

GOLF BOARD MEETING

Wednesday – January 11th, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 4 pm.

In Attendance: Denise Klotzbucher, Benny Mangor, Ron Vener - Golf Board, Lynn Mielke – Talbot County Council Rich Setter GM/PGA and Owen Sutherland – Superintendent.

Agenda Items -

1. Golf Course Financial Update –

- Denise presented Revenue Charts and Expense Charts for first six months of FY 23. Charts were reviewed and discussed. Through the first six months of FY 23 actual revenue was \$200,562 over expenses.

2. Golf Course Improvements Progress -

Owen reported that things were slow this time of year in addition to working with a limited number of employees. Ongoing projects:

- Clearing of trees and underbrush
- Catch basin repair (replacement) on holes # 1, #11, #14 & # 15.
- Rebuild greens on holes # 1, # 9 and # 10.
- Cart path repair etc.

3. Golfers Comments –

- Rich has received numerous comments on the good condition of course.
- Comments on the condition of Green # 3 on Executive course and Green # 10 on Championship course. (Currently being addressed by maintenance)
- Acoustics of pavilion during Christmas party. Too loud. (Rich stated that acoustics for pavilion is being worked on)

4. Golf Course Equipment Lease – (Rich and Owen reported)

- The current equipment lease negotiated in 2019 was for 48 months at \$4,200 per month and will expire in the fall of 2023. For basically the same equipment the new lease for 2023 will be \$6,663 per month for 60 months. Jacobson corporation has been ruled out because it is no longer based in the USA. Toro corporation is very expensive and orders are three years out. JD corporation is viable with orders one year out. With JD Hog Neck would use state contract pricing. The warranty period for the new equipment would be two to three years.

5. Pavilion Project Update - (Rich reported)

- The pavilion project is an ongoing project. Future plans call for a outside storage building. To resurface the cement floor with an epoxy finish. Install Wi/Fi. To avoid stones being tracked into the pavilion the entrance must be paved and the curbing at the entrance must be cut away to allow easy access to pavilion. Outdoor lighting has to be installed along with bathroom facilities. Currently looking into a trailer style (8'X33') bathroom for both men and women. Black & Decker plant light poles will be refurbished for the parking lot at Hog Neck.

6. Golf Rates for the 2023 Season -

- Rich presented the proposed rates for the 2023 season. The proposal has slight increases in some areas. However, HN rates are still well below our competition.

7. Driving Range Project - (Rich reported)

- The “Driving Range Project” is phase 3 of Hog Neck’s improvement plan. It would mirror “Top Golf” with a two tier driving range with thirty bays that would be covered and would be heated, have fans and computer screens to view golf shots. The range would be lit which would allow it to remain open well past dark. There is nothing like this on the shore and Rich stated that the potential for this type of facility is unlimited. Phase 4 of the project is the lighting of the Executive Course.

No further business, meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 8th, 2023 at 1 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Carl R. Sauca

