

TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN

GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE

Meeting: Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2005 10 AM at the Red Brick

Present: Steve Spears, Brian Baldwin, Jean Holleman, Marion Robin, Craig Callies, Boyd Best, Jim Wendt, Lee Christensen

Absent: Bruce Weber, Marci Spears

Minutes written by Marci Spears were distributed and a motion was made by Craig Callies to approve and second by Jean Holleman. Motion passed.

Brian Baldwin reported that it was a good season although not record breaking with the number of rounds at approximately 22,500. Nine and eighteen hole play was up slightly with season passes down a bit. He recommended that the fee structure remain as is for the next season, particularly since rates were raised slightly last year which puts St. Germain near the high end with the competition, but not the highest. The new incentive plan needs more promotion and the 10 play cart cards worked out very well. St. Germain green fee revenues were substantially higher than some of the other nearby courses.

Brian stated that there had been one minor problem with the resort golf package which has been resolved by communicating with the resort involved.

Brian has been running a youth golf program with about 30 to 40 participants which lasts six weeks. He has picked up most of the cost, but did receive a \$300 grant from the Wisconsin PGA Junior Foundation.

He has been looking at various options for replacing Mike Giard who has taken advantage of an upward career opportunity.

Sally Rueling inquired if the Course would be available for a High School cross country meet and the consensus was to avoid any activities on the Course other than golf.

The bathrooms need some maintenance which is not a large expense and the owner has not agreed to participate.

The Ladies League wants to go from playing 9 holes to 18 and Brian will work with them to determine what will work best for the ladies and scheduling Tee times.

Steve Spears remarked that the Course closed last Sunday and since then he and his crew have been spraying for snow mold and aerifying greens. Almost all of the greens have fully recovered from last winter's damage. Steve wants to thin out the trees on the right side of 15 to improve the view and promote growth of grass in the fairway. The number 4 waste bunker will have to be reviewed and planned for next year. Due to the hot dry weather, over 48 million gallons of water were pumped and more of everything was needed to maintain the condition of the Course which results in all categories being over budget. There have been many compliments on the new split rail on 3 and the wild flowers on 5.

At Jim Wendt's insistence, Velocity was applied on 15 and 16 fairways this fall to eradicate POA annual, which is a native grass, which dies out under certain conditions. Steve estimated that the treatment eradicated 70 to 90 % of the POA and some of the blue grass. They recently overseeded and made a dormant application and the hope is that these fairways will recover and be playable by June. Brian Baldwin said there have been some negative remarks but that they haven't been overwhelming.

Steve Spears reported for Marci on the concession stand and revealed that revenues are \$10,000 over last year. She signed a three year agreement with Pepsi since they offered some attractive rebates and discounts. The situation with the ice machine will be reviewed with Bruce Weber with objective being to move the heat from the machine outside. Brian and Steve have heard many compliments from golfers and wonderful condition of the St. Germain Golf Course.

Boyd Best reported that cash is on the tight side because the bond payments are presently going

up and are due June 1st which is early in our season before the cash flow increases. The Course will be paid off in the year 2013. Jim Wendt stated that the Golf Course in a wonderful financial position will continue to provide funding for the Town in the amount of \$20,000.

Tom Wenzel will take the place of Karl Herrmann on the committee.

Motion made by Boyd Best and second by Brian Baldwin to adjourn at 11:20 AM. Meeting adjourned.

Lee Christensen