

**Golf Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, September 26, 2016
Minutes**

Members Present: Roy Aafedt, Jackie Lohman, Mark Johnson

Members Absent: Lori Muzzana, Kelly Gilligan

Staff Present: Joe Petrella, Wade Altschwager, Connie Caouette, Cindy Stein

Others Present: Don Ryan

Meeting called to order at 3:34pm.

With no changes or corrections to the minutes from June, Board motioned to approve as written. Motion second and carried.

Director's Report

- Summer winding down quickly, interesting golf season this year with good and bad weather.
- A few things in the works for the strategic planning will bring to Board at a later date.

Manager's Report

Connie Cramer Caouette, Golf Course Manager

- New promotion for fall with swing time starting at 12:00 to dark daily; has helped increase play. Emailed to everyone we have an address for (have approximately 1,000 emails)
- The Golf Room would like to give us passes for one of our promotions.
- Connie taught a "Swings to the school" class; offered 2 days at Meadowlark K-6 and 1 day at North Middle School for 8th graders. They all seemed to enjoy the class.
- Purchased new snag suit for teaching/fun

Jackie Lohman offered her help during the "swings to school" program next time Connie does it.

Jackie inquired about the premier card and how it went

Range balls need to be picked up at 3:00 - will close range earlier at 3:00; Wednesday at Eagle and Monday at Anaconda Hills in October.

Superintendent Report

Wade Altschwager/reporting for Eagle Falls also

Eagle Falls

- sprayed 35 acres of weeds in September (fairways);
- getting ready for leaf pickup;
- bench, ball washer, garbage can and pad all donated and installed
 - Bench/pad \$575
 - Garbage can, ball washer \$575

- Goal is to have every tee the same with a bench, ball washer, garbage can and concrete pad

Anaconda

- Sprayed 35 acres on fairways/tee
- aerated
- Regular maintenance.

Mark inquired about the empty holes at Eagle Falls after they aerated. Was there not enough sand used or has the wind blown it out. Wade will bring it up to Keith, there may be several reasons for it – humid that day or more cores came out, there are lots of things that can vary each time they aerate.

Jackie complimented them on both courses looking good.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business to discuss

NEW BUSINESS

Maintenance Standards

Board received the copy of the maintenance standards that were developed by the Maintenance Supervisors for both Eagle Falls and Anaconda Hills. The new manual which includes course standards will help during discussions with the City Commission and the public.

Board noted that it was very well written and holds a lot of information on course maintenance.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Roy wanted to make an inspection of Anaconda Hills as a board member; staff was going to charge him to use a cart. Joe requested that he contact Connie in the future prior to going out to Anaconda Hills.

Someone hit a house off #17 at Anaconda Hills; will be finding a way to prevent that with possible a screen.

Mark brought up 4/5 somes vs 2 somes or singles and the problem faced with letting them play through – it seems to be one right after the other. Is there a way to pair up to make a 4-some since 4-somes are the standard at golf courses?

PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Ryan, member of the Men's Association at Eagle Falls, organized a group of volunteers to trim trees at Eagle Falls.

- They trimmed 130 trees and removed numerous suckers
- Removed dirt from the asphalt
- Working on raising funds for sand

- Would like to get the weeds out of the bunkers before they get so bad
- The course seems faster now.
- They would like to continue next spring.
- Inquired about having the larger trees trimmed by the Forestry Division.
- Concerned with the aesthetics of the course when you arrive; needs to be dressed up with flowers, etc.
- Volunteers will be needed for that;
- Inquired about adding more holes on the putting greens.
- Concern with ordinance on gun use in parks
 - Will that impact the elimination of the rock chucks in preventing the population from growing.
- Would like to see the City bid on the HS B/C golf tournaments.
- Would like to see the shotgun policy changed for next year
 - Play will go faster

Joe thanked Don and the Eagle Falls Men's Golf Association for their volunteer work at Eagle Falls.

With no further business - meeting adjourned at 4:18pm