

Sunflower Hills Golf Course Advisory Board

Minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday September 12, 2017

Sunflower Hills Golf Course Clubhouse

The meeting was called to order by Tom Cooley, Vice Chairman

Members Present: Tom Cooley, Jesse Rocha, Matt Palcher, Kevin Jones, Mark Mohler, David McLain, Roger Miller, Chris Bergman, Dennis McWilliams

Members Absent: Tom Roberts (excused), Al Ramirez (excused), Clyde Townsend (excused) and Jeff Manning (excused)

Staff present: Jeff Johnson, Jonathan Bennett

Dennis McWilliams made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 2017 meeting. A second was made by Mark Mohler.

Jonathan Bennett reported that the course has held up well through the summer months and the weather in August has helped the grass stay green longer. With the cooler temperatures the bluegrass roughs are still growing at a consistent rate. The greens are in good shape but Jonathan has some concerns about getting the collars in the shape he prefers.

Jonathan stated that the course will be sprayed with pre-emergent this fall to help reduce the growth of clover in the spring and other undesirable weeds as well. Jonathan continued to state that grubs on the course have been attracting skunks and raccoons who tear the turf up when they starting digging for them.

Dennis McWilliams asked which is worst and Jonathan stated that neither one are good for the course. Mark Mohler asked why there are so many and Jonathan stated that we need a hard winter freeze to reduce their population. He stated that he could spray for grubs but it would not be cost efficient at this time.

Jonathan stated that he had some good summer help this year but they have all returned back to school leaving the crew down to himself and three others. This crew has been able to maintain the regular duties but it does not have much time for any other projects.

Jesse Rocha asked if there was any storm damage to the course with the heavy rains and storms in August. Jonathan stated that there was no damage to the course other than the bunkers washing out. In fact the course drained so well that carts were able to get off the paths within 36 hours. Jonathan pointed out that if we had new liners and drains in the bunkers it would be a lot easier to repair the bunkers after heavy rains.

Jonathan stated that his winter projects will be to remove dead trees and limbs from the course. He also stated that he is going to do landscaping around the parking lot islands and on the north side of the clubhouse by the steps and the ramp.

Kevin Jones asked about the rock wall on #13 and Jeff Johnson stated that the project is still on hold.

Jeff reported to the board the rounds and revenue have been good since the last meeting in June. At that time we were behind the 2016 rounds but have pulled back to even with them. Revenue is up almost 4 %. Jeff reported that the month of August was the first time we had a month with 4,000 rounds since July of 2014. Stating that the weather was good and the great shape of the golf course were contributing factors to the increase. Even with that we still lost 2 days in August to significant rainfall one on a Saturday and the other on a Wednesday, the 2 busiest days of the week.

Jeff reported that the month of September is off to a great start. For the first ten days of the month rounds are up over 300 compared to the same time frame in 2016. The prior 3 day weekend was the busiest 3 consecutive days of the year.

Jeff reported that the annual Wyandotte County Open was a success as Parker Miller defended his win from 2016 and that Nicole Wiehe won the ladies division for the second time.

Jeff reported that a new sink and drain were installed in the kitchen after the drain backed up and flooded the men's room downstairs. Jeff also stated that the rubber tiles on both ramps have been rearranged and secured to the ramp to keep them from moving and exposing gaps that were a hazard to walking traffic.

Jesse Rocha asked about the status of Riverview road. Tom Cooley responded that utilities are currently being relocated and all easements have been signed and the culverts should be installed shortly and the project finishing up in late October or early November.

Jeff stated that the next board meeting will be Tuesday November 14th at 10:00 am.

Dennis McWilliams made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Roger Miller all members responded AYE and the meeting was adjourned.