

MINUTES

FOX RUN GOLF ADVISORY BOARD

**Thursday, September 24, 2015
Fox Run Golf Course Clubhouse – 12:00 P.M.**

Routine Business

Roll Call:

Present: Mike Brinkerhoff, Warren Erickson, Annette Kohoutek, Steve Sager, Dan Kortan, Jake Hoffner- by phone.

Absent: Kim Auch

Also present were PGA Pro/Course Manager Kevin Doby, Course Superintendent Rockie Wampol, Director of Parks and Recreation Todd Larson and Parks Secretary Chasity McHenry

Public Appearances: Jim Gevens

Minutes:

August 17, 2015 minutes approved. Kohoutek motioned, Brinkerhoff second.
Motion carried 6-0.

Old Business

A. No old business.

New Business

- A. Year-to-Date round report and season pass report- Kevin provided Year-to-Date document (attached). Total rounds up YTD from 2014. Outings rounds is not accurate as some billings are still out and those numbers are entered when bill is paid. Question asked about rounds numbers being up but revenue being down. Reasons revenue would be down due to these conditions 1) more season pass rounds than past year, 2) children aged 14 and under can golf for free with season pass holder so that eliminated some single +1, single +2, etc. season pass revenues, and 3) all outing revenues have not been collected as they are billed after the event.
- B. Revenue report from City financial software. (attachment) City financial from the city software through August 31 was attached. Monthly and Year-to-Date Comparison document attached. Revenue is up slightly YTD from last year- \$3,500. Expenses are up approximately \$20,000 YTD. The Board discussed poor course etiquette and the feeling that the full-time employees do not do enough to enforce proper etiquette. Examples of poor etiquette include sunflower seeds on the course (especially greens), people who live on the course and then walk out on to course and start playing without checking in at clubhouse, people allowing/walking dogs on the course, men urinating on the course instead of in porta-pots or clubhouse restrooms. Can the course use volunteers to marshal and enforce better etiquette? To completely deal with issues, need marshals the majority of the time the course is open for normal play. That is a lot of volunteer time and numbers of volunteers needed. It is hard for part-time employees to enforce the etiquette issues because of conflict it causes. The full-time staff tries to identify individuals and

Speak with them about etiquette as it is reported. It is a policing issue and who should the police be? The other important part of this equation is how the reprimanded individual reacts. If there is alcohol involved, it can worsen the situation. How to handle those individuals who get threatening or violent? This type of reaction makes it hard to rely on volunteers or season-pass holders to be the police. Board feels there needs to be a policy going forward to help address the etiquette issue. When do the police need to be called in to help? What type of reprimands can follow the on-course reprimands for individuals? Need to determine what is and is not damaging course, effecting season-pass holder morale. These are not unique issues to Fox Run as reprimands and how people respond are issues at the SAC and Fantle Memorial Park Pool also.

- C. Discussion on rate adjustments for 2016. Jake Hoffner, at an earlier board meeting, had suggested keeping rates the same in 2016 as in 2015. The December special was in effect for the 2015 season so some of the 2015 pass holders would have paid the 2014 rates for the 2015 passes. If rates are kept the same for 2016 and the same number and type of passes are sold for 2016, the revenue would increase based on all passes paying the 2016 rate. Erickson motioned to recommend no rate increases for 2016. Hoffner second. Motion passed 6-0. Kohoutek mentioned having the Cart Shed C empty spots filled to help course revenues. The board believes a survey should be done of season pass holders to see if having a cheaper rate for cart shed C (reduce by \$75 to \$200) would generate any ill feelings with cart shed A and B renters, and if not, would it generate interest to have the cart shed filled with more renters to generate more revenue.
- D. Course conditions and projects –Rockie. All fairways have been fertilized. Rains will now be great for the fairways. Winter golf- need to decide if false greens need to be created in front of real greens to protect real greens from winter time divots. The real greens are not in good shape in the spring due to the winter golf divots.
- E. Access drive to Cart Shed C- Kohoutek. Road is very rough and needs work. Rockie and inmates will smooth out drive and add gravel.

Other Business

- A. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, October 22, 2015. The GAB meetings will be moved to the Thursdays at least through October of 2016.

Meeting Adjourned

- A. Kortan motioned, Sager second. Motion carried 6-0.