



MINUTES

GOLF COURSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WebEx Meeting

April 21, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Laurie Steenrod, Jesse Stine, Jason Schneider, Adam Lyle, Matt Stephens, Doug Webb, Perry Jowsey, Omar Montgomery

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF ATTENDING: Doug McNeil, Karin Rivale, Suzie Jaquith

- I. CALL TO ORDER – Jesse Stine, Vice Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:15 P.M. Laurie Steenrod, Chairperson, later joined meeting at 5:28 P.M.
- II. CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS – None.
- III. PUBLIC INVITED TO SPEAK – None.
- IV. COMMITTEE REMARKS -
 - Jesse Stine played Springhill, Meadow Hills and Saddle Rock. He was pleased to find the trees were trimmed on holes 10 and 11 at Saddle Rock, as the branches no longer cut off the approach.
 - Doug Webb played in a tournament at Springhill and remarked the course is in good shape.
 - Adam played Meadow Hills and Murphy Creek. He was impressed with the pace of play at Meadow Hills during a tournament. He did notice some winter kill in some areas at Meadow Hills. He remarked Murphy Creek was in stellar shape and was very impressed with the overall condition of the course.
 - Perry Jowsey played Meadow Hills in between snowstorms in March and thought the course was in great shape. He also played Springhill on Easter Sunday and said the course was not in great shape but understood given the harsh elements lately.
 - Matt Stephens joined the Meadow Hills Men's League and played on a couple Monday nights. He also noticed some winter kill but is confident things will turn around this spring.
- V. STAFF UPDATES - Karin Rivale, Marketing Specialist, gave a report on marketing activities. Registration for the Aurora Senior Clinic on May 1st is full, limited to 34 participants; researching a new event registration system; working on glamour shots and videos for golf courses; working with Aurora Water on water use signage at Springhill, Aurora Hills and Murphy Creek; promoting a Big Person, Little Person 9-Hole League headed up by Dan O'Shaughnessy, Head Pro at Springhill, and some other new 9-hole leagues at Murphy Creek and Springhill.
- VI. FINANCIAL REVIEW – Doug McNeil, Manager of Golf, gave a Rounds/Financial Report update. Doug reported how this year has started out with some struggles due to weather conditions. The numbers were down compared to the 1st part of March last year. Last March started off very well before the courses were

closed due to the pandemic. Doug anticipates April to be an average month financially. However, due to the closure last year beginning later in March, the year to year comparison will begin to look much more favorable.

VII. DISCUSSION -

- Doug received questions from members on when Covid restrictions may be eased and or lifted at the courses. Doug explained there is a re-opening task force for the city and as directives come out from the state and Tri-County, the task force and city management meet and review to make decisions on how those directives are going to impact the different city operations. The city and the department are taking a cautious approach, having staff hold off on scheduling any larger events like shotgun tournaments until more people have had a chance to be vaccinated. He is hoping there will be some changes coming within the next few weeks.
- Doug gave an update on course conditions coming out of winter. Meadow Hills has been impacted the most due to the extended ice and snow coverage. There are three or four greens that have some pretty significant damage. Staff continues to try and repair the damage but with the cold ground temperatures, the grass is having a difficult time growing and any seed that has been planted is struggling to germinate. That, coupled with the high traffic of golfers, has made it more difficult for those areas to fill in again. Murphy Creek, however, is in the best condition coming out of winter that we've experienced in a very long time. The other courses have some areas of winter damage, but Doug is confident they will come back strong once the temperatures warm up consistently. The head golf pros and superintendents will be attending the May 19th meeting to give an overview of their operations.
- Adam Lyle gave an update on the Paul McMullen Scholarship Interviews. He, Jesse Stine and Doug Webb interviewed five Aurora senior high school students, and all five were awarded \$1,500 scholarships. Adam indicated all the candidates were phenomenal, and it's a real testament to the school systems. All were very strong academically; are volunteers for school programs or community and have a passion for golf.
- Suzie announced the upcoming Chair and Vice Chair Election. The election will take place via email and results will be announced at the May 19th meeting.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- Laurie asked what the status was of repairs on the Springhill Snack Shack. Doug replied good progress is being made and completion is a few weeks out.

IX. GENERAL DISCUSSION – None.

X. ADJOURNMENT -

- Laurie Steenrod moved for adjournment and Jason Schneider seconded the motion.

Minutes approved by: *Laurie Steenrod*
Laurie Steenrod (May 18, 2021 09:12 MDT)
Laurie Steenrod, Chairperson

Minutes prepared by: *Suzie Jaquith*
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