

Mount Pleasant Golf Club

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President

Jason Frediani
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Bob McLeod
Secretary

Jay Heelon
Treasurer

Board of Directors Meeting

March 28, 2018

President Chris Green called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with eight (8) board members present and Jason Frediani en route.

SECRETARY

Secretary presented the minutes from February 2/28/2018 regular meeting.

Motion by Andrea Dutile, seconded by Phil Regan to accept the minutes of the 2/28/2018 regular meeting. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

Correspondence

- From the family of Jack Lynch, thank you for the donation - accepted;
- From Frank McCabe of the Daly Holding Company, thank you to Mount Pleasant and especially Sean Tully and his team for accommodating a four day training event in February - accepted;
- From Recreational Adult Resource Association (RARA) of Lowell, requesting a donation – placed on file;
- From the Women’s Cities Golf Tournament, scheduled for Saturday, July 21,2018 at Vesper Country Club, requesting a donation for their Program Book;
- From the Mount Pleasant Ladies Division, congratulating the new board on their election, and asking to meet with the Board as convenient to discuss the coming year – accepted, with discussion to be scheduled during the May board meeting;
- From Jamie McCabe, on behalf of a group of Mount Pleasant members and LHS faculty, requesting a waiver of the hall rental fee for a fundraiser on June 1,2018 for fellow teacher Dan Murphy who has been diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis and is facing transplant surgery;

- From Joe Cooper (# 726), requesting reinstatement after a Leave of Absence – accepted and placed on Wait List;
- From Scott Pratt (# 587) requesting a change in membership from Regular AB to Regular A;
- From Neil Robinson (# 176), requesting a change in membership from Regular A to Regular AB;
- From Armie Sancartier (# 914) requesting a change in membership from a Regular A to Regular AB.

Motion by Dave Desmond, seconded by Donna McMahon to sponsor an ad in the Women’s Cities Program, at no cost since Mount Pleasant paid last year but the ad was omitted. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

Motion by Donna McMahon, seconded by Gerry Foley to waive the hall rental fee for LHS Fundraiser scheduled for June 1, 2018. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

Motion by Jay Heelon, seconded by Dave Desmond to accept the three (3) changes in membership status above. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

Jason Frediani entered the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Membership

The following were submitted for Social membership: Tim Lapointe; Ryan Carhart; Jo-Ann Keegan; Robert L’Hussier, Jr; David Sullivan.

Motion by Andrea Dutile, seconded by Dave Desmond to accept the five (5) Social members above. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

The following Junior members were submitted for Regular membership: Brad Daly; Mike Britton.

Motion by Donna McMahon, seconded by Gerry Foley to accept the two Junior members, Brad Daly and Mike Britton, as Regular members. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

Bylaws, Rules & Regulations were reviewed and approved for posting for the 2018 season.

Motion by Phil Regan, seconded by Jay Heelon to accept the Secretary's report. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

Chuck Malatesta entered the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Management Review – Chuck Malatesta (Taken Out of Order)

Chris and the board welcomed Chuck and thanked him for attending. Chuck stated he thought it had been a pretty good year overall for the course; there was clearly a learning curve involved, and there were differences in approaches as well (e.g., cutting fairways up & down versus angled across; aerating once versus twice, etc.), and communication was good but probably could have been better.

Planning on verticutting this year with additional top dressing, clean up to start with the crew next week (weather permitting), much tree work to be done (getting quotes, checking insurance), also some damage to the fence behind the shop.

Projects deferred from last year: enhanced plantings and flowers at beds, patio, etc.; establish direct line from pump to pond to increase efficiencies and water retention; enhancements to practice area and # 1 tee boxes; improve bunker (sand, edging, lips, etc.); improve cart circle at first tee and divot mix station (walking and driving)

Between # 1 and # 9 the first and third pine trees are lost altogether, will be removed; will return to trim trees along the left side of # 7 (coming down the hill), also flatten and regrade tee boxes on # 7; remove outdated granite markers on Tee boxes (and make available to sponsors, if interested); do complete evaluation of all tee box options and possible enhancements; also review greens for speed, consistency, etc.

Capital Issues: Toro Used equipment list (2006 Aerator); used Triplex; Dump Truck (for year round use).

Chuck left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

TREASURER

Treasurer Jay Heelon presented a copy of a twelve month budget report he's developing following the annual report format, and consisting of revenue & expenses, cash flows,, balance sheet, and detailed expenses by category. He also presented copies of end of month financial reports, which will be posted in the downstairs lounge.

The bookkeeper is coming up to speed and should come in under budget based on reduced hours; Jay has not yet met with the Finance Review Committee, but will do so.

Overall the club appears to be in good shape financially, anticipating a good year. Details to follow.

Motion by Donna McMahon, seconded by Phil Regan to accept the Treasurer's report. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Donna McMahon reported interior painting is about 80% complete; rugs and bathrooms have been cleaned; lights for the ladies locker room are on order. Zesty's will open for Masters Weekend and start regular service the following weekend.

Possible capital expenses: new stackable chairs for upstairs hall (estimate 150 at \$75 each, \$11,250); new chairs (with and without arms) and tables for downstairs lounge (estimate \$15K); new gas grill for outside of kitchen, either free standing or built in (stonework).

Snacks have been well received downstairs; additional requests for Bud Light on tap, also pitchers – agreed to have Donna McMahon and Dave Desmond meet with Sean to discuss staff scheduling and tap products in the downstairs lounge.

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

GREENS COMMITTEE

Gerry Foley reported he and Jack and Chuck are continuing to develop an irrigation plan – currently exploring contracting out to run new main lines while using in house resources to install sprinkler heads – weighing overall costs.

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

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Phil Regan reported the tournament schedule has been finalized; the various club championships are scheduled for separate weekends; the Smoker will be Friday, April 6th at 7:30 p.m.; New Member Meeting the same night at 6:30 p.m. Agreed that invitations will be mailed to all newly approved members.

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

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Andrea reported the email blasts are going well, but they are always looking for announcements and information to keep members current.

Motion by Gerry Foley, seconded by Dave Desmond to accept the report of the Communications Committee. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- Management Review: Chuck Malatesta (Taken Out of Order)
- Kitchen Agreement

To review previous agreement(s); need to consider liability, etc.

NEW BUSINESS

- Bylaws, Rules & Regulations – reviewed and approved
- Tournament Schedule – complete and approved
- Smoker/New Member Meeting - agreed
- Ouimet Review

A discussion was initiated based on a letter from a voting member, requesting the Ouimet contribution be eliminated from annual invoices. It was emphasized that it is clearly stated as optional, and historically many young members at Mount Pleasant have benefitted (at times the club has received more in scholarships than was donated in a given year). Although there are occasional complaints, clearly a majority of members prefer the current system (annual contributions are close to 80%), and the funds are properly accounted for.

Jason Frediani left the meeting at 9:19 p.m.

It was noted that the Dues information sheet at the bar was edited to list two separate ‘total due’ amounts, one with the Ouimet and one without; it was also noted current system limitations do not allow us to do the same with system invoices (i.e. list two optional totals). It was agreed to revisit after the current billing cycle is complete to explore any other options or improvements.

○ Capital Expenses

Based on committee reports, a review of the budget, and additional discussion the following list of possible capital expenses was agreed to:

- 1) Security Cameras at \$7.1K (previously approved)
- 2) Aerator (used) at up to \$14K
- 3) Tree removal at \$5.2K
- 4) Gas Grill at \$3.7K
- 5) Walk In Floor replacement at \$2.5K - \$3K
- 6) Stackable chairs for upstairs hall at \$11.5K
- 7) Improvements to Practice area/# 1 Tee at \$8.7K
- 8) Tables and Chairs for downstairs lounge at \$15K
- 9) Triplex at \$35K? (new v. used; lease costs?) ?

Jason Frediani entered the meeting at 9:48 p.m.

Motion by Gerry Foley, seconded by Dave Desmond to approve up to \$5.5K for tree removal and up to \$14K for a used Aerator. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

Motion by Donna McMahon, seconded by Jason Frediani to approve up to \$4K for a gas grill, \$3K to replace the walk in floor, and \$11.5K to purchase 150 stackable chairs for the upstairs hall. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

Agreed, that the remaining three items (practice area improvements, tables and chairs for downstairs lounge, and Triplex be place on hold).

MISCELLANEOUS

City Tournament Committee

Representative Jay Heelon reported the Cities will be at Mount Pleasant on Friday, June 22nd this year; all four clubs are holding qualifying rounds on the same day this year; the board needs to designate a name for the Medalist trophy at Mount Pleasant; the overall tournament cup will be named for Ned Flood; also, the committee is seeking the annual \$500 sponsorship from Mount Pleasant.

Motion by Jason Frediani, seconded by Andrea Dutile to approve a \$500 annual sponsorship from Mount Pleasant. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

Long Range Plan

Jason Frediani offered to revisit the previous long range plan for relevance at this time – agreed to tie the review to last year’s member survey and ensuing follow up.

There being no further business,

Motion by Andrea Dutile, seconded by Donna McMahon to adjourn. Vote unanimous. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, April 18th at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob McLeod, Secretary