

Mount Pleasant Golf Club

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President

Chris Green
Vice-President

Bob McLeod
Secretary

Brian Campbell
Treasurer

Board of Directors Meeting

September, 21, 2016

Vice President Chris Green called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. with all board members present except John Griffin, Jason Howarth, and Phil Regan.

SECRETARY

Secretary presented the minutes from the 8/17/2016 Regular meeting, and the 8/23/2016 and 8/31/2016 Special meetings for review:

Motion by Chris Green, seconded by Donna McMahon to accept the minutes of the three meetings. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

Correspondence

- a) From Danny Rogers Memorial Golf Tournament – thank you for donation

Membership

The following were submitted for Social membership: Mara Winward, Douglas Stanley.

Motion by Mark Duffy, seconded by Donna McMahon, to accept the two (2) Social members. Vote unanimous – Motion passed.

Motion by Gerry Foley, seconded by Mark Duffy to accept the Secretary's report. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

TREASURER

Brian reported the following:

- Club is in relatively good shape cash wise; real estate tax due, water bill due, weekly payroll will drop as season winds down;
- Overall Social membership is down, with increase in dropouts (?);
- Inventory to be done the end of October;
- Long term debt at \$509K, should be under \$500K for Annual Meeting;
- Bar revenue still up (+\$30K on Budget) and Greens Fees and Carts (+\$9.5K);
- Hall rental down considerably in August;
- Gross margins a concern on bar revenue – may consider a price increase in April (last increase in downstairs bar was six years ago);
- Year over Year dues, carts, green fees, and bar revenue are all up (Income up \$72K from last year).

Brian reported the following account balances: Operating Account \$10,444; Payroll Account \$1,715; Money Market Account \$275,890; Stabilization Account \$5,128; Total Cash \$293,177.

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

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Donna McMahon reported on a meeting with Lee Ann, who stated this has been her best year so far; new hours beginning October 1st will be posted online and downstairs and sent out with an email blast; also she is interested in discussing a contract to insure some stability – agreed to meet and discuss with the board.

Donna and Jason met with Sean to follow up on list of open items to be accomplished, and emphasized the importance of completing tasks in a timely manner.

Motion by Gerry Foley, seconded by Chris Green, to accept the House Committee's report. Vote unanimous – Motion passed.

GREENS COMMITTEE

Submitted electronically in John Griffin's absence:

- aeration of the greens scheduled for last Monday was rained out – tentatively rescheduled for Wed. (10/5), requiring the greens to be closed for roughly half a day;
- Recent rains have helped to replenish some of the pond/brook, and should reduce the amount of water purchased from the City;
- Course is generally in excellent condition – fairway aeration will be worked into the schedule as the work load permits.

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

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Submitted electronically in Phil Reagan's absence:

- Last two weeks have been extremely busy with two Member/Guests and an outside tournament, in addition to normal activities;
- Successful Member/Member was held September 10th and 11th - Special thanks to Jack and Joel and their respective staff for all the work they put in;
- Upcoming events include the Senior Cities at MP, the Solheim, Vaughn, and Ryder Cups, October Member/3 Guest and Octoberfest.

Motion by Chris Green, seconded by Donna McMahon to accept the report of the Tournament Committee. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Email blasts are continuing, and a number of upcoming events were reviewed. Mark announced he would likely not run again for the board of directors, but would be happy to assist in the transition.

Motion by Gerry Foley, seconded by Brian Campbell, to accept the report of the Tournament Committee. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Course Survey – postponed until next month (Jason)

Master/Long Range Plan – Gerry is developing an anonymous survey to gather additional input for the planning process; will finalize questions and methodology (use email blast, hard copies downstairs, etc.).

Gerry also reported on his initial research into digging a second, deeper well to supplement water on the course: it appears there are no permits required, possible location near pump house at pond in front of hole 3 – Gerry to investigate prices. He also updated a GPS map file of the course, including sprinkler heads, piping and irrigation systems, drainage, utilities, etc.

Supt Search - thirteen resumes received to date, Friday (9/30) is deadline, working on defining process and establishing time line for interviews and hiring.

NEW BUSINESS

MGA Forum scheduled for Wednesday, October 5th if any board members are interested and/or available.

Reduced Greens Fees – next meeting

Nominating Committee – agreed to meet Wednesday, September 28th at 7:00 p.m. expressly to select the Nominating Committee candidates

Budget partially covered in Treasurer’s report – Brian to finish package and meet with Committee Chairs

Miscellaneous

Request from Bill Dastou for an Outing with some coworkers was forwarded for consideration – need additional information;

Request to address special circumstances regarding former members who are reapplying for membership and/or considering LOA – tabled at present;

Brian suggested it may be time to institute a formal Reserve Fund, where funds (possibly end of year profit) are set aside – use of the funds would require a motion and successful vote of the board.- Brian to research and prepare a proposal;

A brief discussion of the Ouimet Scholarship donation as part of the annual billing process - no action taken at this time.

There being no further business,

Motion by Mark Duffy, seconded by Gerry Foley, to adjourn. Vote unanimous. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob McLeod, Secretary