

## Golf Commission Minutes

Tuesday, June 9, 2020 12:00pm

Waverly Country Club

**Members Present:** Hankner, B. Jones, Reusche, Thorson

**Members Absent:** Abram

**Staff Present:** Riordan, Miller, D. Jones, David

**Council Present:** None

**Visitors Present:** Gade

**Summary of Formal Action:** The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm by Chairperson B. Jones.

Motion: April 14, 2020 minutes were approved.

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Moved: Hankner

Seconded: Thorson

Yes: 4

No: 0

Absent: 1

### **Regular Business:**

#### 1. Discuss Driving Range Site Visits

The hope is to be able to visit some driving range sites in the near future. With COVID restrictions over the past few months site visits have not been possible. David presented the top two on his list that he feels should be visited. Spirit Hollow in Burlington, IA and Vitense Golfland in Madison, WI. Local options for driving ranges include Pheasant Ridge in Cedar Falls and Palmer's Family Fun in Waterloo. The Commission wondered how many stations Vitense Golfland had. David will get them contact information. Some of the examples of driving ranges provided have 20, 40 or 60 bays. B. Jones asked what a realistic number of stations would be for Waverly. He thinks that a limited footprint could gain City & Public support. David would like to see 4 year-round bays. Gade state that he sees a lot of golfers using the net outside of the club for warmups, or just to hit into. Gade thinks a range would get a lot of use. Thorson asked how a range or learning center could be attractive to non-golfers. She mentioned a survey may need to be done to get some more information. B. Jones mentioned that a range could still be used for flag football as the ball diamonds in Memorial Park currently are now. Reusche asked about the possibility of acquiring land adjacent to the Golf Course. Possibly making new holes and putting a driving range close to the ProsShop and Club, depending on what happens to Memorial Park. The Commission wondered what the two new holes cost a few years ago when they were developed. Riordan and D. Jones will check on this. A plan to visit Viteneese Golfland will be in the works for late summer or early fall, then David should be able to attend as well.

**Director's Report:** Riordan reported that the City is planning on making some changes to Uniforms for full time staff. Golf Course will be allowed to go to breathable mesh shirts with no collar. He is waiting to hear from the company as to what exactly they can get.

Hospital Construction continues. The fence is still up. Riordan does not have a date yet as to when the fence will be able to be removed.

**Course Staff Report:** D. Jones reported that Luke Ragsdale had been hired as seasonal maintenance. The course is still dealing with irrigation issues. Almost everything has been replaced from the antennae to the computer. He is still waiting for a part that goes on the back of the computer. He is hopeful that will fix the issue. Currently staff is able to water using radios and toggle switches.

The fairway mower lost a wheel last month. It was covered under warranty, but there was still downtime for the mower.

Ponds have been treated with Algaecide and dye. Greens have been sprayed for moss. David mentioned that some of that moss would turn black, but that it was normal.

Two Crab Apples and a Scotch Pine were cut down recently.

Staff is looking at adding a dogleg on whole number 3 as opposed to replanting the tree that was there. D. Jones is having a tough time finding a large tree.

Thorson asked about putting the dye in the ponds. She wondered if they flooded if that would have an effect. D. Jones said most of the dye goes to the bottom so it's not a problem. B. Jones asked about a bubbler or fountain at number 7 pond. There is power there but a step-down transformer would need to be added D. Jones said. Hankner wondered about the price and if it would cut down on chemical cost. D. Jones said it wouldn't necessarily cut chemical costs, but it would help with the smell of the pond.

**Pro Report:** David reported that rounds we are up 873 rounds from last May to this May. However, down in merchandise and food. Last year's season cart revenue has already been surpassed as well. Currently golfers are given the choice to ride single in a cart or to share a cart.

There is a couple's event this Friday that has a baseball theme. 44 people are signed up. June 20<sup>th</sup> is the Red White and Blue tournament that has 80 people signed up so far. June 27<sup>th</sup> is the City championship. The tournaments are all tee times. The first shotgun tournament is scheduled for late July.

The Jr. golf camp will be held July 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>.

David is also working on a sign for the Golf Course to be placed at the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> St. SW and 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW.

**Chairperson's Report:** B. Jones asked if there was currently a budget item for tree replacement on the course. Riordan said that there isn't. Jones would like to see something added for next budget year and to explore the possibility of grants. Thorson asked about the grant that was sent in for the Golf Course fence. Riordan said that deadlines had been pushed back for submitting grants and in turn the announcements of the grant. He expects to hear soon if the Golf Course received the grant or not.

### **Communications:**

Gade reported that once weather had turned the club picked up. League has started so that has helped as well. Other events that the club typically hosts have been cancelled up to this point as well.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> (Noon at Waverly Golf & Country Club)

### **Adjournment:**

Motion: To Adjourn

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Moved: Reusche

Seconded: Hankner

Yes: 4

No: 0

Absent: 1

Meeting adjourned at 12:52 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Garret Riordan, Leisure Services Director