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Minutes of BOT Meeting on July 18, 2023

The monthly meeting of the MFC Board of Trustees was held in person. A quorum was present, and the meeting was called to order by Brian Deam, President, at 6:00 pm

Board Members in attendance: Stephanie Morrison, Ben Blank, Jon Greer, Pat DeHart, David Ricci, Paul Gilhool and Pat Fowler. Also attending was General Manager John Carpinelli and Business Manager Susan Hession

- **President's remarks:**
 - The golf course is in great shape.
 - The dining service is moving in the right direction with the hiring of a new chef.
- **Minutes:** The minutes for the June 27th, 2023, BOT meeting were approved
 - **Motion-Pat DeHart, Second- Paul Gilhool- Approved.**
 - **Action:** Susan will post on the Website.
- **Committee Reports:**
 - **Membership Committee: Pat DeHart**
 - **6 resignations in the second half of the year. 37 new members and 24 resignations ytd. \$205,000 in new revenue, \$76,000 lost in resignations.**
 - **Approximately 475 memberships.**
 - **Membership rules and regulation changes-See document for particulars**
 - **Sports, house and capital dues are prorated in the month that a member joins for that year**
 - **Motion-Paul Gilhool, Second-Tom Morris-Approved**
- **Old Business**
 - **Dining Service-**
 - Jeff Schroth, food and beverage manager has been terminated
 - A new chef has started, he is very organized and cleaned the entire kitchen

- Presently interviewing for 2 more part time cooks
- George Frake has offered to help organize the dining service as he was in charge of this when he was at Little Mill Country Club
- Kate will be in charge of the front of the house, Jimmy will be in charge of the bar.
- **New Business**
 - **Reservation Process**
 - Mike Perrone is developing a reservation app that will connect with the website. The board will test this first to work out the bugs
 - **2023 Budget**
 - We will not revise the dining portion of the budget for this year. We will track the actual dining income and expenses to have a better understanding when making the 2024 budget
 - **Ryder Cup**
 - Is scheduled for October 19th and 20th. 27 holes on Thursday and 18 holes on Friday
 - Anyone that wants to play golf those days George will set up at other courses nearby.
 - Thursday the 19th: Dining open for lunch; bar open all day/night; event dinner will be in the Sunroom.
 - Friday the 20th: Dining open until 5 pm; Clubhouse closed for event at 5:30 pm.
- **Financial report: Treasurer's Report:**
 - There is an issue with the Foreup software, unable to generate a report this month
 - Money Market earned \$13,000 ytd, the balance is \$746,000
 - Treasury Direct account balance is \$190,000
 - A/R
 - 52 members have a balance greater than 60 days, 21 of those balance is less than \$100
 - Total past due is \$39,000
 - Bond Redemption
 - 206 Pending redemption (\$618,000)
 - Cash Account
 - \$440,000 higher than May 2022
- **GM Report- John Carpinelli-** See document for particulars.
 - Sam, assistant greenskeeper is a great worker

- **Member Comments**
 - none

Regular Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 pm

Motion- David Ricci, Second Paul Gilhool: All Approved

Respectfully Submitted Benjamin Blank

Membership Rules & Regulations Changes

Section 2

PAYMENT PROVISIONS AND DISCOUNTS

- (a) There will be no additional dues for more than two children under a family membership.
- (b) The Sports, ~~and~~ House, ~~and~~ Capital Dues owed in the year a new member joins will be prorated based on the calendar quarter in which the member joins. ~~The Capital Dues will not be prorated.~~ The prorated scale shown below encourages joining earlier in the year:
 - i. Q1: 100%
 - ii. Q2: 90%
 - iii. Q3: 70%
 - iv. Q4: 35%
- (c) A senior citizen discount established by the Board of Trustees as a percentage of the applicable Annual Sports Dues will be granted as follows:
 - i. To existing members that are either 65 years of age or older and who have been members of the Club for the 10 preceding consecutive years or are 70 years of age or older with no tenure requirement. The senior citizen discount becomes effective the membership year following the year in which the member(s) reaches the age of qualification described above.
 - ii. To new members that are 70 years of age or older at the time of their application
 - iii. In the case of a Couples membership classification, both parties must meet the qualification provisions to qualify.
 - iv. Existing member(s) must request the senior citizen discount in writing via either a letter or email sent to the Business Manager. Verbal requests will not be accepted. Requests should be received by Dec 31st for application to the new membership year. ~~The~~ discount will not be applied retroactively.
 - v. Existing and new members must provide proof of age to be eligible.

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MFC General Manager's Report

July 2023

Course Maintenance

Status: On going

Actions: After a very dry, windy and cool Spring, we have been dealt a very wet, humid and stagnant June and July. We have had to reduce our application window on fungicides from 14 days down to 7. The fungicides are mostly labeled for 2 plus weeks control, but in these severe conditions, may only work 5 to 7 days. We have been seeing dollar spot mostly, with some

brown patch and summer patch mixed in. Most of the outbreaks have been minor and only on tees and fairways. We will continue to scout and evaluate spray schedules until the nighttime temps come down, and rain/humidity subsides. This is not that unusual for this time of year. We have also been spraying green banks and 1 pass around the fairways to try and keep our rough in decent shape. Outside of spraying we are mostly mowing as the grass growth has exploded. We do use growth regulators on greens tees and fairways, but even that hasn't completely shut down the rapid sprouting of the grass plant. A couple of new beds have been added to the course courtesy of Rob Mazza and Garrett McVaugh. One is between #4 and #5 cart path and the other at the end of 7 tee cart path. I want to thank these gentlemen for their volunteerism in getting these beds planted. We will be venting the greens again next week with solid tines to allow air and water to penetrate the surface. Unlike last venting, these tines will be solid and we will not pull a core allowing the greens to heal much quicker.

Dates: 7/1 thru 8/1

NEW Food Service

Status: Food and Beverage Manger terminated

Actions The expected happened after the last Board meeting, Jeff was let go as Fand B manager. With that being said, we have moved on in a whole different direction. We have hired an executive chef named Fredrick, who can properly train and run the kitchen and it's staff. Fredrick also knows how to properly order, keep an accurate and up to date inventory, label dates on food inventory and keeps a clean kitchen. For right now, I want Fredrick to focus on developing the right menu for the club, hiring the needed staff for the kitchen and working on getting orders out in a timely fashion. I feel confident that Fredrick can do all this and cook some really tasty food. Kate will be our front of the House lead, meeting with members renting the club, ordering linens, training the waitstaff and scheduling for servers. George Frake has also stepped up and has helped with many of the front of the house duties such as event planning, new cornhole league and giving his spare time to do whatever is needed for the dining service. I realize, in hindsight, some of the mistakes that have been made in the last 4 months and we are working very hard to correct them. The people we have in place now seem to work very well together and although there have been many bumps along the road, we are heading in the right direction.

Dates: 6/1 to 7/1

Special Events

Status: Summer events.

Actions With the turnover in Dining, not many dedicated events have been planned for the immediate future. The exceptions are a band that is booked for July 27th that happens to be the 3 sons of our own Ben Blank. They play Grateful Dead type music and will be outside. We hope for a good turnout. Chris Bain has a few events planned later in the Summer, with the first being an Eagles tailgate party for the first game. Prizes, drink and food specials will be available along with games and possibly a golf tournament first. We are trying to run a 6 week cornhole league which will begin on August 10th. An email has gone out, and we will take the first 14(2person) teams to sign up. I will be setting up more events in late July and early August to entertain our membership.

Dates: 6/1 to 7/1

Irrigation Replacement

Status: Pump Station and Well

Action : I spoke to our consultant Anthony Boneserra and he told me they are finalizing their recommendations for our pump station. Right now, we are evaluating whether to go with submersible pump and motor with line shaft turbine pump. The line shaft pump would produce more water than the submersible, but there is a question about its durability versus the submersible. We have put the comparison out to our pump specialist to determine the risks. We will finalize these plans by the end of the summer.

Dates 4/1 to 9/1

Bar Operation:

Status: Back to normal

Actions I think with Jeff's departure, Jimmy can get things back to normal as far as inventory and purchasing. We have discussed a purchasing plan which gives the members options on alcohol, but we are not buying every special request that comes our way. The bar made \$24600 in sales for June vs \$19200 for 2022. Of course, we are open more hours for 2023, but overall very consistent and are on target for our budget numbers.

Dates: 3/1 to 4/1

2023 Capital Budget

Status: Many Capital projects have been completed

Actions Among the projects completed are:

Lady's locker room \$57000 which was the budgeted number.

Well evaluating \$10500 versus a budget of \$13000

Equipment purchases were \$26000 versus a budget of \$28000.

Pickleball courts \$20000 budget which is the budgeted number.

Kitchen equipment was \$6000, and we spent approximately \$4500.

Well consultant for the year was \$25000, I expect this to be about \$15000

I also sold about \$7000 of used equipment over the winter.

We needed to buy a new washer and dryer for the shop for which was not budgeted.

It cost a little below \$1000 We also needed to purchase a new power washer because the engine seized on the old one. It was 20 years old. The new power washer was \$350.

New projects remaining are to replace one more of our old air conditioner units to bring it into compliance. The budgeted amount for this is \$6000. In the Fall, we plan to expand 4 and 8 tee so we have more teeing space. We will also cut a ditch from the bunker on 3 fairway (left side) snaking down to the swale that borders 3 and 7 fairway. The ditch will provide a spot for water to drain and present a challenging hazard for golfers to avoid. All of the spoils from digging this ditch will be used to create the base for our tee extensions of 4 and 8. The work will also all be performed in house with our crew members and rental equipment. The budget for this project is 20k. We did order new AEDS to be placed at the restroom on #4 but it is backordered for right now.

. **Dates** 6/1 to /1.

Long Range Capital

Status: Plan submitted to the Board

ACTIONS The Long-Range Planning committee presented to the Board in June of 2023. The projects laid out for the next 5 years were compiled with input from all sub committees of the club. More work needs to come from all committees, especially House, to make the list complete. With the irrigation system looming next year things will be light in 2024.

Dates: 2023 thru 2030