

Town of St. Germain

Public Notice

Minutes of the September 8, 2016 meeting of the Golf Course Committee

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order 1:40pm by Committee Chairman Tom Christensen.
2. Roll Call, Establish a Quorum – Roll Call, Margo Rogers-Anderson, Aaron Becker, Jim Swenson and Tom Christensen, there were no citizens in attendance.
3. Open Meeting Verification - Tom Christensen stated that he posted the meeting before 1:00pm on September 7, 2016.
4. Approval of the Agenda with the order left up to the discretion of the Chairman – A motion was made by Jim Swenson that was seconded by Aaron Becker, to approve the agenda with the order left up to the discretion of the chair, voice vote and the motion passed.
5. Approve Minutes of Past Meetings – There were no minutes ready for approval.
6. Citizen's Comments – Citizens are encouraged to share their concerns and ideas with the Committee. Please limit your comments to five minutes or less – There were no citizen's comments.
7. Discussion/Action Items
 - a. Review the current bills for recommendations to the Town Board for payment – The Committee reviewed the bills presented by Margo Rogers-Anderson and Aaron Becker. A motion was made by Jim Swenson that was seconded by Aaron Becker to recommend to the Town Board that these reviewed bills be approved for payment, voice vote and the motion passed.
 - b. Report and recommendations from Margo Rogers, Golf Pro.

Leagues will have their last events this week. This year, Men's league was rained out a record 4 times.

Both flights of Match play have been completed and Tuesday night league had its last event last week. Malcolm Brown won the A flight and Jerry Schiedt won flight B of Match Play. Jerry and Teresa Cleary took first place with 289 points for the season. Dave Mitchell and Pete Schnoor and Ed and Janelle Ewen tied for second and third with 275 for second, fourth place with 265 was Mike McCormick and Bob Alfano, fifth place with 262 points was Malcolm Brown and Greg Hanson, and 6th place with 259 was Bob Beaurain and Doug Drew.

I had a very busy past three weeks of events. Men's, Women's and Odd Couple's Championships, Men's and Women's League Championships and the Women's Fall Scramble. The 2016 Men's Club Champion is Larry Jones. The Women's Club Champion is Jan Bergeron. The Men's League Champion is also Larry Jones and his wife JoAnne Jones won the Women's League Championship. Larry and JoAnne Jones also won the Odd Couples Championship. Trophies and plaques were given out to the winners.

The Women's Fall Scramble was a great success. We had 116 women from all over the Northwoods, Appleton, the U.P., Wausau, and neighboring towns. A good time was had by all and the event was followed by a sit down dinner at the Whitetail Inn and a silent auction. Funds raised will go to the new girl's golf coop team that was formed this year between Merrill, Rhinelander and Northland Pines.

I will start losing more staff within the next few weeks. All of my younger help and teachers are already back at school so this is the time of year where scheduling gets more difficult.

Our final event of the season is coming up in 10 days. The Senior Fall Scramble between St. Germain Golf Club and Eagle River GC will be comprised of 47 senior Men and me. A two person best ball will be the format for both days with play and dinner at both courses. First, we go to Eagle River and then end at St. Germain GC with a fish fry and awards following play. My guys will all receive a team hat and shirt that they will wear to each event. We lost last year, though we were rained out after 9 holes at our course which gave Eagle River more of a home course advantage as we played 27 at their course the following day. We hope to bring home the traveling trophy for 2016.

Our Friday's and Saturday's are filled with golfers for the first 3 weeks of September. We had a good weekend but the weather kept us from having banner numbers. We lost quite a few players but the die-hards still played and overall, it was a good weekend.

Aside from all of the unavoidable little bumps that most of you all don't hear about like vandalism, theft, staff issues, injuries, accidents and equipment breakdowns, this has been an overall smooth and successful golf season. Working in the service industry, people never cease to amaze me, sometimes good, sometimes bad. We're always ready and happy to serve regardless.

Hoping for good weather on the rest of the weekends this fall so we can finish strong.

c. Report and recommendations from Aaron Becker, Golf Superintendent.

Weather Summary for August

Average high temperature for August was 78 degrees. Coldest high was 8/20 @ 65 degrees. Warmest high was 8/10 @ 87 degrees. We experienced an abundance of rain the entire month of August. 20 of the 31 days in August were above average humidity. There have been 28 nights with an evening temperature above 58 degree this summer. We had three rainouts where the crew was sent home after being at work for only 2 hours. This brings the yearly total up to 8 rainouts, and these all happened on Thursday through Sunday.

July rainfall: 5.78"

Year to date from April 1- August 31st 2016 – 22.18"

April 1 – October 31st 2015 – 19.72" -----***See attached table

April 1- October 31st 2014 – 29.62"

Current Conditions

Greens:

-Greens are anxiously awaiting aerification October 3rd-6th (weather permitting). Abundance of golfer traffic, excessive humidity and rainfall requires the need for airflow exchange and compaction reduction.

Fairways/Approaches:

-Fairways are in good shape. We are in the same scenario as the greens. The constant golf cart traffic during a stressful weather pattern has required the need for aerification to allow our soil profile to be relieved and allow for new root channels to be inserted. Approaches will be aerified the week of September 12-16, 19-22 (weather permitting). The fairways will be knife tine aerified the last week of September

Tees:

-Tees are in good shape. The tees will be aerified the week of September 12-16, 19-22 (weather permitting).

Bunkers:

-Bunkers are in excellent shape. We continue to repair washouts after heavy rains.

Rough:

-The rough is very dense and we are mowing some sections of the course twice a week to keep up with the growth during this humid and wet summer.

Irrigation

-Rainbird performed a site survey on 8/11. They feel we qualify for a wireless/radio communicating system. They send their results to Arizona at their headquarters for further analysis and recommendations.

-Irrigation blow out is scheduled for October 24th and October 25th

Projects

--The newly constructed ladies tee on #18 is growing in very nicely; we will roll it and make a first mowing on it in the next two weeks. We hope to open it by mid-June next year.

--"Phase I" construction of the new Mulligan's short game practice area has been completed. We do have to add the practice bunker on the side of HWY 70 yet. Otherwise, germination has started with the bentgrass fairway and green portion and our mounding in the back which was a Kentucky Bluegrass/Perennial Ryegrass blend. We installed 3 five foot deep collection drain basins in front of the green as well. Depending on our fall weather and growth, we will monitor the density of the turf and make a judgment call for opening in summer 2017.

--We are continue to use our pole pruner along tree lines to eliminating volunteer branches that block the line of flight and also overhang into our rough mower's path.

Budget Adjustments

Take \$10 from Budget Category 6122 (\$1000 to \$990) (Building Repair and Maintenance) and move into Budget Category 6119 (\$900 to \$910) (Outside labor) to offset the \$4.45 overage from the Trollan Refrigeration bill. This bill was for replacing the electrical board disconnect that was burnt out due to a loose connection. This caused the well pump inverter control to turn off randomly when filling the irrigation pond. It is estimated that the electrical board disconnect was original from 1993. This was an unexpected expense, but I feel it would fall under the "Outside Labor" category.

Take \$100 from Budget Category 6117 (\$3500 to \$3400) (Course Supplies) and move into Budget Category 6111 (\$2000 to \$2100) (Seed Sod and Flowers) to offset the \$77.50 overage from incoming bill from Chicagoland Turf for 25 lbs. of Creeping Bentgrass seed. This seed was ordered due to the heavy rains that potentially may cause damage to the new short game facility. This will allow for any spot seeding that may need to be done.

Miscellaneous

-None at this time

Future ideas

-None at this time

d. Review Budget Performance - No further review was done at this time.

8. Committee Member Concerns – There were no additional committee concerns at this time.

9. Next Regular Committee Meeting Date – October 6, 2016 at 6:00pm

10. Adjourn – A motion was made by Aaron Becker that was seconded by Jim Swenson at 7:50pm to adjourn, voice vote and the motion passed.



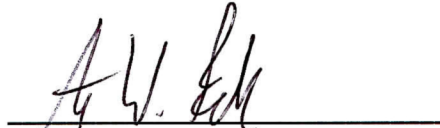
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