



GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, May 25th, 2022
7:00 P.M.
ACTIVITY CENTER

ATTENDANCE

Members in attendance: T. Reinke, T. Hersh, G. Lattimore, S. Priebe, V. Brown, B. Bugger, B. McGiff, L. Landon, B. Martin, R. Carosone, R. Elwood, K. Kavran

Members Absent: J. Finup, M. Dimick, F. Sica, J. Graham, M. Spraktes, M. Cole

CALL TO ORDER

R. Carosone called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

- R. Carosone congratulated administrative assistant Tracy Sessions for the award she received from the Idaho Recreation and Parks Association.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

B. Bugger motioned to approve the March 16th, 2022, minutes. V. Brown seconded. All in favor.

MANAGER OF GOLF OPERATIONS – T. Reinke

T. Reinke reported on the following:

- The revenue summary thru May. Overall revenue thru May is slightly down compared to last year. This is due to the windy and colder than usual spring this year. Season pass sales, however, are up. Tim is optimistic that revenue will increase and catch up as we have eighteen playable holes at Pinecrest this year, compared to last year when the course's irrigation system project left the course with only nine playable holes.
- T. Reinke discussed possible price increases being worked into the new budget, if the board decides to implement any of them. He passed out a chart of price increase possibilities for the board to consider.
- During this budget period, the following items have been budgeted for: New golf carts at Pinecrest, a range machine for Sage Lakes, a second flight scope, and a Mel Erickson memorial gazebo or shed.

ASSOCIATION REPORTS

Women's Association – V. Brown

V. Brown reported on the following:

- The league's first day of play was May 3rd and they had a scramble recently which was successful.
- They have new members this year, but she did not have the overall count as the treasurer did not get back to her with the numbers in time for the meeting.

Working Women's Association – J. Finup (absent)

Men's Association – M. Dimick (absent, reported by T. Reinke)

T. Reinke reported on the following:

- The men's Association has 462 members which is up about twenty from last year.

Senior Association – S. Priebe

S. Priebe reported on the following:

- The Senior's Association has around twenty-five to thirty new members this year and they have been playing in the non-stop wind.

Junior Association – F. Sica (absent, reported by T. Reinke)

T. Reinke reported on the following:

- The Junior Association has about 130 members registered thus far. Junior Days begin June 6th.

STAFF REPORTS

Pinecrest Superintendent – M. Spraktes (absent, reported by T. Reinke)

T. Reinke reported on the following:

- There are some bad spots on the greens and there have been some water issues. On the back line, the pipe fusing process broke off some chips which then clogged the sprinklers.
- The greens were aerated last week, and they expect to be able to cut the greens in a week or two. The greens have been left long to retain moisture.
- Pinecrest hired a new assistant superintendent Cam Kinsman who has turf experience and is doing an excellent job.

Sand Creek Pro – J. Graham (absent, reported by T. Reinke)

T. Reinke reported on the following:

- The Papa Toms Tournament set a record with 168 players.
- The range machine at Sand Creek is extremely popular.
- The newly remodeled pro shop looks great.

Sand Creek Superintendent – B. Martin

B. Martin reported on the following:

- They installed two new solar powered drinking fountains which also fill water bottles.
- They hired a beaver trapper who has already caught and relocated two problematic beavers.
- He budgeted extra money for chemicals and fertilizer this year due to the price of these chemicals increasing nearly twenty percent and the increased price of freight.
- The two rollers he ordered are back ordered again and are not expected to arrive until July or August.
- The rough-cut mower needs a new pump which can only be purchased from Europe.
- He is close to being fully staffed but in the meantime the existing staff has been mowing non-stop.
- The crew has been working on top dressing the driving range and trying different methods to keep it from being torn up.
- He is working with ISU to try to obtain some of their arena turf.
- There was board discussion on ways to educate the novice golfers on how to utilize sand and repair divots.

Sage Lakes Pro – K. Kavran

K. Kavran reported on the following:

- The Men's Opener was two weeks ago, and they had 128 participants which is about 32 up from last year.
- Sage Lakes held their Pro Am on May 9th and fifteen teams played despite the 70mph winds and snow.
- Pro shop merchandise is only slightly down from last year this time in May, due to weather conditions.
- Assistant Pro Tyson Bowen will be dedicating more time to teaching lessons at the course. He is accepting lessons via on-line registration, and he has 35 lessons scheduled for this week.

Sage Lakes Superintendent – J. Landon

J. Landon reported on the following:

- It's been a trying year thus far. The crew has had to deal with several breaks including the well motor which finally wore out. The staff went 13 days hand watering with a greens sprayer morning and night to keep the turf green.
- They had 16 controllers break down and most have been repaired.

- J. Landon says it was a good decision to have removed the trees because the roots are growing on top of the irrigation lines and interfering with the wires which then shuts down the irrigation system.
- J. Landon discussed the new housing development in the area and whether this is going to affect a portion of the golf course. There may be a neighborhood access road that will be built across a section of the property.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Next meeting will be held September 14th.

*Recorded by:
Tracy Sessions, Administrative Assistant, Parks & Recreation*