

**GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 27, 2015
MINUTES**

Members Present: Lonnie Yingst, Cam Cherry, Mark Johnson

Members Absent: Lori Muzzana, Kelly Gilligan

Staff Present: Joseph Petrella, Wade Altschwager, Connie Caouette, Cindy Stein, Patty Rearden

Meeting called to order at 3:35pm.

No Board quorum, minutes to be approved at meeting in August.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Joe Petrella, Park and Recreation Director

- Hawk situation at Eagle Falls, golfers are getting swooped
 - Joe contacted Craig with Wildlife Services to get information on what can be done. Since the City did not report in 2014 and did not do anything to discourage nesting (hanging CD's, other stuff), there is nothing that can be done now. We need to keep records of incidents, have reports from golfers so if they nest again we will have some tracking information. USDA will not get involved unless it is a human risk.

MANAGERS REPORT

- Girls Golf Program completed.
- Youth Golf Program completed.
- Received women's golf clothing from Roaming Dhabi Designs - were given away during the Girls Golf Program.
- Received a \$2,400 grant from the LPGA for 2015, funds are used to purchase clubs for the youth programs, club are also available for youth to use on the course at other times.
- Saturday hosted a fundraiser at Anaconda Hills
- Coaches Clinic this week, shotgun tournament on Thursday night, 50 players
- Saturday/Sunday State Best Ball, largest tournament of the year. 4 top finishers at the State Am will be playing in the tournament this year. Possible up to 130 players
- Saturday, family reunion mini tournament.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Anaconda Hills, Wade Altschwager

- Updated for Eagle Falls and Anaconda
- Weed Spraying
- Parks assisting with gophers at Eagle Falls
- Added additional sand to the bunkers at Eagle Falls
- Anaconda continues to do irrigation repairs
- Anaconda foot golf have had 108 players so far, will pick up once the word is out

Lonnie asked about a policy of having firearms on the golf course.

- Not allowed to discharge a firearm in any city park, the golf course is a city park. There is no law against carrying it but discharging is not allowed.
- Have heard that there are golfers taking pellet guns to the course to shoot the gophers.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Overview, Joe Petrella

- Strategy on budget - one year left on loan payment will be paid off in September
- General Fund has given us another \$100,000 to show payment going back to the General Fund in our budget. It is an accounting practice.
- Budget as status quo and hoping to get some of the \$233,000 (loan payment) back this year to cover equipment replacement, it was not granted during the budget process
 - Will have to pursue for 2016/2017 budget.
- Will be reviewing fee increases for next season, huge discrepancy between green fees and season pass holders. If we want to continue improving the courses the money will have to come from somewhere, help bridge the gap to pay off debt and get proper staffing. Golf courses normally have 12-14 maintenance crew members; we have 6 and 7 maintenance crew members.
- Club house and pro shop are at bare bones, using part time, seasonal help to assist in managing the operation. It is a challenge for customer service when they are just above minimum wage, etc.
- If we continue to operate the courses as we are now the course will never improve or change.

The courses are well maintained with the staff that we have, they are doing a great job, but the need is there.

Strategy/Planning

Keith and Wade will be working on their strategy for the next year; they will be developing a plan on what is needed and how they can pay for it.

Miscellaneous Reports/Announcements

Staff

Board

Next meeting August 24th

Meeting adjourned at 4:10