

Mount Pleasant Golf Club

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President

Chris Green
Vice-President

Bob McLeod
Secretary

Brian Campbell
Treasurer

Board of Directors Meeting

December 11, 2016

President Jason Howarth called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. with all board members present except Phil Regan.

SECRETARY

Secretary presented the minutes from the 11/16; 11/27; 12/1 (1); and 12/1 (2) meetings for review,

Motion by Chris Green, seconded by Andrea Dutile to accept the minutes of the 11/16/2016 meeting. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

Motion by Jason Frediani, seconded by Donna McMahon to accept the amended minutes of the 11/27/2016 meeting. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

Motion by Donna McMahon, seconded by Chris Green to accept the minutes of the 12/1/2016 (1) meeting. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

Motion by Andrea Dutile, seconded by Jason Frediani to accept the minutes of the 12/1/2016 (2) meeting. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

Correspondence

- 1) From Frank Georges requesting dates for the 2017 Senior Invitational Tournaments – accepted, referred to the Tournament Committee;
- 2) From Highland Sports Association requesting waiver of hall rental fee for their Fundraiser on Saturday, March 18, 2017;
- 3) From the Lions Club of Lowell requesting waiver of hall rental fee for their annual Super Bowl Raffle scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.;
- 4) From the Paul Center requesting a donation – placed on file;

5) From Chris Gentle thank you to staff and membership for his going away party, and the overall support during his time at Mount Pleasant – accepted.

Motion by Chris Green, seconded by Donna McMahon to waive the hall rental fee for the Highland Sports Association on Saturday, March 18, 2017. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

Motion by Brian Campbell, seconded by Andrea Dutile to waive the hall rental fee for the Lions Club of Lowell on Wednesday, January 18, 2017. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

Membership

The following individual was submitted for Social membership: Daniel Squeglia (from 2016, issue of previous outstanding balance resolved),

Motion by Donna McMahon, seconded by Gerry Foley to accept the Social member. Vote unanimous – Motion passed.

Request for reinstatement from LOA: Jim Dillon to Regular AB; Esther MacDonald to Limited.

Motion by Jason Frediani, seconded by Gerry Foley, to reinstate Jim Dillon as a Regular AB member. Vote unanimous – Motion passed.

Motion by Donna McMahon, seconded by Gerry Foley, to reinstate Esther MacDonald as a Limited member. Vote unanimous – Motion passed.

The following members were identified as eligible to move to Senior status after 40 years of membership: Mike Cremin, Don McHale, and Ann McDonough. Also, the following member was identified as eligible to move to Senior + status after 50 years of membership: Carole Tessier.

Motion by Chris Green, seconded by Donna McMahon to move Mike Cremin from Regular A to Senior A membership, and to move Don McHale from Regular AB to Senior AB membership. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

Motion by Andrea Dutile, seconded by Donna McMahon to move Ann McDonough from Limited to Senior Limited membership, and to move Carole Tessier from Senior Limited to Senior + Limited membership. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

Miscellaneous

There was a brief discussion on the pro's and cons of including spouses and children under 18 in the member database – agreed that the Secretary will research and develop a recommendation.

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

TREASURER

Brian reported the following account balances: Operating Account \$23,298; Payroll Account \$2,797; Money Market Account \$50,042; Stabilization Account \$5,127; Total Cash \$81,264.

Expect to finish the years with \$30K-\$40K on hand; dues have begun to trickle in; bar Revenue has been low in November and December; also there were no greens fees or cart fees to speak of in November and December this year.

Dues statements will be sent out later this month; will include an attachment linking to the member survey; Food and Beverage cards will be ready soon after.

Motion by Andrea Dutile, seconded by Gerry Foley to accept the Treasurer's report. Vote unanimous – Motion passed.

(HOUSE COMMITTEE

Donna McMahon reported sixty-five youngsters attended the kids Christmas party; twelve children attended the recent movie night upstairs while parents and adults attended a scratch ticket and martini night in the downstairs lounge; Fire Inspectors were in recently and everything is okay; looking to replace the stove in the kitchen (gas, possibly gas/convection) exploring with Lee Ann; ice machines have been serviced; proposal to encase the televisions in the walls in the downstairs lounge under review.

Upcoming events include member appreciation party with Chinese food on 12/30; Jeff Hardy's band to play downstairs the third Saturday in January (1/21); Iron Chef and Bartending competitions upcoming.

Lee Ann provided a sample contract for Events All in One as in-house caterer, and also agreed to review mutual business and revenue opportunities regarding the upstairs hall and functions.

Motion by Gerry Foley, seconded by Andrea Dutile to accept the House Committee report. Vote unanimous – Motion passed.

GREENS COMMITTEE

Gerry Foley reported he is currently forming the Greens Committee based on representatives from a mix of different groups within the membership; he has met with Jack and Chuck regarding the transition, and identified a new course maintenance software package (TRIMS) that both have agreed will improve performance, record keeping and tie into JONAS and Timekeeper system (eliminating time cards, etc.); will likely require a new PC to accommodate

Motion by Brian Campbell, seconded by Gerry Foley to approve up to \$5K for the purchase of a new PC and TRIMS software package (to include installation and maintenance, setup, and data entry). Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

Regarding trees on # 6 green – original plan was to purchase two (2) trees to fill in behind # 6 green; an alternative plan to relocate two (2) existing trees from the course has been suggested – agreed to review costs and timetable with Jack.

Inventory to be update (last done in 2010); request for bench on # 4 forward tee referred to Greens Committee (to consider moving existing bench from wooded area on # 4 tee); review of two utility carts currently in use has determined they were part of a previous maintenance agreement, and that we now own them outright.

Motion by Brian Campbell, seconded by Donna Mahon to accept the Greens Committee report. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

No Report.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Andrea reported all is going well so far, currently forming committee; statistics are steady, click rate up somewhat; email blasts to continue on schedule.

Motion by Chris Green, seconded by Jason Frediani to accept the Communications Committee report. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Jack Hassett's duties and responsibilities going forward

Motion by Chris Green, seconded by Gerry Foley to enter executive session to discuss duties and compensation for next year. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

Board entered executive session at 11:06 a.m.

Motion by Chris Green, seconded by Andrea Dutile to exit executive session. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

Board exited executive session at 11:21 a.m.,

Agreed – the Greens Chair to meet with Jack and negotiate a limited salary position for 2017, and report back to board with details.

NEW BUSINESS

Staff Christmas bonuses

Motion by Donna McMahon, seconded by Brian Campbell to approve Christmas bonuses for staff in line with last year’s practice. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

Membership Interview dates: agreed to hold interviews on Friday (2/10), Thursday (2/16), and Friday (2/24) from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; notice to be posted, letters to be sent

MISCELLANEOUS

The Secretary asked the board to revisit the memorial notice policy agreed to at the 11/27/17 meeting – after a brief review, the following amended version was suggested:

Motion approved 11/27/16

“Memorial notices, including posting and/or distribution of an obituary notice, lowering the flag to half-staff, and sending flowers and/or a donation in memory of... shall be limited to current members in good standing.”

Proposed update 12/11/2016

“Memorial notices, including posting and/or distribution of an obituary notice, lowering the flag to half-staff, and sending flowers and/or a donation in memory of... shall be limited to current members in good standing. Exceptions will be considered for long time past members with close ties to Mount Pleasant.”

Also, a link to an obituary notice for a family member may be put on the web site at the request of a current member in good standing.”

Chris Green left the meeting at 11:39 a.m.

Motion by Jason Frediani, seconded by Gerry Foley to approve the proposed amended version above, and to include it in the 2017 Rules & Regulations. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

It was further agreed the simple link to an obituary notice on the web page would be part of the overall web page redesign, to also include Mount Pleasant Scholarship information and application.

Brian suggested the possibility of working with Lowell Catholic High School and their golf team, similar to our relationship with Lowell High School – agreed to table until such time as the full board is available to review.

There being no further business,

Motion by Donna McMahon, seconded by Gerry Foley to adjourn. Vote unanimous. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Sunday, January 22th at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob McLeod, Secretary