase discussions. Wade said it will probably be a membership fee adjustment this fall and then possible rate increases starting Jan 2020.

New Business: Wade reminded the committee of the UNL Woody/Greeno Cross Country Event last year. UNL came back this year wanting to do the event again at Mahoney. Wade said they met and agreed on a dollar compensation for the time Mahoney will be occupied. Wade did advise that parking will be different due to another event taking place at Mahoney Park at same time.

Wade attached the National Golf Foundation Report thinking the group would find it informative comparing municipalities to Lincoln's City courses. Sherrie asked if there were any more survey dollars left and Wade confirmed no.

Adjourn: 12:45 p.m.