

Regular Meeting

Frederick Peak Golf Course clubhouse

March 11th, 2024

A regular meeting of the Frederick Peak Golf Course Board was held on March 11th, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. at the Frederick Peak Golf Course clubhouse, the same notice of meeting was given according to law. All of the proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the meeting was open to the public. A public Information Agenda Packet was available at the public information table. Notice of Open Meetings Act was provided as required by law.

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by President Balliet.

All board members were present (Balliet, Getty, Hernstrom, Renning, and McCauley). Club managers Jacob Fuehrer and Megan Hawthorne were also present.

Renning motioned to approve the past minutes. Hernstrom seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

There was no public comment.

In clubhouse reports, Hawthorne said that memberships were starting to sell. Clubhouse rental fees were also coming in. The course has done nearly \$12,000 in alcohol sales since October. The cornhole league will continue to run through the end of the month. No corporate memberships are in yet. There are several graduation parties booked for May, and well as a family reunion on the third weekend of June. The Chamber tournament is June 22nd and the Alumni tournament is June 29th. The Alumni tournament asked if they could get a special rental rate because they just intend to have a 10 hole tournament on the 29th. However, the rental fee for the course is just \$3200 and the fees for a full tee sheet would be \$3600, so it was determined that no rate change would be needed. Board member Balliet requested to speak on dogs on the course. He says he has seen people bringing their dogs on the course and even a dog that accidentally got into the clubhouse. He says he is fine with employees having dogs, but doesn't feel public dogs should be taking up cart seats. Hawthorne and Fuehrer agreed that dogs cannot be in the clubhouse and cannot ride for free, but it could be okay if the cart seat was paid for by the customers. They said that they have seen numerous occasions of dogs suffering in hot cars in the parking lot while their owners played golf, and that it's easier to have a dog on the golf course than suffering in the car.

In grounds news, Fuehrer reported that the irrigation is all charged up and everything looks good. The fairway reels are freshly ground and ready to go. He is going to aerify in the next few weeks and get more sand down. The equipment is good. The new engine he ordered for the roller doesn't fit, so it will be declared surplus and he will order another. The opening plan is for the last week in March as of right now. He wants to aerify first, but then he won't have to close in May to do it.

Discussion and action was held for new school contracts. Representatives from Valentine and Todd County schools were present. Valentine had a 6 year contract for \$1500 a year that was expiring. The new contract would allow for boys and girls to get 30 days of practice on the course, use of carts for coaches, a tournament and triangular for each respective season, and a half day for a cross country meet in the fall. In comparing contracts for other similar schools, Gothenburg pays \$5,000 a year. Holdrege pays \$3500 a year. Ogallala is \$2400 a year. McCook pays \$2800 a year. Discussion was held, and all parties agreed that a raise was fair. Getty motioned to charge Valentine Community Schools \$2800 a year for 3 years starting with the 2024/2025 school year. McCauley seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Representatives from Todd County stated that they wanted the ability for their 5 players to come out and play in the summer, as well as the coaches and range. They just wanted to package the appropriate memberships together for the school district to pay for. It was decided that they could buy 5 individual student memberships, single memberships for coaches, and cart privileges for \$3200. They liked that idea. Renning motioned to approve a \$3200 package for Todd County Schools for summer use. Getty seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Hawthorne presented some updates and concerns on some of the Club's rental agreements. First, she presented a copy of a proposed cart rental waiver for customers to sign off on when they rent a cart. It is something that can be signed by a customer once a year and kept on file. The proposed waiver is currently awaiting approval from the City attorney. Renning motioned to approve the cart rental waiver in its current form. Hernstrom seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Hawthorne then informed the board of some difficulties with the course and clubhouse rental forms. First, refunds are difficult to do within the city system, and the form calls for a deposit and payment up front. She proposes to change that so that the deposit is collected up front, and then subtracted from the total after the event when a customer pays. Secondly, she noted that there is a clause that calls for a

\$1,000,000 insurance policy for any rental. She said that no one has ever been able to find such a policy and that it has been ignored, so it should probably be removed unless it was truly necessary. She offered to ask the City attorney for advice on that. Lastly, she suggested that we remove any language involving use of the kitchen since the clubhouse does not have a kitchen. Action was tabled for until the edits are final.

Lastly, the board committees were updated so that a clubhouse and a grounds committee could be established. The committees could then do the annual performance reviews for employees. Getty nominated himself for the grounds committee since he has knowledge of the position and industry. Hernstrom nominated herself for the clubhouse and Mike McCauley for the grounds. Renning nominated himself for the clubhouse. Renning then motioned to approve Getty and McCauley for the grounds committee. Getty seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Getty then motioned to approve Hernstrom and Renning for the clubhouse committee. McCauley seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

With no further business, Renning motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 pm. McCauley seconded. Motioned carried 5-0.