

SUGAR CREEK ADMINISTRATION BOARD MINUTES

APRIL 22, 2025

Mr. McDermott called the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

PRESENT: Greg Gola, Kent Johnson, Brian McDermott and Charlie Van Slyke

ABSENT: Joe Colmone, Chuck Howard and Claire Kubiesa

ALSO PRESENT: Cory Ferrell, Manager, Kevin Goss, Superintendent, and Jean Paprocki, the Recording Secretary

ADDITIONS AND/OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MARCH 25, 2025

A motion to accept the minutes for March 25, 2025, was made by **Charlie Van Slyke** and seconded by **Greg Gola**. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Inconsistent weather up to April 21 resulted in 2 less playable days than average with 6 days vs. 8 playable days for the 5-year average. Consequently, there were 892 rounds, which is about 100 rounds short of the 5-year average. Rounds and revenue were slightly above the 5-year average by \$329 indicating that golfers were ready to play when weather permitted, which was also reflected on Good Friday when the course was sold out and there was a 15-minute wait for the golf range. This was also shown in the range basket and pass revenue of \$17,917 which is approximately \$6,500 more than the 5-year average. Inside the clubhouse, spring cleaning included washing the windows, shampooing the carpets and waxing the hard floors. Also, the cleaning company has begun daily cleaning of the washrooms and club house. A full-time club house supervisor was hired. **Jenny Diamond's** first day was April 7th. New golf merchandise was purchased and is now arriving for the season. The Golf Online tee time reservation system was activated on April 12th while group golf instruction classes will begin next week on Mondays and Tuesdays after 4 p.m. and Saturdays between 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., which include adult only, adult and youth, and youth classes only. Meanwhile, the golf range has new yardage range targets and the Star Software which allows golfers to pay at the ball machine is working great with the

machine holding up to 15,000 golf balls. There is one remaining event for April with 5 events booked for May. The bridge construction on #1 began on March 31 with hole #1 and #2 closed and players beginning on hole #7 and playing these two holes twice to complete their 9 holes. The bridge became usable on April 12th for golfer and riding carts and is awaiting guard rails. Normal play resumed beginning at #1 on that date. At this point, Kevin Goss joined the presentation along with photographs recording the construction. Several accommodations were made during the construction using brackets to retain the curve and adding rock and quilted fabric to help with the water erosion. The steel guardrails are being fabricated and will be installed as soon as they are available. Cory finished his presentation with a question about Jr. Golf registration which was completed in February with over 230 registered exceeding our budget of \$95,000 although registration still remains open at about 85% capacity.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

March ended 5.4°F warmer than average with above average rainfall while April began with cooler temperatures and drier than average. Presently, we have reached average temperatures but are still drier than average. The cooler temperatures have delayed turf growth so mowing for all course areas is only as needed, not our regular season mowing schedule. Besides the bridge repair, other projects included aerification of tees and fairways using a new slicing aerifier on the fairways, seeding areas of the rough, cleaning sticks and debris from trees, installing new yardage markers on the range and edging and weeding landscape beds. The sand in the bunker on the first green was also replaced as all sand bunkers were replaced in 2013 after the flood, and the usual limit on sand bunkers is 8 years.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

APPROVAL OF BUDGET COMPARISON REPORT:

The Board considered the Income Statement for Period 3, 2025. **Brian McDermott** introduced revenues highlighting several of the differences including increased banquet rentals and alcohol sales with expenses showing decreases in wages due to not being full staffed the first 3 months of this year, and education as nobody attended the national conferences this year. Increases in expenses included driving range supplies which were the driving range reader and the timing of the purchase of new range balls. Another expense was the timing of the purchase of chemicals for the course. A motion to accept the March Income Statement was made by **Kent Johnson** and seconded by **Charlie Van Slyke**. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, May 27, 2025. Also, a reminder that October 17, 2025 is the tentative date being considered to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the course.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by **Greg Gola** and seconded by **Charlie Van Slyke**. All were in favor and the meeting ended at 6:33 p.m.