



MINUTES

GOLF COURSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

JUNE 21, 2023

Aurora Hills Golf Course Clubhouse

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jesse Stine, Chairperson; Dorothy Shadrick, Vice-Chairperson; Elizabeth Hamilton, Ty Tymkovich, Bryan Lukasezck, Caroline Kim

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Lichtner, Shannon Crouthers, Pete Schlickman, Brendan Wild, Wes Severin

STAFF ATTENDING: Dan Wickman, Manager of Golf; Karin Rivale, Marketing Specialist; Suzie Jaquith, Administrative Supervisor; Cary Callihan, Aurora Hills Head Pro; Matt Vance, Aurora Hills Superintendent

- I. CALL TO ORDER – Jesse Stine, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:25 P.M.
- II. CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS – Jesse Stine remarked he played Saddle Rock with the men's league and reported course was in great shape and the rough is tall and thick. Upcoming men's events include Saddle Rock and Murphy Creek men's leagues at Springhill on Saturday and Murphy Creek on Sunday. Jesse reported there are many new members to the leagues this year.
- III. PUBLIC INVITED TO SPEAK – None.
- IV. COMMITTEE REMARKS -
 - Dorothy Shadrick remarked she has played Meadow Hills and Murphy Creek and was impressed with the course conditions. She played Saddle Rock and commented the rough is very thick. She also played at Aurora Hills a couple weeks ago at Twilight with her daughter and grandson.
 - Elizabeth Hamilton remarked she played Meadow Hills with the ladies league. She has not been able to play in the couples league due to recent rainy weather.
 - Caroline Kim remarked she has played Aurora Hills, Meadow Hills, and Murphy Creek each, twice and Springhill once. She remarked other players commented on the pathways at Murphy Creek not being paved and it sometimes deters them from playing there. Springhill, 13 hole on the fairway to the left there were two large dips where carts may be damaged when riding over them.
 - Bryan Lukasezck remarked he played Aurora Hills, Meadow Hills, Murphy Creek, Heritage Eagle Bend, Highland Hills, and courses in Nebraska and believes Aurora Hills is in the best condition out of all of them. He is happy to see some ball washers have been installed at Aurora Hills and Meadow Hills. He commented Murphy Creek had water coolers on the course that were half full but understands staff try to refill them as much as possible throughout the day. He thinks the greens at Murphy Creek are improving.

V. STAFF UPDATES –

- Matt Vance, Aurora Hills Superintendent, reported staff mow the rough as much as possible but with the rain, the rough has grown very fast and is hard to keep up with. Staff recently leveled 7 tee box. Currently recruiting seasonal staff to fill two vacancies. Due to being short staffed, any extras such as rolling the greens have been minimal but there is enough staff to perform routine maintenance of mowing, cutting fresh cups, etc.
- Cary Callihan, Aurora Hills Head Golf Professional, reported rainy weather has impacted play. Three men’s club events, two couples league events, one working women’s league event and two outside tournaments have been cancelled due to weather. Overall rounds are trending well when the course is open. Currently recruiting for seasonal positions to be fully staffed again. Jesse Stine asked if the cancelled events could be rescheduled. Cary replied yes, they have been rescheduled.
- Karin Rivale, Marketing Specialist, gave an update on marketing activities. 104.3 The Fan Radio Station live remote broadcast at Springhill was very successful with many listeners of the radio show visiting the course. The next live remote broadcast will be on June 30th from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at Meadow Hills. Online registration is open for the Aurora Senior Amateur, and the Couples Classic events. Registration for Aurora Amateur at Meadow Hills opens the first part of July. The online email blast will now come through Golf 365 and will include a new template for the monthly newsletter. Updating social media with closures and/or cart restrictions due to weather. Jesse asked if there will be new score cards. Karin responded Saddle Rock just received new scorecards and a reorder was submitted for Aurora Hills.
- Dan Wickman, Manager of Golf, reported interviews were conducted to fill the vacant head golf professional positions at Saddle Rock and Murphy Creek. The selected candidates are both internal. Grant Jackson, Saddle Rock Assistant Golf Professional, will fill the head golf professional position at Murphy Creek. Patrick Kilbride, Murphy Creek Assistant Golf Professional, will fill the head golf professional position at Saddle Rock. Jeff Carter, Meadow Hills Assistant Golf Professional, will move to Saddle Rock.

VI. FINANCIAL REVIEW – Dan Wickman, Manager of Golf, gave a Rounds/Financial Report update. Dan reported recent rainy weather has impacted rounds, however, revenue is still up year to date compared to this time last year. Dan anticipates loss in revenue last month will be made up with fairer weather this month. Water usage at the courses has been down which has helped with expense budget. The rainfall has greatly improved course conditions. The rough is thick as well and are mowed when schedules and weather allow. The new cart fleet is due to be delivered next week to Saddle Rock. Electric carts may come back again to Murphy Creek. A request for bid has been submitted to install cart paths along portions of tees and greens at Murphy Creek.

VII. DISCUSSION -

- None.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS –

- Elizabeth Hamilton updated committee on latest progress of re-locating the old Fitzsimons golf course shelter to Springhill. She is working on cost estimates and seeking funding including exploring available grants.

IX. GENERAL DISCUSSION –

- Dan reported with heavy and frequent rainfall recently, it has increased the number of mosquitos and that the golf courses only treats for mosquitos in the irrigation ponds.

X. ADJOURNMENT -

- Vice-Chairperson, Dorothy Shadrick moved for adjournment and Caroline Kim seconded the motion.

Minutes approved by: Jesse Stine Jul 18, 2023
Jesse Stine (Jul 18, 2023 19:48 MDT)
Jesse Stine, Chairperson

Minutes prepared by: Suzie Jaquith
Suzie Jaquith, Administrative Supervisor

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