

**GOLF ADVISORY BOARD
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2011
MINUTES**

Members Present: Cam Cherry, Dave Nelson, Lonnie Yingst, Kevin O'Connell, Steve Vielleux

Staff Present: Marty Basta, Patty Rearden, Connie Cramer-Caouette, Wade Altschwager, Cindy Stein
Staff Absent: Keith Hollenback

Meeting called to order at 3:37pm.

Approval of minutes from August, motion seconded and carried.

DIRECTOR REPORT

Marty Basta, Park & Recreation Director

The golf courses had a slow start in the Spring but seem to be finishing great with closing the gap in revenue shortfall, weather forecast is good for the next couple of weeks. Marty will request a midyear budget change so they can start a marshalling program in the spring as requested by the Board. Steve inquired if there should be a survey done on marshalling the courses to see if the public wants it.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Connie Cramer-Caouette, Golf Pro

- Received \$2500 from the LPGA grant which is the final payment out of the \$5000 grant. Grant has been used to purchase youth golf clubs, prizes, snag equipment, t-shirts. Over \$16,000 has been donated by LPGA for our program since we started.
- Last golf tournament for the season was held on Sunday; they gave out a prize of one ounce of gold.
- Repairs to the golf carts have always been done by maintenance staff; we are starting a pilot program for cart repairs through a private company. We have been very pleased with the company and have seen results of warranty parts being replaced due to failure on some of our carts.
- The new sign at Centene Stadium entrance does not list the Golf Course on the sign. Staff is working with Centene Stadium on adding Eagle Falls to the bottom of the panel. Centene Stadium would like to put in an electronic sign sometime in the future; the cost would be shared with the Golf Courses.
- Connie is pursuing signs directing the public to the golf courses; requests will have to go through an application process to the highway department.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Wade Altschwager, Anaconda Hills

- Irrigation repairs and getting ready to blow down for winter
- Received millings for path work to be done this fall
- Poles for driving range fence received from the River Drive light replacement project
- Discussion on closing the driving range earlier (one week) to put up the poles and fence, the tower truck from Forestry is available at that time.

OLD BUSINESS

Golf Cart Rental

Staff is asking to re-look at golf cart rental by the seat; is there a system we can implement to visually see if both seats have been paid for in a cart.

- Use a flag or tag that gets placed on the cart when both seats are paid for
- Go back to the full cart fees, but that has raised concerns

Question was asked as to where the handicap carts are allowed to go on the course.

Golf Cart Path Repairs

We have received 20 cu. yd. of asphalt millings to be used for cart paths and plan to start at Eagle Falls this fall. Staff would like to continue repairs each fall at both courses.

Fire Pit, Anaconda Hills

From the sale of the tee signs at Eagle Falls and Anaconda Hills, we have goods and services still available from local vendors and would like to install propane fire pit and patio furniture at Anaconda Hills.

Board is in favor of the idea.

Houtz Letter

Board received a copy of a letter from Mr. Houtz and response to Mr. Houtz in reference to concerns with golf course maintenance. Letter and memo attached. Mr. Houtz was invited to the meeting to discuss his concerns with the Board, but declined to attend. Some of the concerns mentioned in the letter than can be rectified include:

- Clean up the flower beds to be brought to the Anaconda Ladies League by Cam Cherry as a project they could assist with. Cam informed the Board the ladies league at Eagle Falls has taken care of the flower beds at Eagle Falls but there were so many weeds this year they could not keep up with them; they would like to put perennials in place of the current flowers.
- Windows should be washed daily
- Staff to discuss who is responsible for specific areas such as water jugs, flowers, windows, ball buckets cleaned

Kevin asked who designates who is responsible for what areas at the golf courses? Who fills the water jugs; who takes care of the flowers; he feels that these things are not observed and not dealt with and they need to be managed by someone.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff

Question as to whether we will open for winter golf this year; Eagle Falls was open one day last fall and Anaconda Hills never did open.

Board requested that winter golf be put on the agenda for the October meeting.

Board

Steve has concerns with using Web Trac for tee times. Policy is that to book a tee time you must do it after 12:00 p.m. (2 days prior); if someone looks for tee times prior to that, they will see that none are

available and then not pursue until after 12:00. Steve feels that there needs to be a change in the time for accessing the tee times on the web. Staff will look into making the changes in Web Trac.

Steve mentioned that the pin placement on #4 was in the wrong place during the Sr. League. Also noted the pins in the fall lines.

Steve inquired about their Missile Maintenance Wing reunion in August of 2012 and when is the soonest they would be able to apply for a group outing (under 30 players). Timing will depend on whether they apply for an actual tournament or a group outing.

Fees for 2012 to be put on the November agenda per request from Steve; he will be out of town during the October meeting and wants to be available during the discussion.

With no further discussion meeting adjourned at 5:05pm.