

**CITY OF RHINELANDER
GOLF COURSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, August 9, 2011 at 2:00 P.M.**

MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Members Present: Sonny Paszak, Tom Kelly, and Dick Butterfield

Members Absent: Alex Young

II. Review of Past Meeting Minutes

KELLY/BUTTERFIELD, MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 7, 2011 MEETING. ALL AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

III. Departmental Activity Report

Mulligan's Restaurant Operational Report - David O'Melia

David O'Melia reported that gross sales are up. In 2010 the gross was \$35,666.00. This year is \$37,281.00. He thought August looked like it might be good, but was worried about September and October. David noted that the cost of goods is going up, and eating into the margin.

David explained that they were still having problems with the new software, and wanted to know if they could come back for another training after the busy season was over.

Joe Andersen asked if One Prospect could do it, and David noted that he would like both sides to assist. Joe thought that One Prospect could handle it, or it would cost too much.

Pro Shop Operational Report - Dan Buckley

Dan Buckley reported that the golf shop and range were down 4% to 5%, and the beverage cart too. The League numbers are good, but Women's League was down a bit

Grounds/Facility Report - Joe Andersen

Joe Andersen reported that he was injured in July, but is back on light desk duty. His crew has been doing a spectacular job, and the course should be in good shape by mid September. Ventilation has made a remarkable difference in the bathroom facilities on the course. The waterfall is operational, but the total repair will be around \$3,000.

III. Unfinished Business:

Software Update

Nothing to report

IV. New Business:

Discuss/Approve Fall Membership Promotion

Dan Buckley explained that in past years, they ran a promotion where if you purchased a new membership for next year, you would play the balance of this year for free. This has been successful in the past, and would lock people in now for next year.

Financial Update

Dan Buckley noted that they were about 10% down in revenues, but have 210 members versus 160 in 2010. People have gone from greens fee players to members. He felt this should be addressed in membership pricing for next year. Dan reported that when there was good weather in July, they were very busy, but the volume of people is not as good as in the 1980's.

Joe Andersen added that in the last few years, September has turned out to be a lot better month than years ago.

Sonny Paszak explained that they were going to try to extend the season, and Dan added that they had extended Men's League.

Finance Director Julie Ostrander reported that it looked like from the budget of \$600,000, they were under about \$60,000. At the bottom, they are at \$36,000 instead of \$115,000, and not quite as well off as last year. Dan added that they have a number of outings coming up later, so they have some good events to bring in revenue.

V. Matters of Emergency/Informational Nature

Joe Andersen explained that the Special Projects Scramble donates money back to the golf course. They would like to pay for a pond renovation. Dan Buckley added that it used to hold water, and doesn't anymore. It will cost \$29,500 to fix it. The money from the Scramble will go into this, plus scholarships. Musson's will clean out and redo the pond mid September, and approval is needed for this.

Joe asked what would be done to replace Don Torbenson as a committee member.

Dan Buckley noted that the Men's League is getting together and they would like to put out a plaque for a memorial to Don, with a presentation.

VII. Consideration of Bills and Claims

KELLY/BUTTERFIELD. MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS AND CLAIMS. ALL AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

VIII. Future Agenda Requests and Meeting Date

Financial Update
Pond Renovation by Musson's at no cost to the City
Discuss/Approve 2012 Membership pricing
Discuss Candidates for Golf Course Committee
Concealed Carry Law for Golf Course

The next regular meeting will be held on August 30, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall.

IX. Adjournment

KELLY/BUTTERFIELD, MOTION TO ADJOURN THE GOLF COURSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AT 2:50 P.M. ALL AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

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