

**Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, May 23, 2011
Minutes**

Members Present: Cam Cherry, Lonnie Yingst, Thom Babinecz, Steve Vielleux, Kevin O'Connell

Staff Present: Marty Basta, Patty Rearden, Keith Hollenback, Wade Altschwager, Sherri Floerchinger

Staff absent: Connie Cramer-Caouette

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Election of officers

- Cam Cherry was nominated as Chairman, motion seconded and approved. Lonnie Yingst was nominated for Vice Chairman, motion seconded and approved.

Director's Report

Marty Basta

- Golf fees were increased 6%
- Due to weather, revenue is down \$73,000 from last year green fees, cart, trail and range fees are down, which will be hard to makeup; cyber card is up \$7,000.
- There was discussion Season Passes on prorating season passes or to sell passes by the month.
- Lonnie asked why we changed way of selling passes from date to date and if we are going to prorate passes we should just sell them like we use to. He said he was fine with the way it is now unless prorating will generate more revenue.
- Kevin suggested selling a monthly pass.
- Steve stated we could sell ½ season passes or spring/summer/fall
- The board would like time to discuss with other golfers and talk about at the June meeting.
- Hosting AA State Golf Sept 28-29

Superintendent Report

- Eagle Falls Keith Hollenback
 - Aerating tees/fairways 4-5-6 left
 - Go to bunkers, weeds, next
 - Getting things to heal & greens are in good shape considering weather condition
 - Haven't filled pond- river muddy & not irrigating
- Anaconda Hills Wade Altschwager
 - Some spray programs done – weeds are next
 - #1 patched out 541 hexagon patches - mowing different height to grow in – now back to regular mowing; also working on other areas to grow

Old Business

- Update on Cross Country Skiing - Eagle Falls
 - 3 different groups; Marty sent email stating we need a formal proposal in writing regarding grooming, hours of access, days, control, use and damage.
 - Bill Roberts Course in Helena allows groups to use and groom
- Update on Eagle Falls Driving Range
 - Centene Stadium conflict with balls over fence is really not a problem, thus we will be able to keep operating range as we do currently.
 - Connie will put up signs stating please use with caution

New Business

- Host the Montana Cup at Anaconda Hills Sunday, October 30th with 200/300 participates

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Kevin –would like to have a discussion on marshalling golf course for speed of play; reports 3-4 rounds/month lost
 - Kevin will bring numbers next meeting – based on revenue
 - Kevin also would like to have a future discussion on missing out on merchandising opportunity
- Steve – EF dead trees? 15 removed this year including the parking lot did alot of trimming over the winter
- Bobcat Tournament issue – responsible for any incidents that could happen
 - Steve initiated a discussion on alcohol at the Bobcat Tournament; there was discussion on liability, insurance requirements, etc.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting is June 27, 2011 @ 3:30 p.m.