



Minutes

Huron Pines Golf & Country Club Board Meeting March 25, 2024, 7 p.m., Town of Blind River Council Chambers

Directors: Mark Deverell, Gerard Rainville, Jennifer Posteraro, John Campbell, Jim Dunbar, Mary Shamas, Ryan Hagggar, Joanne Falk, Tom Shamas

Regrets: Chad Horton, Terry Davis

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

- 1) Call to Order:
 - a) The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.
 - b) No conflicts of interest were declared.
 - c) Agenda Review
- 2) Review & Confirmation of Minutes:
 - a) February 26, 2024 Minutes

RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 26, 2024 MEETING

MOVED BY: G. RAINVILLE

SECONDED BY: R. HAGGAR

“THAT the Huron Pines Golf & Country Club (HPGCC) Board confirm the minutes from the February 26, 2024 regular board meeting as amended”

CARRIED

b) Business Arising: None

- 3) Treasurer’s Report: The Financial Report from the Treasurer was filed for Audit.

Comments: a question arose regarding hydro through the winter. The usage is minimal as everything is shut down and the water is drained.

- 4) Superintendent’s Report:

P. Stos reported that, though there had not been much snow, the course looked to be in good shape as of March 25th. April 22nd could potentially be opening day, with double digit temperatures forecasted for the next while. Interviews are underway for open positions, and there are several staff members returning as well. He attended turfgrass meetings in Guelph, and there was

discussion about automated mowers. This equipment may be feasible in the future. There was an issue with beavers behind the #4 green. Damage will be repaired as soon as possible. Several tree tops were also cleaned up along El Dorado Road.

In terms of reviewing greens mowers for purchase, the club has traditionally used John Deere and Jacobson equipment. Toro is more expensive, and parts would need to be purchased as required as there are currently no pieces of Toro equipment on site. Toro, we would need parts. Both the mower and cart costs are under the estimates in the budget, which was approved by the Town of Blind River Council.

There had not been an increase for education/conference attendance in the budget. An increase of 4% was recommended.

RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE SUPERINTENDENT'S EDUCATION/CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE BUDGET ITEM BY 4%

MOVED BY: T. SHAMAS

SECONDED BY: J. CAMPBELL

"THAT the HPGCC Board increase the superintendent's education/conference attendance budget item to \$1,560"

CARRIED

A question was asked regarding the sustainability of the turf, as inputs can be a concern. There is a concerted effort to regulate usage and achieve optimum playing conditions.

Eight old carts will be sold, for \$3,000 each plus HST, when the new ones arrive.

5) General Manager's Report

Final revisions were made to the contract for the kitchen lessee.

Vipond was on site at the clubhouse on March 22nd. Outstanding work on the alarm was completed and signed off. The fire suppression work will be completed in the next few weeks (including fire extinguishers).

Interviews are in progress for the pro shop, as well as outside staff to move carts, etc. There will be a minimum of three starters 3.

Starlink has been purchased for the pro shop and the maintenance building.

The NOPGA tournament will go ahead.

QuickBooks is now online so reports may appear somewhat different, but there is a cost savings with this method, and there is now real-time access to bank downloads.

6) Committee Reports:

- a) Golf Course: See Superintendent's Report
- b) Kitchen/Clubhouse: N/A

- c) Tournaments: Upper limits to the number of golfers has been set at 120 for men's and 240 for mixed.
- d) Governance: A contract subcommittee for dealing with the town on insurance was formed, comprised of M. Deverell, J. Campbell and J. Falk. The town will advise timing for this meeting.

7) New Business:

- a) Virtual/email Meetings: A review of Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA) notes that using the reply-all function in emails constitutes a meeting. Our bylaws do not currently allow for virtual meetings, so will be reviewed and updated by the Governance Committee if so desired.
- b) Free Golf/Cart Proposals: There is no current policy for the General Manager in terms of granting free carts/golf to special guests. The Superintendent currently has latitude to provide 12 carts and free golf for promotional visits with other superintendents. The following is proposed: Active superintendents and visiting individual CPGA/PGA pro golfers receive a free round and cart. Groups of superintendents and pro golfers in their sanctioned tournaments will also receive the 50% green fee discount and will pay for carts. The General Manager must approve all prearranged rounds. The general manager will also have some discretion for other guests in terms of fees.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE-STATED PROCEDURE FOR FREE GOLF AND CART USE

MOVED BY: M. DEVERELL

SECONDED BY: J. CAMPBELL

“THAT the HPGCC Board approve free golf and cart use for active superintendents, CPGA/PGA golf professionals and other special guests upon advanced approval by the General Manager”

CARRIED

8) Adjournment

- a) Next regular meeting: April 29, 2024 at 7 p.m., Blind River Town Office.
- b) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.