

Golf Commission Minutes

Tuesday, November 10, 2020 12:00pm

Zoom Meeting

Members Present: Thorson, Abram, B. Jones, Reusche

Members Absent: Hankner

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

Council Present: Glaser

Visitors Present: Amie Rivers with Waterloo/Cedar Falls Courier (Left at 12:07 pm),
Wes Gade (arrived at 12:12 pm)

Summary of Formal Action: The meeting was called to order at 12:01 pm by Chairperson B. Jones.

Motion: Approve the October 13, 2020 minutes as presented.

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Moved: Thorson

Seconded: Abram

Yes: 4

No: 0

Absent: 1

Regular Business:

1. Golf Course Fees

David presented the comparison of fees for the past several years. He noted that the single cart rental fee this year was a success. His recommendation is to raise the Junior fee and the Single Cart Trail fee minimally.

Motion: To raise the Junior fee by \$5 and the Single Cart Trail fee by \$10.

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Moved: B. Jones

Seconded: Thorson

Yes: 4

No: 0

Absent: 1

Director's Report: Riordan commented on the financials. He noted that the irrigation repair will be high as shown. Thorson asked if there is anywhere in the budget for the ponds at hole 7 and 1. Riordan reported that it would be discussed as the commission looks at budgeting for the next fiscal year.

Riordan also reported on the possible purchase of a used truck from Public Services for the Golf Maintenance staff. During the October meeting Riordan mentioned that the trade-ins may come in at the \$8-10,000 mark. They came in much higher at \$11,000 and \$13,000. It was determined that it is best to pass on these for now. A new truck would cost around \$26,000. The current truck is scheduled to be replaced in 2025, however it may get moved up due to the need. In the meantime, repairs will be made as necessary to the current truck.

Course Staff Report: D. Jones reported that they have stopped mowing greens and fairways. They currently have three seasonal staff working, cleaning up leaves and other jobs. They have aerified around 13 green. Pumps have been pulled, one has wear and needs to be replaced. Miller mowed on the 8 & 12

holes where there is a dry run issue, he is working on solutions for this. Next week they will be spraying for snow mold. Upcoming projects include cutting down trees and grinding stumps.

B. Jones asked if they have considered a closing date. D. Jones stated they will play it by ear until the weather changes, keeping the course open as long as possible. B. Jones also asked why the cups were cut short recently. D. Jones explained his purpose for that was so they would last longer in winter weather.

Pro Report: David reported October was a good month. Fee income has gone up nicely. Year-to-date reported 24,000 rounds of play, this is the 1st time this was achieved since 2012. One event was held since the last meeting, the Chili Open. 92 people participated in the event. The Country Club tour awarded a single membership for 2021 to Roger Lund. A promotion in the Proshop offered a chance to win a \$100 gift card to E. Bremer Diner if items were purchased in the Pro Shop. This helped increase Pro Shop sales. David noted that the WAGOCO Annual Member Meeting is Friday, November 13, he will be giving a short update from the Pro Shop. The Pro Shop will remain open Tues.-Fri. 9:00 am – 12:00 pm for the winter months.

Thorson asked if there were any positive comments on the new sign. David confirmed that the sign is well liked, however an arrow may need to be added. Some people are turning at 8th St. SW. This may be resolved when construction on 4th St. SW is complete.

Chairperson's Report: B. Jones mentioned that a member contacted him regarding the fence behind 14 green. D. Jones wasn't sure it is the Golf Course's. If that's the case Riordan will talk to adjacent property owners, if it is the Golf Course's it will be removed. Riordan stated that D. Jones and Miller would check on it.

Communications:

Wes Gade from WAGOCO reported that events at the Country Club have been canceling due to COVID concerns. The Club is still open Wed., Fri., & Sat. and will open during the winter months when the course is open on nice days. Additionally, income for the Club has been up.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 8th via Zoom. All meetings will be held via Zoom for the foreseeable future. The December meeting agenda will include discussions on items to budget for FY21-22.

Adjournment:

Motion: To Adjourn

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Moved: Reusche

Seconded: Thorson

Yes: 4

No: 0

Absent: 1

Meeting adjourned at 12:28 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Garret Riordan, Leisure Services Director