

Mount Pleasant Golf Club

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Secretary

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Treasurer

Board of Directors Meeting

December 20, 2017

President Chris Green called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m. with all board members present except Donna McMahon.

At 7:02 p.m. Jim Moriarty entered the meeting.

Jim Moriarty and Ouimet Update (Taken Out of Order)

Jim thanked the board and membership for their collective support of the program – this year’s contribution rate was approximately 80% - and reported Mount Pleasant had six (6) scholars this year, four funded with scholarships, and two honorary (scholarships are awarded on an ‘unmet need’ basis, based on independent review of CSS and FAFSA forms). This year’s scholars are:

Tom Connolly (Honorary)
Liam Gleason
Hailee Jenkins
Dennis ‘DJ’ King
Tyler Kotsifas (Honorary)
Rob MacPherson

Jim Moriarty left the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Donna McMahon entered the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Gerry Foley left the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Jack Hassett entered the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Jack Hassett (Taken Out of Order)

Jack asked to meet with the board to cover a variety of issues. First of all he thanked the board for the past year – the opportunity to work through the transition year, the retirement party and send off, the Honorary membership, etc. – and expressed how much it all meant to him and his family. He also shared his experiences and observations of the past year, some positive (‘the grass was great’ – best it’s ever been); some less than positive (projects not completed, e.g. # 7 tee boxes); and some simple differences of opinion (cutting fairways, spraying techniques, etc.). The board thanked Jack for his candid input, and for his countless contributions to the club over the years.

Jack Hassett left the meeting at 7:51

Gerry Foley returned to the meeting at 7:53

After review and discussion, it was agreed that Gerry and the Greens Committee will carefully consider Jacks comments and continue to work with Chuck and crew going forward, with an emphasis on time and task management.

SECRETARY

Secretary presented the minutes from the 11/15/2017 regular meeting and the 12/7/2017(1) and 12/7/2017(2) special meetings for review.

Motion by Andrea Dutile, seconded by Gerry Foley to accept the minutes of the 11/15/2017 regular and 12/7/2017(1) special meetings. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

Motion by Phil Regan, seconded by Dave Desmond to accept the minutes of the 12/7/2017(2) special meeting. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

Correspondence

- From the family of Claire Shugrue, thank you, especially for the honor guard at her service – accepted;
- From Friends of Tyler Park, thank you for hall waiver - accepted;

- From Frank Georges and the Senior Invitational Golf Tournament Committee, requesting dates for the 2018 season – accepted, referred to the Tournament Committee;
- From Rich Nota (# 924), requesting a Leave of Absence;
- From Frank Georges (# 2), requesting a return from a Leave of Absence to a Social member, rather than a Senior AB;
- From Dave Trahan (# 125), requesting a change in membership from a Regular A to Regular AB;
- From Kevin McLeod (# 80), requesting a change in membership from a Regular A to a Regular AB;
- From James Burns (# 512), requesting a change in membership from Regular to Limited (previously approved 7/19/17).

Motion by Jason Frediani, seconded by Dave Desmond to accept the Leave of Absence for Rich Nota. Vote unanimous – Motion passed.

Motion by Donna McMahon, seconded by Gerry Foley to accept Frank Georges request to return from a Leave of Absence as a Social member. Vote unanimous – Motion passed.

Motion by Dave Desmond, seconded by Andrea Dutile to accept the requests and change Dave Trahan and Kevin McLeod from Regular A to Regular AB members. Vote unanimous – Motion passed.

Motion by Phil Regan, seconded by Jason Frediani to accept the Secretary’s report. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

TREASURER

Treasurer Jay Heelon reported the following account balances: Operating Account \$34,470.13; Payroll Account \$17,465.22; Money Market Account \$31,090.78; Stabilization Account \$5,131.49; Total Cash \$88,167.22 (available Line of Credit \$100,000).

Jay also reported the account and signature transfers have been completed; Brian is continuing to work with Jay and Linda (bookkeeper) on training and the transition; end of fiscal year transactions are complete and November numbers are in process; he also stated he is contemplating changes in reporting, but is still absorbing information and not yet prepared to make changes.

Jay presented budget worksheets for review broken down by Course, House, Tournament, and G&A, based on the previous year’s data.

At this point it was agreed to move on to the committee reports, and complete the budget under New Business.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Donna McMahon reported the children's Christmas Party was a huge success, in large part due to the efforts of Sean and Colleen Tully and family – also a special thanks to Rob and Cathy Gregoire for getting Santa to appear.

The Kitchen Committee has scheduled presentations by several different vendors for Monday, January 8th beginning at 6:00 p.m. – the committee will then consider the various options available for next year.

Christmas Eve / Patriots party scheduled with snacks available – Club will close at 5:00 p.m. for the holiday; New Year's Eve will be open as warranted.

Motion by Andrea Dutile, seconded by Dave Desmond to accept the House Committee's report. Vote unanimous – Motion passed.

GREENS COMMITTEE

Gerry Foley recommended that Jack Hassett's interview and the following discussion serve as the monthly report.

Motion by Jason Frediani, seconded by Donna McMahon to accept the report of the Greens Committee. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Phil Regan reported he received a request to establish a 'twinning' relationship with a sister course (Castlerosse in Killarney) in Ireland – agreed to review.

Motion by Dave Desmond, seconded by Jay Heelon to accept the report of the Tournament Committee. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Andrea reported updates and email blasts are continuing.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Jack Hassett (Taken Out of Order)

Budget

Following the individual committee reports, the review and discussion of the budget was resumed for each of the four categories and overall; various dues increase were considered, as were increasing cart fees \$1/\$2; kitchen expenses and options were also discussed.

Motion by Jay Heelon, seconded by Gerry Foley to continue the Stabilization Fund Assessment at \$150, in keeping with past practices. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

Motion by Phil Regan, seconded by Dave Desmond to accept the treasurer's report, and increase the dues by 2% for 2018, thereby generating a potential profit of \$7.5K on the year. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Management Review - postponed

Jim Moriarty and Ouimet Update (Taken Out of Order)

Interview Dates

It was agreed that interviews for Junior/Social/Limited members wishing to change to Limited or Regular membership will be held on Friday, February 9th; Thursday, February 15th; and Friday, February 23rd; from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the downstairs lounge – Notices to be posted online and in the downstairs lounge.

There being no further business,

Motion by Jason Frediani, seconded by Jay Heelon to adjourn. Vote unanimous. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, January 17th at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob McLeod, Secretary