

MOUNT PLEASANT GOLF CLUB
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Minutes of the One-Hundred & Sixth annual Meeting
December 1, 2016

Unapproved Minutes – For Member Review

A quorum being present, President Jason Howarth called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with all Board members present.

President Howarth asked for a moment of silence in memory of all those we have lost since the last annual meeting.

Vice President Chris Green took the podium to recognize the past presidents and honorary members in attendance: John Griffin, James Heelon, Jason Howarth, Victor Kiloski, Thomas Livingston, Brian Moriarty, John Moriarty, Garry Murphy, Phil Regan, and Russ Wheeler.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OR THE 2015 ANNUAL MEETING

Motion – By Jim Moriarty, seconded by Jay Dinneen, to waive reading and approve the minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting. Vote unanimous. **Motion passed.**

President Howarth welcomed the members present and thanked all members for their ongoing support and commitment to Mount Pleasant; he also thanked the board for their hard work and dedication, and offered special thanks to Jack Hassett, Joel Jenkins, and Sean Tully for their ongoing efforts and support.

He went on to outline a few of the changes that occurred this year: the retirement of Jack Hassett; the formal recognition of the Communications Chair as a board position; the change from an annual Audit Committee to a year round Finance Review Committee. In particular he mentioned the many contributions of outgoing board members Mark Duffy and John Griffin, and thanked them for their years of service to Mount Pleasant.

FINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

Finance Review Committee Chairperson Mike King thanked the members of the Committee - Mark Byrne, Jr, Jay Dinneen, and Dan Moynihan - and gave a brief recap of their first year: regular meetings with Treasurer Brian Campbell on not just the financial statements but also operations and procedures; review of all financial systems; quarterly meetings with the board; meeting with Sean Tully on daily operations and processes; and a review of the year end annual financial statement.

Going forward they plan to work with Brian on detailing and documenting the Treasurer's role and

responsibilities, to work with the board on the transition to a new Treasurer, and other projects to be agreed upon.

Motion - By Jim Moriarty, seconded by John Murphy, to accept the report of the Finance Review Committee. Vote unanimous. **Motion passed.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Brian Campbell first noted what a positive and successful change the new Finance Review Committee has been – they asked a lot of excellent questions, worked hard, and are expected to play an important role in the transition to a new Treasurer.

Brian went on to review the annual financial statement and report of auditors Shannon & Associates (Exhibit A), touching on highlights, explaining significant changes, and answering several questions; it was a good year overall, and we finished the Fiscal Year with about \$200K cash on hand.

Brian thanked all the committees for their good work, especially the Finance Review Committee in their first year; in particular, he thanked and praised departing board members Mark Duffy and John Griffin for their many contributions over the years; and finally thank the kitchen crew for a very good year, as well as Jack Hassett, Joel Jenkins, and Sean Tully and their respective staffs for all they do.

Motion - By Lyndon Johnson, seconded by Tony Coit to accept the report of the Treasurer. Vote unanimous. **Motion passed.**

GOLF COURSE (GREENS) COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairperson John Griffin explained his final year was one of extremes, from opening the season on March 9th (the course was closed for just 71 days over the winter) to a summer of extreme drought. John thanked his committee and the board for their hard work and support, and he especially thanked Jack Hassett and his staff for their extraordinary efforts during a very trying year.

Motion - By Brian Gleason, seconded by Dan Walsh to accept the report of the Golf Course Committee. Vote unanimous. **Motion passed.**

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairperson Donna McMahon thanked the board for their support and encouragement, and thanked the many members of the House Committee for their hard work and dedication during the year. She mentioned some of the improvements this year, including new carpeting and painting in the club house, refinishing the downstairs bar, new window treatments upstairs and down, and the reupholstering of chairs and bar stools in the downstairs lounge. She also touched upon some of the events, including the Iron Chef competition, Wine & Nine, Member's Appreciation Night, and Tree Lighting among others. Donna also thanked the kitchen and staff for working cooperatively on making improvements, such as a new customized menu, the call ahead on # 9 tee, and table numbers,

among others. Finally she thanked Mark Duffy and Andrea Dutile for the email blasts and their many promotional efforts, as well as Jack, Joel, and Sean and their respective staff for all their contributions over the year.

Motion – By Brian Moriarty, seconded by Tim Green to accept the report of the House Committee. Vote unanimous. **Motion passed.**

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairperson Phil Regan announced that the grass has been green, the beer has been cold, and it has been a good year. He thanked the members of the Tournament Committee for their efforts and contributions all year; special thanks to Dave Mungovan, Bill Keegan, and Rick Gillis for their unsung work on the Handicap Committee, and to Joel Jenkins and staff for all their support and hard work; and thank you and good luck to Tom Lamond who is leaving (although Golf Genius will continue), and to Cam Martin, who is going to Florida for the winter but hopes to return to Mt Pleasant next Spring – Phil also mentioned possibly hiring an assistant Pro in the Spring. Phil reviewed some of the tournaments, including the successful Member/Member, the very popular Member/Guest and Member/3 Guests, the new this year Superintendent’s Revenge at the Beef Stew Open, and the well-attended Veteran’s Day Tournament and Luncheon (special thank you to Garry and Norma Murphy).

Motion – By George Emerson, seconded by John Johnson, to accept the report of the Tournament Committee. Vote unanimous. **Motion passed.**

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairperson Mark Duffy briefly reviewed the success of the email blasts and Golf Genius programs, and thanked web guru Steve Finneral, Andrea Dutile, Andy Crampton, Rick Gillis and everyone else who contributed to the successes and improvements over the last three years; he especially thanked Brian Campbell and Garry Murphy for their support and encouragement over the years.

Motion – By Lyndon Johnson, seconded by LeeAnn Connors to accept the report of the Communications Committee. Vote unanimous. **Motion passed.**

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Member Survey – Gerry Foley

Gerry announced a seven question, online survey will soon be distributed to members in an effort to begin gathering data in support of developing a long range plan for Mount Pleasant. The survey will

be anonymous and the results will be published for review.

Superintendent Update – Jason Howarth

Jason began with Jack’s appearance at the August 17th board meeting to announce he was retiring at the end of the year; Jason then outlined the formation of a sub committee consisting of Chris Green, Gerry Foley, and Bob McLeod to work with the GCSANE, Jack Hassett, and the board as a whole to develop a job description and posting, and review and screen the initial 27 resumes received; 13 of these candidates were selected for a first round interview with the subcommittee, and then narrowed to 5 finalists who interviewed with the entire board, who ultimately decided on a single finalist.

Jason then introduced the new Head Superintendent of Mount Pleasant Golf Club – Mr. Charles Malatesta.

At 7:45 p.m. Mr. Malatesta entered and gave a brief recap of his background and experience, including his start at Nabnasset as a young man, working at Mount Pleasant for Jack from 1990 to 1999, followed by Superintendent’s positions at Stonebridge Country Club, Beverly Golf and Tennis Club, and most recently Overlook Golf Club, where he recently received his GCSAA Class A Superintendent’s certification. He always envisioned returning to Mount Pleasant one day, and considers it an honor to be selected. He left the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson Peter Morin thanked the committee for all their efforts and reported that the following were selected by the Nominating Committee for the indicated offices, and are thereby nominated:

President	Jason Howarth
Vice-President	Chris Green
Secretary	Bob McLeod
Treasurer	Brian Campbell
Golf Course (Greens) Committee Chairperson	Gerry Foley
House Committee Chairperson	Donna McMahan
Golf (Tournament) Committee Chairperson	Phil Regan
Communications Chairperson	Andrea Dutile
Advisor	Jason Frediani

He also reported that, although not selected by the committee, the following member expressed his desire to have his name placed on the ballot for the position indicated.

Communications Chairperson	Rick Gillis
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Motion - By Bob Archinski, seconded by Dan Emerson, to accept the report of the Nominating Committee. Vote unanimous. **Motion passed.**

Motion - By George Emerson, seconded by Larry Howarth that the Secretary cast one vote for all uncontested candidates. Vote unanimous. **Motion passed.**

Motion by Brian Gleason, seconded by Charlie Heslin to nominate Rick Gillis for the position of Communications Chairperson. Vote unanimous. **Motion passed.**

The Nominating Committee conducted the election, distributing ballots to voting members and counting ballots after the voting was closed.

The following is the result of the one contested position:

Communications Chairperson	Andrea Dutile – 53 votes
	Rick Gillis – 52 votes

The following have been elected to the 2016-17 Board of Directors:

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President Jason Howarth thanked everyone for participating and called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Larry Howarth, seconded by Jim Soulard to adjourn the annual meeting. Vote unanimous. **Motion passed.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President Jason Howarth at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob McLeod,
Secretary