

## GOLF COMMISSION MINUTES

April 21, 2023

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**ATTENDED:** Dean Godek, Michael Dobise, Rich Hardina & Dan Michaels

**GUESTS:** Tom DiRico & Dan Shay

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**Tom:** We started the fiscal year with retained earnings at \$293,000 after transfers there is approximately \$200,000 left. Last April we did \$91,000, the course is projected to do \$120,000 this April. Last March we brought in \$34,000 and this March was around \$29,000. With a budget of \$886,000 we are projecting to have revenue of 1,100,000 with weather permitting. All fees have increased across the board, food, beverage, green and cart fees.

**Dean:** How do we stand with the equipment? Do you get a chance over the winter to do most repairs?

**Dan Shay:** Al brown was able to take care of all the repairs on the equipment. Everything is in good shape.

Currently have three tri plex mowers, but one is in rough shape. It is the one that is used for tee boxes. I plan on using the brushes for one of the mowers to help cut down the different grasses on the greens. I'm trying to suppress some of the seed heads on the greens. Will need to verticut and sand the greens.

**Dean:** How are you doing for staff? Do you cut greens on the weekends?

**Dan S:** We change holes, cut greens, move tee markers and seed tee boxes. Need three people to take care of the work.

**Dan M:** Are you able to address the traps? I noticed they aren't raked.

**Dan S:** We don't have a machine to rake traps, so they need to be hand raked. The part time workers are older, so I have to wait until the college kids come back to rake the bunkers.

**Dean:** Do we fill in the bunkers on hole 1 or maintain them?

**Dan M:** It would cost a lot to mound hole one instead of bunkers. It could turn into a major job.

**Dan S:** We would need to pull out all the sand and then bring in fill. It would take a lot of fill.

**Tom:** It would have to be designed correctly and still would require some maintenance.

**Dean:** It might be cheaper to buy a new sand pro and maintain them.

**Tom:** We need to look at getting old sand pro fixed or buying a new one.

**Dan S:** I could talk to DPW and have them come up once a week and rake the bunkers with the sand pro.

**Dean:** The DPW did a great job on the drainage for hole 2. The fairway is really dry and the

drainage is working well.

**Dean:** Who pours the concrete for the benches?

**Dan S:** DPW pours the concrete slabs

**Dean:** How many benches do we have on the course?

**Dan S:** 7 benches

**Tom:** They dropped off the benches a year ago. Benches can be dedicated to whomever wants to purchase one. It doesn't have to be a veteran.

**Dan M:** Most people don't sit on them, they will sit in their carts.

**Tom:** Par threes would be the only time they might be used.

**Dean:** Did we find anyone for the tree work?

**Dan S:** We weren't able to get anyone. Maybe when DPW gets slow they could come over and help.

**Dean:** Are we aerifying this spring?

**Dan S:** Can't afford to do it this spring

**Dan M:** Who is responsible for the road leading up to the clubhouse?

**Tom:** We are responsible. The first impression is so important. The sign out front needs to be changed and the road needs fixing or repaved. It would go a long way. Spoke to Verizon when they were doing the cell tower, but they looked at the road before and after the project. They weren't willing to repave it. If we had to pay for it out of our budget, it would use up all the retained earnings plus. This is town property, they should be responsible.

**Dan M:** Both leadership running the golf course have done a great job, the people driving up will have a poor opinion on the staff and course. Golf commission is concerned about the safety and aesthetics of the road leading up to the clubhouse. A main water line runs under the road from 18th green to the first fairway. It is causing a big bump which is hazardous to cars driving up. The road is in deplorable condition and needs to be repaved.

**Tom:** Before I left last night noticed refrigerator was not working. Called a repairman to come in first thing. Caught it before it went bad.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05

Dan m made a motion second by Mike to approve last meeting minutes. All in favor one absent, Dave