

Sugar Creek Administrative Board Minutes
Tuesday February 28th, 2017
(Prepared by Dave Anderson in absence of
recording secretary Jean Paprocki)

Present: Brian McDermott, Greg Gola, Cheryl Tucker, Kevin Graf, Mark Exiner

Also Present: Nick Cuzzone, Dave Anderson - Manager, Kevin Goss – Superintendent

Absent: Bob Taglia

Additions and/or corrections to Agenda: None

Approval of Minutes for November 15th, 2016: Mark Exiner motioned to approve with a second by Cheryl Tucker. The committee approved by roll call.

Public Participation: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Manager's Report

- Remarkable weather conditions resulting in temperatures reaching the upper 60's with a few days in the 70's, have led to an unprecedented number of rounds and driving range activity recently. During the six-day period from Friday February 17th through Wednesday February 22nd, 620 rounds of golf were played – averaging over 100 per day. Those record-breaking numbers for this time of year made for some of the busiest days ever. Most of the activity happens between 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. since daylight is still short this time of year. During the peak demand, we were unable to accommodate some golfers due to maximum capacity.
- Other factors leading to being very busy during this time of year in addition to greens fee paying customers – golfers renewing their Resident or Senior Frequent Player cards, Men's League applications, and a high volume of driving range activity including updating and issuing new e-keys.
- Online registration for the summer youth camp opened on Saturday February 18th at 9 a.m. The program sold out to maximum capacity - which will reach 400 participants once waitlists have been addressed - within the first hour. Head Professional Cory Ferrell will be working on filtering through some of the duplicate and redundant registrations which is an inevitable result of the high-demand registration process. Over \$117,000 in revenue has been collected after a 10% rate increase for the 2017 program, compared to \$100,000 collected on the same first day of registration last year.
- The annual Chili Open golf event was held on January 7th with 55 participants. As usual, the weather was winter-like with bitter cold temperatures for the hearty participants who received chili all day, and a buffet dinner and raffle after their round.

- Much time in January and February is spent ordering and updating supplies like resident cards, Sr. Frequent Player cards, gift card, rate cards, e-keys for the driving range etc.... Also season schedules and reservations are beginning to be made for a few for the larger outings, leagues, permanent tee times and the fall high school golf seasons.
- Five new computer monitors and three new PC's were installed in the clubhouse. The three new PC's were due to be replaced at the front counter and the bar.
- In January and February Sugar Creek hosted a life celebration event, four birthday parties, Lombard Falcon Football board dinner and a bridal shower – a total of eight events including the Chili Open.
- Since January 1st, we have currently received 24 banquet deposits for this year compared to just 11 received during the same time period last year through 2/23

Superintendent Report

Winter Summary

To quickly summarize this winter, December was cold and snowy, January was warmer and wetter than average, and February was *much* warmer and drier than average. From February 17th to the 22nd, 5 out of 6 days were record high temperatures. With 6 days in a row over 60°F, we also broke the record for consecutive 60° days during February and during meteorological winter. Luckily, warm temperatures and a lack of ice cover in January meant that the ground was not saturated during this period and turned out great for golf. Maintenance staff mowed the greens several times, changed the hole positions, and even mowed the tees and fairways to provide our customers with an experience comparable to in-season play.

Projects and Notes

- With the lack of snow cover and many playable days, staff has frequently cleaned greens and fairways of debris of two main types: goose and willow. Of the two, willow branches have become our main problem as the roughly 40 willow trees planted in the mid 1990's have aged to the point where their branches are brittle and breaking off all winter.
- 12 dead or hazardous trees were removed to the west of the clubhouse parking lot. Also, invasive species have been removed from many fence lines.
- Warm weather allowed us to complete our spring landscape bed cleanup and cut down ornamental grasses around the course.
- Even with the frequent course preparation work, most of the crew's time has been spent on the equipment maintenance and repair list. Items completed include:
 - Rebuilt sand rake engine
 - Reconditioned and sharpened 14 cutting units for reel mowers (See article on the maintenance blog)
 - Replaced high pressure hydraulic hoses on the fairway mower
 - Replaced hydraulic hoses on greens mower
 - Reconditioned mower decks
 - Completed annual preventative maintenance checklist for most machines
- Upcoming deck project note: As proposed and approved during the 2017 budget process, the clubhouse deck will be repaired and the decking lumber replaced in the next 6 week depending

on the weather. There will be a period of time where the deck will be closed due to the repairs necessary or possible weather delays. We will have a more certain timetable by next month's meeting.

Financial Reports

Approval of Period 11 Income Statement (November)

Motion – Greg Gola

2nd – Kevin Graff

Next Meeting

March 21st, 2017

Motion to adjourn Mark Exiner, 2nd by Greg Gola