



**GOLF ADVISORY BOARD
SUMMARY
July 19, 2022**



- Art Pembroke, Chair
- Kelly Casey
- Jack Gregg
- Riley Kurtz

Ex-Officio Members

- Steven Link, Golf Course Superintendent
- Tod Fitterer, General Mgr & Head Golf Pro
- Kelsey Carter, Food and Beverage Manager
- Brad Langsather, Interim Parks Director
- Heather Kahler, Recorder

- Judy Reddy
- Susan Skinner-Bannon
- Chris Smith

League Member – Men’s

- Steve Bingham

League Member – Women’s

- Kathy McDonald

LOCATION: City County Building Room 426 and Zoom

Meeting Recording:

Topic: Golf Advisory Board (GAB)

Start Time: Jul 19, 2022 11:56 AM

Meeting Recording:

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Visitors:

1. Doug Olson
2. Dr Greg
3. Ryan Shlalker
4. Bryce Wideen

5. Call to Order/Establish Quorum/Review Agenda - TS 5:03

6. Approval of Minutes – TS 7:19

- Jack moved, Chris seconded

7. New business – TS 7:42

 Water on the course for consumption –

- Art shared information about research he had done - **TS 8:23**
- Art asked for comments on board, staff, public thoughts on water on the course for consumption – **TS 9:01**
 - Doug asked Steve if there was a City/County Health Department requirement regarding this issue
 - Steve shared a letter he had received from the Lewis and Clark County Public Health Department
 - Further discussion continued
 - **TS – 21:33** Art asked for a motion to be made regarding consumable water on the golf course outside of the touch free stations
 - Art moved that the board endorse the golf superintendents recommendation that water not be provided on the course due to staffing and potential health risks
 - Jack seconded
 - Chris amended/ask if signage can be placed in the pro-shop notifying players that “no consumable water and no ball washers on the course” for educational purposes
 - Jack seconded
 - 3 board members approved, 1 board member abstained, motion passed.

 Horn System for weather alerts – **TS 26:53**

- Tod will look into getting a better system than the current blow horn system. Perhaps mounting speakers on other out buildings around course but will research.
- Discussion continued about the current system and weather guidelines.
- Suggestion to have City IT department assist in setting up a new system once something

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- ✚ Scheduled tee times not being recognized – **TS 31:45**
 - Discussion on issues with Tee Times. Tod appreciated the subject being brought up and addressed his thoughts on what is happening from the players and how staff is trying to deal with cancellations that are not being communicated to golf staff.
 - Discussion continued about a website calendar that shows when large tournaments are occurring so players can request tee times outside of those tournaments and championships.
 - Tod said these issues can be addressed this winter when they have time to do so along with other projects.
- ✚ Status of Ball Washers **TS 20:10**
 - Judy had brought up that a few years ago, the Ladies League bought 2 ball washers and would like to see them out on the course.
 - Art and Judy spoke about Judy talking to the rest of the Ladies League members to determine locations for these to be placed for discussion at a future meeting.

8. Old Business

9. Reports

- Parks and Recreation Director's Report – **TS 41:49**
 - New Parks Director: Douglas Smith has accepted but there is no starting date yet
- Golf Financial Report(s) – **TS 43:22**
 - Tod spoke generally about a report that is sent from City Finance Department. Doug had some questions but determined may not be the best place and time for those. Tod is wanting a better budget/financial reports for his own knowledge and needs to make some time to create something along the lines of a budget and plans to do so.
 - Discussion of the budget process and budget line items distinguished and explained.
 - Increased costs and unavailability of items and supplies are huge challenges. Tod said that a discussion on increasing golf fees should be in the future.
- Golf Superintendent Report – **TS 53:16**
 - Steve said staff is working very hard at watering the course and making sure it's getting taken care of.
- Golf Professional Report – **TS 53:56**
 - Tod said is trying to provide the best service to the best of their ability with the limited staff. Potentially losing \$4000-\$5000 per week because of the staff issues. But is looking forward to hiring a lead cook after working with HR about increasing the wage. Discussion continued about the staff needs in concessions.
- Men's League Report – **TS 56:53**

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- Ladies League Report – **TS 56:43**
 - Art confirmed everyone received ladies league report

10. Public comment – TS 57:59

- None

11. Next meeting date – August 16, 2022 Room 426 and Zoom

12. Future agenda items – TS 57:09

- Art wants to make sure that the debt service fund request from City Commissioner be discussed.

13. Adjournment – TS 58:21

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