



CITY OF HELENA
Bill Roberts Golf Course Advisory Board
Time Stamped Summary: February 20, 2024 - 12:00 PM
City County Building 316 N Park Ave Room 426
Zoom Recording Link:

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(00:00:01) Call to Order / Roll Call

Roll Call was taken, and the following all responded present:

Board Members:

Jack Gregg
Chris Smith
Susan Court
Rob Logsdon
Nicholas Balcken

Zoom attendees:
Art Pembroke

Additional guests and members of the public present:

Kathy McDonald-representing Women's League
Doug Olson-representing Men's League
Dave Bauer-member of the public, former member of Golf Advisory Board

City Staff:

Parks Director Doug Smith
Golf Course Operations Manager Tod Fitterer
Golf Course Assistant Superintendent Bryce Wideen
Parks Administrative Assistant Heather Kahler

(00:01:55) Public Comment (Items pertaining to this agenda)
No public comment.

(00:02:09) Minutes

A. January 16, 2024

Time stamped summary link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ujv0KPujPCo>

Chris Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2024 meeting, Rob Logsdon seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

New Business

A. Corporate Sponsorship of Water Stations

(00:02:54) Jack introduced Dave Bauer who had historical information on raising funds for the Bill Roberts Golf Course sign. Dave suggested that health corporations such as Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Benefis, and St Peter's Hospital may be worth approaching for

funding of water stations and becoming a corporate sponsor of stations. The owner of Shellie's Country Café has expressed interest in becoming a sponsor. Discussion followed regarding corporate sponsorships occurring in conjunction with the raffle; review of city sign ordinances; corporate sponsorships in regards to long-term maintenance; strategic planning for approaching corporate sponsors; and donation and raffle funds management. A timeline for funding and awarding raffle prizes was outlined.

B. 2025 Golf Fees

(00:34:10) Tod provided background on golf fees, proposed fee increases, senior discounts and revenue strategies. Susan Court made a motion that the proposed 2024-25 golf rates be accepted as presented, Chris Smith seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed. Doug Olson clarified this would be FY 25.

C. Public Comment – none.

Unfinished Business

A. Raffle update – Golf Board Duties

(00:47:03) Discussed above.

Reports

A. Parks Director

(00:47:25) Director Doug Smith had nothing to report.

B. Golf Course Superintendent

(00:47:30) Assistant Golf Course Superintendent Bryce Wideen reported plowing a lot of snow and preparing job notices. Mike Latka, mechanic for equipment and cart, is retiring April 1, this soon to be vacant position has not been posted.

C. Golf Pro/Operations

(00:49:12) Golf Course Operations Manager Tod Fitterer gave the revenue and financial report through 12/31/2023. Tod finalized his report with an update on season pass sales, cooking unit repair, and continued problems with golf simulator.

D. Leagues

(00:59:28) Kathy McDonald-Women's League: Four ladies are currently approaching businesses for donations to the Bill Roberts Ladies League Invitational.

(00:59:45) Doug Olson-Men's League: Doug reported on dates for the kick-off scramble and start-up dates for the various nights of men's golf league.

(01:01:01) Public Comment (Items not on this agenda)

Dave Bauer wanted to share comments he has heard from many who golf at Bill Roberts; wanting to compliment Tod and all who work in the pro shop and restaurant for their efforts the past couple years in revitalizing the golf course operations from what had been a "broken" system. Jack Gregg extended gratitude to Steve and his crew for all their work last season in dealing with the winter kill on fairways and greens.

Member Communications-Announcements / Proposals for next Agenda – (March 19, 2024)

(01:03:10) Adjournment

Rob Logsdon moved to adjourn the meeting, Nicholas Balcken seconded, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 1:02 PM.

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