

Mount Pleasant Golf Club

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Jason Howarth
President

Chris Green
Vice-President

Bob McLeod
Secretary

Brian Campbell
Treasurer

Board of Directors Meeting

October 19, 2016

Vice President Chris Green called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with all board members present except President Jason Howarth, who was in transit.

SECRETARY

Secretary presented the minutes from the 9/21/2016 meeting for review.

Motion by Gerry Foley, seconded by Donna McMahon to accept the minutes as amended of the 9/21/2016 meeting. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

Correspondence

- From Henry (Harry) Thyne, reluctantly resigning his membership, and stating how much he enjoyed his time at Mount Pleasant – accepted
- From Jim Moriarty on behalf of the Senior City Tournament Committee – thank you to Mt Pleasant and staff for hosting the Tournament - accepted.

Membership

The following were submitted for Social membership: Peng Chen; Maureen Howe; Nelson Reis; and Lidonio Vasconcelos.

Motion by Brian Campbell, seconded by Mark Duffy, to accept all four (4) Social members. Vote unanimous – Motion passed.

The member database system is being checked for members who will be changing status with the new year (Youth over 18 years, Juniors over 24 years, Regular members eligible for Senior status, and LOA's) letters will be sent out accordingly.

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

TREASURER

Brian reported the following:

- Operating Account at \$15,087;
- Current cash ‘burn rate’ at \$60K-70K/month, income will drop off seasonally;
- Becoming more conservative in purchasing for the end of the year;
- Fixed Assets – spent about \$75K, report next month;
- Relatively good shape for the year;
- Bar is up \$30K to budget, upstairs hall is improving with additional bookings;
- Furniture and windows treatments are half paid - water bill and real estate taxes still due; roof and gutters;
- Pro Shop will soon free up Cam and Tom’s salary;
- Upstairs hall may be cause for concern (\$106K last year to \$83K this year), brief discussion of marketing options, promotional opportunities, etc. - to be continued;
- Budget meetings with the committee chairs to begin next week.

Brian briefly outlined a plan to establish a Reserve Fund, possibly made up of year end net cash, initiation fees, and/or approximately \$25K from annual assessment not used to pay down the note – need to understand the impact on the budget and dues, as well as cash flow and operations.

Brian reported the following account balances: Operating Account \$15,087; Payroll Account \$1,971; Money Market Account \$200,959; Stabilization Account \$5,129; Total Cash \$223,146.

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

President Jason Howarth joined the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Donna McMahon reported the following:

- Replacement roofing, rubber underlay and shingles on the peaks and valleys, has been completed, gutters will be an additional \$940;
- Solar shades have been ordered for the function room, sunroom, member’s lounge, pro shop and kitchen;
- Wine & 9 event was a success with 60 plus golfers;
- Lee Ann proposed a change in kitchen hours effective 10/31/16 (to be posted); oven calibration is still an issue; for the ladies dinner upstairs the elevator was not working;
- Lee Ann has also requested a meeting with the board to discuss a possible contract for next year – the kitchen has had a very good year and will donate the food for the beef stew open;

- There was a small send off party for Cam and a collection was taken up; another party is being planned for Tom Lanmond, possibly with appetizers and games – agreed, the House committee to coordinate with Joel and the Pro Shop;
- Jason and Donna both discussed some concerns with House tasks and projects not being completed – agreed that Jason and Donna would again meet again with Sean over prioritizing and delegating assignments
- November Trivia to be hosted by Joel

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

GREENS COMMITTEE

John Griffin reported:

- The 10/5 scheduled aeration of the greens was postponed due to weather, and has since been completed; Jack scheduled a course ‘walk through’ collectively with twelve (12) candidates for the Superintendents position;
- Skilling’s well company is due in to estimate the cost of an additional, possibly deeper well, to supplement our current water needs.

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

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Phil Regan reported:

- The Vaughn Cup was hosted by Long Meadow on 10/8 and 10/9 and was a great success despite some inclement weather that shortened Sunday play – Mount Pleasant successfully defended the Cup which will returned to Mt Pleasant next year;
- The last Member/3 Guest of the year was held 10/14;
- 9 & Wine another success, thanks to the House Committee and staff;
- Oktoberfest scheduled for 10/22, the Beef Stew Open scheduled for 10/30 (Regular and Limited men) with the Ghost Tournament 10/23 and Turkey Shoot 11/5 (both women) scheduled to close the season.

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

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Mark reported he’s developed written procedures and cheat sheets for the next Communications Chair, and will work closely on the transition

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

OLD BUSINESS

Superintendent's position – Chris Green reported the posting initially received 24 resumes, which were reviewed by Chris Green, Gerry Foley, and Bob McLeod; Jack Hasset was also involved in reviewing and vetting candidates. After this initial screening Chris, Gerry, and Bob have scheduled 12 first round interviews over the next week, after which the field will be reduced again and a second round of interviews will be scheduled with the full board. Brian also met with Jack, who expressed an interest in staying on in a part time capacity next year, details to be determined.

Nominating Committee has been selected and is scheduled to hold its initial meeting next Monday, October 24th.

Course survey progressing, to be revisited next month.

NEW BUSINESS

Green Fee discounts

Motion by Chris Green, seconded by Gerry Foley, to reduce green fees to \$25 for the rest of the calendar year, effective 10/19/2016. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

Tree carving – vendor due in next week to look at tree overlooking # 3 Tee

There being no further business,

Motion by Mark Duffy, seconded by Gerry Foley, to adjourn. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, November 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob McLeod, Secretary