



City of Helena

GOLF ADVISORY BOARD SUMMARY August 14, 2018



- Pete Aspinwall
- Dave Bauer
- Kelly Casey
- Bill Crivello

- Tyson Lesmeister
- Judy Reddy
- Susan Skinner-Bannon
- Tessa Bailey

Ex-Officio Members

- Larry Kurokawa, Golf Course Superintendent
- Scott Longenecker, Head Golf Pro
- Amy Teegarden, Parks and Recreation Director
- Jennifer Schade, Recorder

League Members

- Jack Gregg, Men's League

LOCATION: City-County Building, Room 326

Visitors: Doug Olson

1. Call to Order/Establish Quorum/Review Agenda

2. Approval of Minutes:

- None.

3. Old Business

- Everyone present has had the opportunity to tour Muni's Grille. The facility is amazing.
- Doug stated the state seniors visited last week and raved about the clubhouse and facility.
- Dave then mentioned that during a recent tournament, he had someone question as to how the city was able to afford a new building at Bill Roberts Golf Course. Dave responded that it was a culmination of a forward-thinking Golf Pro, Parks Director, City Manager and Commissioners. Amy added that we are also fortunate to have a wonderful golf course that is well maintained.
- Pete also noted that we need to tell people that this golf course is supported by the golfers and we are an enterprise and self-supporting. This is an important message.
- At this time, GreenPlay is working on the punch list that has items needing fixed and finished. Amy stated we are scheduled to meet tomorrow with the facilities manager to discuss housekeeping and facility maintenance.
- Pete stated the new locker room is fabulous!

4. New business

Recap of Summer 2018

- **Maintenance Recap**

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- It was an Interesting spring as we had a lot of moisture. We did not open the course until April 10.
- The turf wintered well with lots of snow cover. The preventative spray program was very successful. Larry has photos if anyone is interested.
- We lost three spruce trees this season.
- The new water stations have been placed around the course. The restaurant is helping keep them clean and filled. This seems to be working very well.
- Maintenance did 62 acres of weed spraying and will do this again in the fall.
- Course conditions have been great this season. We have experienced less dry areas.
- Since the beginning of July through August, we have put down 620 thousand gallons of water per night.
- Milling on cart paths 4,5,12 – the maintenance crew has put down 80 tons of millet so far. We will continue on cart paths as we have time.
- Tree pruning: we are currently focusing on low limbs.
- Students will return to school within the next two weeks so we will lose some of our seasonal employees.
- Fall aeration of greens will begin the second week of September. The high school tournament will be on September 6.

5. Reports

Parks and Recreation Director's Report

- Thanks to Larry and Scott who worked so diligently to continue operations during construction.

Golf Superintendent Report

- It was a quick summer. We had some growing pains which we got through successfully. Scott is happy with all we were able to accomplish with all the construction work going on.
- We moved into Muni's last Monday. Staff worked Sunday night and we were able to be all moved in within a day. Staff only had two hours of training and then the state seniors arrived. We received very positive feedback.
- We will need more training on the restaurant software.
- A grand opening is scheduled for September 14. There is still a lot of training to be done before this opening.
- Scott stated he, Amy, and Ryan will work on menu development. He is hoping the new menu will ready by the grand opening.
- We will also be working on policies and procedures for the new restaurant and pro shop (i.e., closing procedures, additional daily duties, etc.).
- We will also do a big marketing campaign for the grand opening.
- Starting this next Monday, we will host the Carroll College Coaches Show. They will use this room from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm every Monday night and will be on radio channel 94.9 sports radio.
- We have had several fantasy football players who have committed to doing drafts here. They are meeting every Wednesday night beginning at 6:00 pm.

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- We are also beginning to take reservations for this room.
- Upcoming events include the Patriots Scramble this Friday, the Ladies League championship which is a week from this Thursday. In conjunction with the championship, we have booked live entertainment, The Teccas to perform at BRGC afterwards. Everyone is invited!
- KP Shootout Championship will be held on August 29 and Carroll College Cross Country will be held on September 7.
- The financials look good. Bill had a couple questions about the financial report. He asked how BRGC is doing relative to this new facility. Amy stated that there is a loan but we have not started the repayment process yet. The capital outlay is what we are spending now.
- The goal of the new facility is to generate \$500K per year. The loan proceeds have not shown up in income as of yet.
- Dave asked Amy if there is a projection on the cost of additional furnishings and soundproofing this room. Amy stated our goal is to get the basics up and running first. Amy, Scott, and Ryan have started a list of furnishings and décor. Amy added that the sound barriers will be essential to the kick off. Debt service is \$140K per year. Amy stated we will be in a much better place than projected. We are already experiencing an increase in merchandise sales and simulator use. Green fees are up even though we started a month later. Young adult passes are up as well.
- Lastly, Amy reminded everyone that the old clubhouse is on her radar. The city has a surplus process. If no one wants it, it may become an exercise for the fire department. The goal is to have it removed by this fall.

Men's League Report

None.

Ladies League Report

None.

Other

- Amy asked that everyone take time to stop by Smitty's Fireplace and Fast Signs and thank them for all they have done!
- Upcoming meeting agenda items should include budget, revenues, and rates. Pete stated we should hold off on rate increases this year.
- It was suggested we move the board meetings to Muni's. All agreed.

6. Public comment

7. Next meeting date – September 11, 2018

8. Future agenda items

9. Adjournment

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