

Mount Pleasant Golf Club

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President

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Bob McLeod
Secretary

Brian Campbell
Treasurer

Board of Directors Meeting

January 20, 2016

President Jason Howarth called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with all board members present.

SEAN TULLY

Sean joined the meeting early/out of order due to an event that was running simultaneously to discuss overall goals and expectations for the coming year:

- 1) Sean is starting to document policies and procedures, starting with staff duties, and opening and closing routines;
- 2) All current bar staff will return/continue this year, and Sean is reviewing bar/house staffing levels; also considering adding another bartender to the rotation, and adding waitresses for certain events (Sunday football, Twi leagues, etc.);
- 3) Working with Kitchen operation to stress the need for good, consistent food, especially breakfast and lunch on weekends during golf season;
- 4) Considering ways to promote the use of the sun porch, particularly in the warmer months (small parties, additional league meetings, etc.);
- 5) To use the downstairs storage area where the safe is located as posting area for staff notices and information;
- 6) To investigate the Club Managers of America Association to see what benefits and/or information it may offer

SECRETARY

Secretary presented minutes from the 12/16/15 meeting review,

Motion by Mark Duffy, seconded by Chris Green to accept the minutes of the 12/16/2015 meeting as amended. Vote 7 to 1 - Motion passed.

Correspondence

- 1) Highland Sports Association requested the waiver of Hall fee for a Comedy Night fundraiser to be held on April 16, 2016

Motion by to approve by Phil Regan, seconded by Donna McMahon, Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

- 2) Letter from Jack Hassett and his crew thanking the club for the Christmas bonuses - accepted.
- 3) Request from Diane McLeod to schedule Solheim Cup Fall 2016 – agreed.
- 4) Request from Jeanne d’Arc Credit Union for a donation to their upcoming fundraiser (via Mike Dubuque).

Motion by Phil Regan, seconded by Mark Duffy to donate a foursome with carts to the silent auction. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

- 5) There were five responses from voting members offering to serve on the Audit Committee:

Mark Byrne, Jr
Jay Dinneen
Mike King
Shaun McCarty
Dan Moynihan

Agreed to accept the five volunteers.

Memberships

- 1) Mike Hayden - Request for 2016 LOA

Motion by Chris Green, seconded by Donna McMahon to approve the LOA. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

- 2) Jim Dillon – Request for 2016 LOA

Motion by Mark Duffy, seconded by Donna McMahon to approve the LOA. Vote unanimous – Motion passed.

- 3) Request for reinstatement from LOA: Bill Bailey to Regular A; Roger Lang to Regular A; Dave Slattery to Regular AB; Al Pare to Regular A; Mary Beth Shanahan to Regular AB.

Motion by Chris Green, seconded by Gerry Foley, to reinstate all five (5) members on LOA. Vote unanimous – Motion passed.

- 4) The following new Social members were presented: Andrew Taylor; William Hogan; William Watson, and Keith Antifornario.

Motion by Chris Green, seconded by John Griffin to accept four (4) Social members.
Vote unanimous – Motion passed.

- 5) The following new Junior Members were presented: Jake Kampner; Robert MacPherson; and Jack Silk.

Motion by Gerry Foley, seconded by Phil Regan to accept the three junior members.
Vote unanimous – Motion passed.

Motion by Donna McMahon, seconded by Gerry Foley, to accept the Secretary's Report.
Vote unanimous – Motion passed.

TREASURER

Brian Campbell reviewed the monthly financials through 12/31, noting December bar revenue was strong and we are in better position than a year ago.

He also discussed the following:

- 1) Planning to eliminate residual unpaid Social members later this Spring;
- 2) Greens/Course are essentially on budget;
- 3) House is slightly under budget;
- 4) Tournament is over budget, primarily due to extra salaries during November and December;
- 5) G&A is under budget primarily due to decreased electrical costs;
- 6) Compared to last year Carts and Greens fees are up about \$8K due to the recent mild weather;
- 7) Overall a good start to the year.

Brian reported the following account balances: Operating Account \$40,036; Payroll Account \$2,062; Money Market Account \$175,557; Stabilization Account \$5,127. Total Cash \$222,781.

Motion by Phil Regan, seconded by John Griffin, to accept the Treasurer's report. Vote unanimous – Motion passed.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Donna McMahon reported on the following planned events: Football playoffs; Game Night on the 30th; Iron Chef Competition; Trivia on February 5; Fitch's Brew plays on Feb 20; and Daytona 500. Early plans for March include Trivia, Foxwoods trip; and March Madness.

Motion by Mark Duffy, seconded by Phil Regan, to accept the report of the House Committee. Vote unanimous – Motion passed.

GREENS COMMITTEE

John Griffin reported the course officially closed December 28; there was some ice on number 8 green – Jack treated with black sand; exploring the purchase of a new fairway mower (approx.. \$50K) under Capital projects; planning on Jack Hassett attending the February board meeting.

Also, a request was submitted to make a donation to the Diabetes Fundraiser scheduled for February 6 at the Tsongas Arena – agreed to donate a foursome with carts.

Motion by Mark Duffy, seconded by Gerry Foley, to accept the report of the Greens Committee. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Phil Regan submitted the following report:

- 1) The tournament schedule is mapped out, just need to meet with Jack Hassett and the Greens committee to finalize;
- 2) There are five outside tournaments on the schedule;
- 3) Joel has the simulator up and running for lessons and play;
- 4) The Smoker is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 7 to tie into the start of the Masters;
- 5) Mount Pleasant will not host the Vaughan Cup, Ladies Cities, Junior Cities, or Ladies Meadow/Mount (all are away) opening up some dates; City Qualifying may be close to Memorial Day
- 6) There is a meeting next week to discuss signups for the 2 day Member/Guest.

Motion by Mark Duffy, seconded by John Griffin, to accept the report of the Tournament Committee. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Mark Duffy reported on the recent activities of the Communications Committee noting that email blasts are going well, thanks in part to communication with the House committee on upcoming events; there is a meeting scheduled with Steve Finneral for updating and general maintenance of the web site. Mark also noted Tom Conlon's obituary had a record breaking 72% response rate.

Motion by Donna McMahon, seconded by Phil Regan, to accept the report of the Communications Committee. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Audit Committee: need to redefine under the Rules & Regulations; “to consist of not less than three voting members...to meet quarterly with Treasurer and Board...and yearly with the membership at the Annual Meeting...”

Motion by Chris Green, seconded by Mark Duffy to accept and notify the five (5) members who responded to the notice, and to accept the new Audit Committee under Rules & Regulations #3, wording to be finalized by the Secretary and circulated for review (attachment). Vote unanimous – Motion passed.

Upcoming Member Interviews: typically the President and Treasurer remain outside to greet and introduce candidates; board members may develop their own questions, and are encouraged to take their own notes; must be a member to interview. Notices will be mailed to all Limited Members, all Juniors who aged out, and all members with an application on file; and an email blast will also be sent – Agreed.

Communications Committee: since the Rules & Regulations have been updated to define the Communications Committee, the membership shall be notified prior to, and at the Annual Meeting that the annual election shall be held for four Officers, four Committee Chairs, and one Advisor. The membership shall also be notified of the changes to the Audit Committee - Agreed.

NEW BUSINESS

Cart Fee Discounts: based on several requests and suggestions from members, discount options were discussed (bulk purchases, end of year reductions, etc.); the consensus was it may be difficult to monitor; electric rates (recharge) would still apply.

Motion by Chris Green, seconded by Gerry Foley, to not offer cart discounts at the time. Vote unanimous – Motion passed.

Knockout Pool: a discussion of the recent Knockout Pool was held. It was agreed that the Pool has no connection with Mount Pleasant Golf Club, and there was no action warranted at this time.

Other

Gerry Foley discussed the possibility of applying for a Dept. of Conservation grant to acquire a machine to make cross country ski trails; it was pointed out Mount Pleasant would need to

operate and maintain the machine, and make the trails accessible to the public (with potential liability ?). Agreed to pass on applying.

Gerry also recommended we begin to think about a preliminary masterplan project for the club house, agreed to look at forming a subcommittee in the near future.

Motion by John Griffin, seconded by Phil Regan, to adjourn. Vote unanimous. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, February 24th at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob McLeod, Secretary