

GOLF BOARD MEETING

Thursday – March 9th, 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.

Golf Board minutes from February 9th were read and approved as presented.

Agenda Items -

1. Golf Course Financial Update –

- Denise presented the financial charts for the current fiscal year. It was noted that total revenue for the current year is slightly behind last year. There was an increase in operating expenses for January and February due mainly to cost of the over seeding and increased labor cost for these months. Thru February total revenue exceeds total expenses by \$160,321 with big earning months upcoming.

2. Golf Course Improvements Progress -

Owen reported on progress of ongoing projects -

- Aeration of approaches has been completed.
- Aeration of greens on the Executive Course is scheduled for Wednesday, March 15th followed by aerification of Championship course on Monday and Tuesday, March 20th and 21st. This spring airification will be done using ¼ inch tines.
- Fertilizer “Ammonia Sulfate” has been applied to greens to give them a kick start for the growing season.
- Trees by cafe have been removed and the area has been leveled and seeded.
- Edging and ongoing maintenance of bunkers continues.
- Tree pruning on hole # 14 on work schedule.

3. Golfers Comments –

- On going concerns about the condition of several of the greens. Owen stated that after the spring aerification, fertilizer application and over seeding the greens will recover nicely. Everything is weather driven, the better the weather the faster the recovery period.
- When will cafe open? Rich stated that cafe is scheduled to open on April 1st.

4. Budget Meeting Re-Cap – (Rich reported)

- That he gave a presentation for the proposed Hog Neck “Top Golf” project to the Talbot County Council at a budget hearing on Wednesday March 8th. The presentation consisted of both an oral and written presentation. It is felt that the presentation was well accepted and a decision on the request will be made in a few weeks.

5. Pavilion Project Update - (Rich reported)

- Lighting for the project will begin in a few weeks
- Nine light poles from the Black & Decker plant will be retrofitted and relocated to Hog Neck Golf Course. Five poles will be installed in the parking lot, one in the pavilion area and three in the “dumster” area of parking lot. The retrofitting will consist of both installing photo cells and timers on light poles.

6. Driving Range Project - (Rich reported)

- Still in process of receiving bids and quotes on all aspects of the project.

No further business, meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 12th, 2023 at 4 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Carl R. Sauca

