

Wilmington Municipal Golf Course Advisory Committee

Meeting August 8, 2022 Rev.1

Attendance: Louise McColl, Matt Smith, Charles Woodall, Tony Upchurch, David Donovan, Amy Beaty, Joe Anthony, Jeff Darby, Steve Bridges, Gina Diccio

Call the meeting to order at 5:00pm

1st order of business is the secretary's report. Jeff thank you for taking the July minutes. Motion to approve minutes. Tony and Louise approved

Renovations Committee – furniture and vendor have been selected. David will submit the PO for \$27,000 to purchase furniture. Carolina Custom furniture is the vendor providing the furniture. The furniture will take approximately 6-8 weeks to arrive. This furniture will go in the clubhouse. Friends of Muni is buying furniture for the lady's bathroom only. Charles recommended we buy rugs to go under the new furniture to cut down on the acoustics. Friends of Muni is looking to install 9 sound barriers for the main room. Friends of Muni will provide a trophy case for the clubhouse.

Budget was approved and no complaints for the \$2.00 increase from the public

Maintenance – street entrance to the golf course needs cleaning up. Specifically, the curb. The parking lot median and number 1 tee box next to the practice putting area need weed removal treatments. The tree removal next to the putting green needs cleaning up. Tony suggested putting together a punch list to be communicated to the MGA, Hackers and other groups that play Muni. Charles had mentioned putting umbrellas up in a previous meeting. David tasked Charles with finding umbrellas for the course to purchase.

Marketing Committee – Amy will wait to publish the survey after we get furniture in the main clubhouse area.

Friends of Muni – had their annual Summer golf tournament. There is a list of focus areas that FOM is looking to make investments at the golf course

City of Wilmington – Amy reported that the fiscal year ended at \$2 Million dollars in revenue. This was a record year. Amy is going to ask for additional paid staff in the clubhouse to handle customer service and other shop responsibilities. David and Hunter are spending too much time behind the register instead of focusing on other important areas. First Tee has ghosted Amy recently. Amy was asked by the mayor to explore the option of moving the First Tee to Inland Greens to allow the public to utilize the existing practice area next to number 9 fairway for golfers. The fiber connection was installed however slow performance issues continue to plaque the front desk with long wait times for customers paying for food, golf cart and green fees. Amy feels the computers needs to be replaced. The computers that are currently in place are old. Gina feels the golf course should have the latest and greatest computer equipment to help with the flow of business. The board feels this is having a negative impact on sales and service at the golf course.

Pro's Report – David mentioned the possibility of closing the course longer than 2 days for future aerations. Two days does not allow enough time to get everything complete during this important maintenance period. Most golf courses in the area are closing for a week to allow time to complete this project. 103 players have signed up for the City AM.

Superintendents Report - 7/16 fairways and tees were aerated. The mutations of the greens have reared due to aeration. Landfall went back to Tifeagle grass to avoid these mutations. Unfortunately, the grass (mini-verde) that we have on our greens tends to mutate. Weeds have been spot treated across the course which caused some yellowing. The pre-emergent products that were used to treat weeds are performing better than previous years products. Matt and his team fertilized the course on July 29th. City tree service removed half of the trees that needed to be removed. New golf course accessories were placed throughout the course including new cups and flags. Older flags are being swapped out in the afternoons to avoid theft of the nicer flag sticks. Total investment costs for the accessories was approximately \$2,000. The medallions on the tee markers are

starting to fade. Matt plans to work with a contractor to acquire and plant wire grass.

Unfinished Business – Gina wanted to know where the priority list resided. This is the list that was put together by the Advisory Board. Gina wants the list to be a priority given the time and resources that were provided by the board. Steve wanted to know what capital projects were approved. Per Amy, nothing specific. Louise said the mayor promised to fund a specific amount of money to the course.

New Business – no new business.

Motion to adjourn – Steve and Tony voted.