Golf Commission Minutes Tuesday, September 10, 2019 12:00pm Waverly Country Club

| Members Present: | Abram, Jones, Thorson, Reusche, Burrell (at 12:05 p.m.) |
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| Members Absent: | |
| Staff Present: | Troyna, Miller, D. Jones, David |
| Council Present: | |
| Visitors Present: | Schrack, Hankner |

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

Motion: August 13, 2019 minutes were approved with the correction – "Ball Best Shot League" should be "Fall Best Shot League".

| 14-19 | Moved: Thorson | Seconded: Abram | |
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| | Yes: 4 | No: 0 | Absent: 1 |

Regular Business:

1. Tour of the Golf Course, held after the regular business meeting.

Director's Report: No Report

<u>Course Staff Report</u>: D. Jones reported that aerification has been delayed due to the rain. However, they are ready to begin as soon as the weather cooperates. They did a trial run on the "old 14" green and are impressed with the new equipment.

Pro Report:

- David reported that they have currently sold 23 fall passes, which is up from 19 last year. The August daily fees are up \$6,000 from last year. Merchandise sales are up \$12,000 from last year. They have 32 players in the Thursday Best Shot League, which he is pleased with. He reported 95 players in the recent Dave Finke memorial tournament and 144 Veterans for the Veteran tournament, which also raised \$4000 for local Vet charities and received coverage from KWWL.
- Abram commented that it is good to see the youth programs doing so well.
- Jones asked how the training aid was working. David reported that it is well used and he also uses it for lessons.

<u>WAGOCO</u>: Schrack reported that September is his last month with WAGOCO. He shared several points that he plans to recommend to his board, those being: 1. That the WAGOCO board meets with Jordan earlier in the year, perhaps January to set calendars. 2. Better coordinate pricing between the club and Proshop. 3. Find a way to resolve the phone issue. They currently cannot transfer calls from WAGOCO to the Proshop. 4. Overall better communication regarding daily activities, services, etc.

Other Discussion:

- B. Jones asked for further explanation of the irrigation heads. D. Jones explained that the new heads cost around \$250/head but they are losing more than they can replace. They are currently only purchasing the "guts" to update the current heads which is more cost effective. D. Jones also noted that there are a few areas where pipeline is leaking. He is hoping to have help from other city workers to dig up those areas. He also noted that the tee box on #16 is fixed and the tee box on #9 is almost finished, just need to complete the steps.
- B. Jones asked what can be done on pond #7 with the moss. D. Jones stated that he simply hadn't gotten to treating it yet. It was asked if could be done yet this year and he thought it may be too late in the season, but he does plan to spray weeds around the pond. He is also dealing with a leak at that pond and the muskrat issue continues. There was some additional discussion on what types of treatment work best.
- Abram asked for explanation on the minor equipment purchase. D. Jones indicated that was for the new brush. All of the new equipment has not yet been acquired, currently have the utility vehicle, aerator and brush.
- Jerry Hankner introduced himself as a possible new commission member. Burrell is looking to move to Leisure Services commission due to an upcoming opening there, he could potentially replace her. The question was asked as to when commission terms are up and when new officers are elected.
- David commented that nothing new has developed with the Stay-n-play proposal. He also noted that Friday night couple's night has not proven successful. He is working on a new option for next year.
- Discussion was held on the number and location of ball washers on the course. D. Jones shared that new washers cost around \$1200.00. Discussion was held on possibly sponsorships for these. David indicated that sponsorships are no longer an effective marketing campaign so other ideas would have to be explored.
- Jones asked what the most important issue going forward is. D. Jones shared that the biggest concern is the approaching loss of scotch pines and more ash trees. Discussion was held on a plan to replace the trees. Some ideas were: Trying to get smaller trees, but they are hard to grow. Starting a nursery, add to annual budget, inform club members of the need for trees and ask for donations specifically for trees, and planting trees at Public Works to grow and then relocate to the course. D. Jones stated they have acquired a couple of trees from Public Works already and hope to get a couple more.

<u>Next Meeting</u>: The next meeting is Tuesday, October 8, 2019, Noon at the WAGOCO.

Adjournment:

Motion: To Adjourn 15-19

Moved: Reusche Yes: 5 Seconded: Burrell No: 0 Absent: 0

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm

Respectfully submitted, Jen Troyna, Leisure Services Office Manager

Golf Course Tour

1. Pond #7 – Moss Issue



2. "Old #14" – Aerification Example



3. #9 Steps



4. Dying Trees – Scotch Pines (pictured)



5. Maintenance Shed – New Equipment

