

SUGAR CREEK ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MINUTES

MAY 28, 2024

Mr. McDermott called the meeting at 6:02 P.M.

PRESENT: Joe Colmone, Greg Gola, Claire Kubiesa, Brian McDermott and Charlie
Van Slyke

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

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

Chuck Howard from Villa Park will now be joining the Board with 4 members
now representing Villa Park

ABSENT: Kent Johnson and Chuck Howard

ADDITIONS AND/OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR APRIL 23, 2024

A motion to approve the minutes for April 23, 2024 was made by **Claire Kubiesa**
and seconded by **Joe Colmone** with an abstention from **Charlie Van Slyke**. All were in
favor and the motion passed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Rounds and revenues continue to be up with 18 playable days through May 27 as golf continues to be in demand with monthly rounds up by 592 rounds versus the same time period last year. Greens fees and cart revenue exceeded the 5-year average by about \$50,000 while the driving range is now open with revenues for the month exceeding the 5-year average by \$19,441. Our banquet facility continues to be very busy with many graduation parties, baby, and bridal showers this month. A total of 36 events have been booked for the year with additional inquiries coming in daily for future summer and fall events. Meanwhile, 24 of them have already been hosted. In addition, our first golf outing occurred this month with 13 additional outings booked for the year. Junior Golf Camp begins June 10 with 230 participants registered. Registrations are still being taken for those age groups and dates which are not full. Group lessons also began this month with after school lessons for boys and girls and weekend group lessons. The weekend group classes will continue through the summer months as well as a high school prep program for those students wanting to try out for their high school golf teams.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

May has been warmer than average by 5.5°F and average in total precipitation. The notable difference is the frequency of the rainfall with 10 days of rain with slightly more than .1" each day while last May 2023 was extremely dry with only 1 day over .1". The frequent rain and heat have resulted in strong turf growth making work on several projects difficult. Another consequence is constant mowing of this fast-growing grass and pumping and restoring the sand traps after the rain. Other projects this month included several irrigation repairs to old pipes and sprinkler heads, continued work on the borrow pit excavation on the 4th hole with a complete design of the drainage system for that borrow pit, and pruning trees on the 4th hole after some minor wind damage. Long term projects involved the range net repair as we received the check from PDRMA for \$22,155 of the \$28,810 cost for the repair. The reimbursement is now being prorated on the age of the net. The contractors and staff are also recommending replacing the entire system as many cables are in poor condition. The above ground storage tank project is coming close to completion as quotes were sent out for the installation with a contract being readied for the one company that responded. Lastly, Kevin wrote an article "Improving Water Quality at Sugar Creek Golf Course" which was published in *On Course* magazine in the May edition. This magazine is distributed to superintendents in the Midwest and other people in the industry and education.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

APPROVAL OF BUDGET COMPARISON REPORT:

The Board considered the Income Statement for Period 4, 2024. **Brian McDermott's** began stating that our new software system uses an accrual basis so revenue is not recognized until received changing the revenue shown for Jr. Golf. Other significant changes include the revenue for greens fees cart rental, pro shop, alcohol, and food being higher than 2023 as the course was closed last year. The rental for banquets is also off to a good start. Expenses for cart rentals were also significantly increased with the closure as were as were utilities and supplies. A discussion ensued with the negative amount being shown for merchandise supplies in the pro shop with the explanation that this was merchandise which was purchased and left over from the previous year. A motion to accept the income statement was made by **Charlie Van Slyke** and seconded by **Claire Kubiesa**. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be scheduled for June 25 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by **Greg Gola** and seconded by **Claire Kubiesa** and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:52p.m.

Respectfully submitted,