

MINUTES

Beaver Meadow Golf Advisory Committee Meeting
April 18, 2019

In Attendance: Jim Marshall, Jennifer Kretovic, Bob Norton, Fran Hunt, Linda Mattlage, Dick Holden, Brian LeBrun, Phil Davis, and Bernard “Sid” Chase.

Absent: Chris Mulleavey (Chair), Mark Coen, and Roger Jobin.

The meeting was called to order. Dick Holden chaired the meeting in Chris Mulleavey’s absence.

1) Public Input: Steve Potoczak voiced concerns regarding the following:

- The frequency of tee marker movement. Sid Chase indicated that once the season starts, the turf is growing, and seasonal staff returns, it will be done daily.
- The frequency of trap raking and preserving the City’s investment in improved bunkers. Sid Chase indicated that staff had just begun cleaning the traps out for the season. Once seasonal staff returns, the traps are raked about four times per week.
- The trap at the left rear of the Hole 9 green has been full of water for some time. Sid Chase indicated that the drain in the trap was compromised when the waterline for ice skating was extended to the pond. Staff is aware and it is on their “to do” list.

Sid added that the course has only been open for six days, and there are only four staff members working full-time right now.

Mr. Potoczak expressed his appreciation for the staff members’ efforts and complimented the condition of the greens.

2) Approval of March 14, 2019 Meeting Minutes: Bob Norton motioned, and Jennifer Kretovic seconded, to approve the minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3) Course Update:

- Sid Chase noted that the greens came through the winter well. He has concerns about the left front of Hole #6.
- The course is extremely wet and frost has not come out of the ground. Frost was upwards of four feet deep according to other City staff. The deep frost has resulted in over 15 mainline breaks.
- Phil Davis noted that the Simulator League was a big success and that playoffs are finishing up now.
- 2019 membership sales are currently ahead of 2018, 103 to 86. Young Adult and Junior memberships are particularly strong.
- The course is implementing USGA rules within its local rules.
- Hole #12 will be painted as a penalty area. It will help speed up play.
- NHGA will be re-rating the course on April 17. The course will be rated on four sets of tees. Bob Norton expressed his strong feelings that white tees should not be behind the tee sign.

- Junior camp is scheduled for next week.
- Phil Davis and Sid Chase are going to experiment with switching 9's on non-tournament weekends to improve pace of play.
- Phil Davis has been controlling the narrative regarding carts on the course. He has visited several other courses and cart use has created severe damage to the course. It was the right decision to delay cart rentals.

- 4) **FY 2019 Year to Date Financials:** Brian LeBrun shared the financial reports that were recently presented to City Council. He noted that revenue is trending similar to FY 2018. In FY 2020, the Golf Fund will be a Special Revenue Fund instead of an Enterprise Fund. This means that General Fund support for the golf course will come during the budget process, not after the fiscal year ends.
- 5) **Event Tent CIP:** City Council recently approved additional funds in order to install a floor. The tent will be ready for the first event.
- 6) **Adjournment:** Bob Norton motioned to adjourn, and Jennifer Kretovic seconded. With a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned.
- 7) **Next Meeting:** Thursday, May 9th, at 8:00 AM, at BMGC Clubhouse.