

Mount Pleasant Golf Club

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Secretary

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Treasurer

Board of Directors Meeting

April 20, 2016

President Jason Howarth called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with all board members present except Vice President Chris Green.

SECRETARY

Secretary presented the minutes from the 3/30/16, 4/7/16, and the 4/13/16 meetings for review.

Motion by Phil Regan, seconded by Mark Duffy to accept the minutes as amended of the 3/30/16 meeting. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

Motion by Donna McMahon, seconded by Brian Campbell to accept the minutes of the 4/7/16 meeting. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

Motion by Mark Duffy, seconded by Phil Regan to accept the minutes of the 4/13/16 meeting. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

Correspondence

- a) Merrimack Valley Cribbage League – thank you for the use of the downstairs lounge on Wednesday evenings from January through April;
- b) Fundraiser for Lisa Callary Perry at Long Meadow – request for donation;
- c) Fundraiser for Academy of Notre Dame – request for sponsorship/donation for golf tournament at Vesper;
- d) Robert Healy III (#344) resigning Social membership;
- e) Travis Roy Foundation annual fundraiser to be held at Mount Pleasant – request waive hall rental and/or donation (Scott Trahan).

Motion by Donna McMahon, seconded by Gerry Foley to donate a foursome with carts to the Lisa Callary Perry event at Long Meadow. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

Motion by Brian Campbell, seconded by Donna McMahon to donate a foursome with carts to the Academy of Notre Dame fundraiser. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

Motion by Brian Campbell, seconded by Mark Duffy to waive the hall rental fee and donate a foursome with carts to the Travis Roy Foundation fundraiser. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

Membership

The following Junior members in good standing were presented for Regular membership: Brendan Allen, and Tim McLeod.

Motion by Mark Duffy, seconded by Gerry Foley to accept both Junior members as Regular A members. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

An application for Youth membership by Liam Johnson was placed on file, as the Youth/Junior membership category is currently at the limit as allowed by the bylaws.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer stated the monthly report was late and would be provided next month. He went on to mention:

- Currently \$667,903 cash on hand – most cash on hand ever
- \$4K in hall rentals during March (increase)
- \$5K increase in bar revenue during March - \$10K year
- Greens and cart fees were modest, due to the weather
- Social members who have not paid dues in two years have been identified they will be put on hold and letters mailed out explaining they will be expelled
- Members are 'posted' for an outstanding balance greater than \$100 (will now include those with a late fee, since the fee increased to \$200)

He also reported the following account balances: Operating Account at \$24,381; Payroll Account at \$12,617; Money Market at \$625,777; Stabilization at \$ 5,127; for a total of \$667,903.

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

HOUSE COMMITTEE

- Quote for the mosquito squad increase service from every two weeks to once per week for April to September = \$2K annually;
- Family Feud was a great success (same DJ to return with Slingo game, a combination of Bingo and Name That Tune);
- Tickets available for Scotch Comedy Night - Agreed, to include a golf foursome with carts to the list of door prizes and raffles;
- Planned events include Derby Day May 7th (Hat Contest and specialty drinks); Day at the Races (TBD); BBQ Cookoff (August 13th);
- Awaiting dates for downstairs carpet installation;

- Kitchen – new menu printed, table numbers are in, breakfast menu in the works;
- Furniture – still researching/pricing replacement chairs and bar stools for the downstairs lounge.

Motion by Phil Regan, seconded by Mark Duffy to accept the House Committee’s report.
Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

GREEN’S COMMITTEE

- Toro has changed the deck on their new mower, and have scheduled a demo next month – this will push out the acquisition and lease of new mower a month;
- Jack and the Committee would like to begin several cart path repairs, and possibly extend the path on # 2 due to steady wear and tear (will stake out area under consideration);
- Edging stones on select portions of the paths have worked out well (look good, control carts) and will continue;
- Two items of note, 1) grassy area on # 6 tee box (strip between cart path/stones and tee box) showing a lot of wear, and 2) cart paths usage around # 9 green (more signage ? directions ?)

Motion by Phil Regan, seconded by Brian Campbell to repair and extend cart paths as needed, not to exceed \$10K. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

There was also a brief discussion of possible options and improvements to the practice area between the hitting net and first tees – agreed to table at this point.

Motion by Brian Campbell, seconded by Donna McMahon to accept the Green’s Committee report. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

- Smoker was a very successful;
- Tournament Booklets and Rules & Regulations 2016 have been printed are available in the downstairs lounge;
- Numerous problems with posting scores last weekend were caused by USGA/GHIN computer/server issues – Dave Mungovan, Handicap Chair stepped in and resolved on issues on our end;
- Green Tree Open this week, Member/2 Guest Lottery going well, Twi-League dates posted;
- Lots of positive feedback on Golf Genius from members.

Motion by Mark Duffy, seconded by John Griffin to accept the Tournament Committee report.
Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Communications Committee (Andy Crampton, Mark Duffy, Andrea Dutile, Steve Finneral) meeting was rescheduled to next week – a report will be presented at the next board meeting; plans are to continue to increase coordination of email blasts with web site and Golf Genius.

Also, there was an issue with the Facebook account – although it was setup as an ‘individual’ account Facebook forced a change to a ‘business’ account, and some data was lost – Tom Lamond is restoring/rebuilding what was lost.

Motion by Brian Campbell, seconded by Phil Regan to accept the Communications Committee report. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Gerry Foley informally discussed some issues regarding properties adjacent to Mount Pleasant, then went on to provide some background and an overview of starting and conducting the process of a master plan: a brief recap of Long Meadow as an example; rebuild versus new construction (current plan is to be debt free by 2020; important to begin informal discussions with members.

Agreed, to continue as an item under Old Business to insure discussions are ongoing.

Agreed, bylaws as reviewed (‘Amended December 5, 2013 / Reprinted April 1, 2016) to be posted to the web page and the downstairs lounge. Possible bylaw improvements for consideration this year: 1) LOA dates and process, and 2) increase 50 member count for combined Youth/Junior/Junior Limited members (consistently at limit or beyond).

Health Care (from last month) monthly costs increased from \$4,747 to \$6,250. Agreed to approach the four employees affected and offer them an opportunity change to another plan by June 1st if interested. If not we will review options (increase copays, etc.).

Bill Lindquist’s request from 3/30/16 Tournament Committee report regarding having Mount Pleasant host a NEPGA Seniors event later this – agreed to not take this up this year, but rather to establish fees and charges in case it should come up again next year.

NEW BUSINESS

The Treasurer noted that with current bar prices we are falling a point or two below our standard margins; will continue to review costs/prices, and revisit.

Jason Howarth reported briefly on behalf Larry Howarth, Mount Pleasant’s representative on the City Tournament Committee: they are hoping to have a car on the course again (near 1st tee) as a promotion for the Hole-in-One prize; coordinating with Jack and Joel; Larry to meet with the board if warranted. Also, they asked for a recommendation for naming this year’s Medalist Cup, to be awarded at Mount Pleasant on the final day of the tournament – it was unanimously agreed to present the Thomas P. Conlon Memorial Cup to this year’s medalist.

Motion by Phil Regan, seconded by Gerry Foley to adjourn. Vote unanimous - motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

NEXT MEETING
Monday, May 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob McLeod, Secretary