

Golf Advisory Board
Monday, July 28, 2014
Minutes

Members Present: Lonnie Yingst, Mark Johnson, Lori Muzzana, Kelly Gilligan

Members Absent: Cam Cherry

Staff Present: Patty Rearden, Connie Cramer-Caouette, Wade Altschwager, Cindy Stein

Meeting called to order at 3:35.

Members motioned to approve the minutes as written. April minutes approved. June minutes approved. Motion seconded and carried.

Director's Report - Patty Rearden

- June 30th (end of fiscal year) golf reports shows the course in the black with approximately \$78,000 over. There are still expenses to come out. The budget did not include any equipment purchases this last fiscal year or does it include any for this fiscal year. This does include the new fees that were implemented this season.
- Fire Marshals inspection at Eagle Falls has required we replace the range hood in the concessions, cost is \$2,200. We will wait until fall to replace.

Manager's Report - Connie Cramer-Caouette

- Calumet tournament at Anaconda on Friday, they rent the entire course and put on a great tournament.
- State Best Ball this week-end, should be well over 100 players.
- Concern with Men's league and players not checking in and not paying the fees for golfing or for cart rental when they become the 2nd rider. There were over a half dozen last week. We bring in 2 additional staff to go out and check players but that costs more money. Ron Simonson has taken it upon himself to take away points from players that have not paid their correct fees, that will help also. Suggested that the board think about what else can be done with this issue. There are over 150 players on Men's League night and our staff is letting them know ahead of time that they will be checked. Gary Atwell also has sent out an email informing players that they will be checked.
 - Suggested that maybe do a league rate for cart and charge the whole cart fees. Could be an issue with those who have cyber card and receive a discount and other person does not.
- New scorecard for Eagle Falls printed and Anaconda Hills scorecard to be printed. Will be able to download on Android golf course directions, and other advertising for food places close by and other recreation opportunities in Great Falls.
- Hawk at Eagle Falls is becoming very aggressive and attacking players. We can't do anything since it is a federally protected bird but once it has left the nest we can remove the nest if we can find it.
- Shrubs have been removed from patio area at Eagle Falls; have done some painting and added new flower boxes. Will add a 10' deck along the patio with some new tables and chairs and warmers, project will be completed this fall.

- New tee box colors at Anaconda Hills - gold, silver, copper and zinc; with idea coming from the course being an old mining area. Will use temporary paint now and permanently painted over the winter. It was suggested that we also powder coat the tee markers.

Superintendent Report

Keith, Eagle Falls Superintendent was not present

Wade, Anaconda Hills Superintendent

- With irrigation going all the time now we are doing repairs
- Normal maintenance being done.

Old Business

No old business to report

New Business

No new business to report

Miscellaneous Reports & Announcements

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- Mark brought up the ball marks and divots all over the course and if there is any promotion that can be done to get golfers to fix as they go. Consensus is that golfers normally don't take ownership of the course and don't care or don't realize they have left marks.
- Kelly suggested that we do a golf course appreciation and have them do 4 hours of replacing divots, fix ball marks, rake bunkers and give them a discount of some sorts. Then maybe those who have fixed them will monitor the course more and creating an ownership.

August meeting - Contact the citizen on the junior fees to be put on the agenda.

Look at golfing one of the courses for the September board meeting.