

Prairie Trails Advisory Board
March 26, 2018
Minutes

Members Present:

Brad Demo
Rollen Fooshee
Charlie Hansen
Jake Currier
Carol Lee

Members Absent:

Nick Badwey
Keith Bell
Rose Wilson

Visitors:

Dan Young
Larry Lee

Commission Representative:

Staff Present:

Jason Hughey Tabitha Sharp

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Rollen Fooshee moved to approve the minutes.

Charlie Hansen seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

DISCUSSION ON THE COMMISSION'S REBRANDING DECISION

- Tabitha reviewed the Commission's decision. She stated that the course will be named Prairie Trails Public Golf Course.

NEW BUSINESS

- Brad asked if the bar was going to reopen.
- Jason stated that we will just do cans from now on.
- There was a discussion on the change from CMB to strong beer next year.
- Tabitha stated that currently we would still need to meet the 30% rule from the County, she said we are waiting to see if the County and State laws catch up with each other. She stated that if anyone knows the County Commissioners, it might be helpful to talk to them.
- Rollen asked what was decided on giving a break to outside customers.
- Tabitha stated that Commissioner Badwey had stated at the last meeting that the Commission would not likely support that and after that no motion was made.
- Rollen stated that he was just thinking of ways to make money. He asked how to make money.
- Jason stated that Molly is working on marketing for the course. He stated that they have also mailed flyers to all of the surrounding courses.
- Jason asked if anyone was getting e-mails from Fore.
- No one had received anything.
- Jason stated that they are working on updating the system and so he will check with the representative when they come to update the system.

- Jake stated that if we could generate some tournaments with good cash prizes, it would generate buzz for the course.
- Rollen asked who set tees, he stated that the senior tees had caused some complaints.
- Rollen asked if we were looking for someone to run the restaurant.
- Tabitha stated that we are always open to something if someone has a proposal.
- Rollen asked what the city charges for that.
- Tabitha stated that we had done it based on the proposal offered, there wasn't a set percentage at this time.
- Jake stated that there are a lot of improvements that were wanted by previous parties who showed interest. He stated that in order to get the bar back open, the golfers need to show interest in the club house again and not bring their own beer.
- Brad asked if there were any camps other than junior golf planned.
- Jason stated that they hadn't looked into that.
- Rollen asked if they still gave away the clubs for kids.
- Jason stated that there are some left from Hook a Kid on Golf that they are going to give away this year. He stated that they also made some sets from lost and found that have never been picked up.

STAFF REPORTS

- Jason stated that they installed a new display rack in the pro shop. They have new hats and balls in as well. He stated that they can special order for golfers if they would like, just talk to staff. He stated that they have the demo program so golfers can try out new equipment.
- He stated that they have also added the TV that shows everything that is going on at the course.
- Jason stated that there are 49 pass holders, 11 individual 7 day, 13 senior 7 day, 5 family 7 day, and 2 young adult 7 day, 16 senior 7 day, and 2 senior 5 day.
- Jason stated that last year total there were 72 pass holders.
- He stated that rounds are down around 700 from last year.
- Jason stated that there are 14 tournaments on the books, we lost one tournament and gained another. He stated that CHOKe is not having their golf tournament this year which is why we lost it but they are inviting people out to golf with them.
- He stated that there are 6 and 3 enrolled in June and July's junior golf courses respectively, he stated that they are still recruiting and can take up to 15 in each class. He stated that they will add a class if necessary.
- Carol stated that we should start promoting 9 hole play, especially to women who think they don't have time for 18.
- Jake stated that the PGA is promoting 9 holes on the weekday evenings.
- Dan asked if we could partner with the Y to promote Junior Golf.
- Tabitha stated that we can talk to Kevin about it.
- Jason stated that they have been doing a lot of cleaning up at the course as well as tree trimming.
- Pads were poured and trash cans are out.
- He stated that they installed the barber polls on the driving range. They are going to be on the short range soon.

- Irrigation has been on since the first week of March. They have been watering the greens all month and now they are watering everything.
- Aerified the back side last Friday.
- They will be doing a light dressing on the front side to fill in some of the marks.
- Jake asked if a date was set for burning.
- Jason stated that it was originally planned for this week, but the rain came. He stated that they are in contact with the fire department.
- Jason stated that in response to Charlie's question about the tee boxes, Jason Reiswig is going to level number 8. He stated that 6 is planned as well, top dressing it will hopefully fill in the low spot. He stated that he is working on the senior tees at number 7, 15, 16 and 17. He stated the only one he will really have to construct is number 16. He stated the others are going to be mowed and then he will come in and build them up. He stated that it won't happen immediately, but it will be started this week weather permitting.
- Jason stated that Reiswig is going to put the top dressing on some of the tee boxes.
- Rollen confirmed that the front box on 16 will be women's and then a senior will be built.
- Jason stated that he was correct.
- Carol asked if he will be doing the women's as well.
- Jason stated that he will.
- Carol asked if he was moving number two's ladies' tee.
- Jason stated that he is going to be moving it back to where it was originally, and then it will move back and forth.
- Charlie asked if there was a maintenance plan.
- Jason stated that there is a plan, but as things happen, we have to pull staff to do those.
- Jake stated that if there were more employees there could be a more set agenda, they have to fly by the seat of their pants because they are short staffed.
- Dan asked if the discussion had changed regarding the native grass.
- Jason stated that it hadn't to our knowledge.
- Dan stated that he had heard it had changed.
- Jason stated that we would have to ask. He stated that if we don't let it seed after burning then it will die.
- Jake stated when we burn it, it will get rid of the laydown and then it won't be as thick and we'll be able to keep it at the 8 inches.
- Rollen stated he will be on a schedule to mow it after it is burnt.

Rollen moved to adjourn at 7:11 p.m.

Charlie seconded.

Motion carried 5 – 0.