



## Minutes

### Huron Pines Golf & Country Club Board Meeting May 27, 2024, 7 p.m., Town of Blind River Council Chambers

Directors: Mark Deverell, John Campbell, Gerard Rainville, Jennifer Posteraro, Jim Dunbar, Mary Shamas, Ryan Hagger, Joanne Falk, Chad Horton, Terry Davis

Regrets: Tom Shamas

Guests: Peter Stos, Superintendent; Kevin Cain, General Manager

- 1) Call to Order:
  - a) The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.
  - b) J. Falk declared a conflict of interest for any discussion on the North Shore Health Network Foundation golf tournament.
  - c) Agenda Review: The agenda was accepted as amended to include a closed session.
- 2) Review & Confirmation of Minutes:
  - a) April 29, 2024 Minutes

#### **RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 29, 2024 MEETING**

**MOVED BY: J. CAMPBELL**

**SECONDED BY: C. HORTON**

**“THAT the Huron Pines Golf & Country Club (HPGCC) Board confirm the minutes from the April 29, 2024 regular board meeting as amended”**

**CARRIED**

Two corrections:

- In section 4, snow load will be changed to snow mold.
  - In section 7.a), updates will reflect that the Superintendent and General Manager receive playing privileges and cart rental at no charge, and that the Superintendent’s spouse and children currently receive playing privileges.
- b) Business Arising:
- i) From the discussion in section 4, the reflective signs at the highway entrance will be deferred to 2025.

3) Treasurer’s Report: The Treasurer’s report was filed for Audit.

Comments:

It was noted that the balance for new carts, after the downpayment cheque for 10% was issued, stays in accounts payable.

In 2018 there was a cash flow issue, as well as a demand loan of \$161,000 and credit line debt. The Town of Blind River cleared the debts, with a negotiated payment plan from the Golf Course of 10 years. The 2024 payment brought the amount owing down by half, and the Board agreed to pay down the difference from cash, without having to affect investments.

**RESOLUTION TO PAY \$96,879.92 OWING TO THE TOWN OF BLIND RIVER**

**MOVED BY:** G. RAINVILLE

**SECONDED BY:** M. DEVERELL

**“THAT the Huron Pines Golf & Country Club (HPGCC) Board issue a cash payment of \$96,879.92 to the Town of Blind River”**

**CARRIED**

A question was asked about credit card fees. Currently, the HPGCC does not pass these fees along to members. A future discussion will take place regarding this topic.

4) Superintendent’s Report:

P. Stos reported that the course is coming along well. The #5 tee has been leveled and resodded.

The Cameco contract continues, with HPGCC staff cutting grass for them, and replacing some shrubs this season.

The new greens mower has arrived and is in operation. A copy of the bill will be requested and paid. New carts are scheduled for delivery in June.

A question arose regarding ongoing health and safety training. Staff elects a health and safety representative, and monthly meetings are held, with minutes taken. A WHMIS (Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System) manual was purchased and training has occurred.

The Superintendent was alerted to a hole on the #1 yellow tee that existed before and is appearing again.

Thanks were extended to volunteers who replaced divots before the Cameco tournament.

P. Stos noted that there are three pumps in the water, and two in the shop that need repair, which he will see to. All water usage is recorded and reported.

## 5) General Manager's Report

K. Cain reported that Mississauga First Nation requested two golf carts for their Pow-Wow on July 20, 2024, as well as assistance in maintaining the grounds by cutting the grass. They will supply a truck to transport any equipment. The Town of Blind River will be asked to provide input on a decision before a resolution is passed. K. Cain will follow up with the CAO.

HPGCC will place a Cameco sign alongside the existing Creekside one as a show of goodwill. Cameco will work with Laird on the artwork.

The Cameco tournament was successful with 128 participants.

There has been ongoing dialogue with the North Shore Health Network Foundation for their August 17<sup>th</sup> tournament. One suggested prize for a hole in one is a membership with cart for 2025. The insurance cost to cover the membership would be the Course's contribution.

Starting options for the Foundation tournament are as follows:

1. Crossover at 8 am, which allows 120 GF plus carts in the afternoon.
2. Crossover over at 1 pm, starting at #1 and #10, which allows 120 GF plus carts in the morning.
3. Straight tee times starting at any time, which allows 120 players

A written policy for charitable requests should be put in place. The Governance Committee will make a recommendation on the framework. The Town of Blind River has a line item in their budget for requests.

Mondays are still booked no more than 2 weeks out.

There is still an issue with knowing who is on each cart. It must be made clear in the policy/procedure that everyone pays to ride, and that there will be consequences for those caught playing after paying for the ride only. This will be discussed by the Governance Committee, with a review of the code of conduct. A suggestion was made regarding signs that say no more than 2 carts per hole and no more than 4 golfers per hole.

## 6) Committee Reports:

- a) Golf Course: This is covered under the Superintendent's Report
- b) Kitchen/Clubhouse: New furniture was approved for purchase. There are still some items such as utensils that are needed. K. Cain advised the lessee to buy what she needs as there is a budget for these items. She will need to ensure that receipts are kept, to track vs. budget. There will be a formality and structure to weekly meetings so action items are captured. Propane should be checked regularly.

- c) Tournaments: All is in order so far. For the Unleashed, tee time format needs to be decided. The Stop Men's Invitational is currently at 120 and has a waiting list. The Mixed Tournament is two shotgun times.
- d) Governance: The committee will meet June 13<sup>th</sup> to review the bylaws for any changes required to align with the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010. A workplan will be put in place to deal with policies and procedures. M. Deverell will send the contracts for P. Stos and K. Cain to this committee for review.

7) New Business:

**RESOLUTION TO MOVE TO A CLOSED SESSION**

**MOVED BY: J. POSTERARO**

**SECONDED BY: J. DUNBAR**

**“THAT the Huron Pines Golf & Country Club (HPGCC) Board move to a closed session”**

**CARRIED**

8) Closed session:

**RESOLUTION TO RETURN TO AN OPEN SESSION**

**MOVED BY: G. RAINVILLE**

**SECONDED BY: R. HAGGER**

**“THAT the Huron Pines Golf & Country Club (HPGCC) Board return to an open session”**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SPENDING ON FENCING**

**MOVED BY: T. DAVIS**

**SECONDED BY: J. CAMPBELL**

**“THAT the Huron Pines Golf & Country Club (HPGCC) Board approve spending for fencing on the course, as required”**

9) Adjournment

- a) Next Regular Meeting: June 24, 2024 at 7 p.m., Blind River Town Office.
- b) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 p.m.