

Gallatin Valley Golf Association

Headwaters Golf Course

Board Meeting – 07/13/2017

Board Members Present: Bruce Felz, Shawn Long, Scott Pitcher, Jeff Strickland, Jon Kampsand Crystal Turner. Jason Combs was absent.

Others Present: John Champeny, Jon Hessen, Dave Edwards, Mable Deane, (Beaver) Stephen Carey, and Jo Johnson.

Jon called the meeting to order at 6:12PM. He planned to leave the meeting but wanted to make sure there was a quorum present if needed.

Approval of the May 2017 meeting minutes. Jeff Strickland moved to approve the minutes of May 18th. Scott Pitcher seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

In an effort to allow the public to speak and not wait until the **GVGA Member Comments** item, the Board recognized Jo Johnson who is the chairwoman of Women's League. Mrs. Johnson stated that the course looks beautiful and her compliments were given to the Greens Manager John Champeny. She continued by saying that Dave had asked her to go to tee times since Women's League had not been filling up the course. The Women's League does not want to do that as they only have three games left. They would be happy to change their bylaws to reflect something like, "Less than seven teams would require the League to call and schedule tee times," however they do not wish to change their bylaws mid-season. Mrs. Johnson was also asked to relay the following three comments; she did not ask for response at this time: 1) Please have one more porta-potty; 2) red tees are being set right next to atop sprinklers; 3) answer the phone.

While on this agenda item, Jon recognize Beaver Carey and asked if he had comments he wished to relay. Beaver said that the piles laying west of the Hole 3 green and Hole 4 tee box, he would like to knock those down and smooth them out to spruce the course up a little in this area. He has access to a bobcat. Jon Kamps said he would bring his down for people to use. Beaver said that also the dead stumps around the course, he would like to see them turned into fun art with old golf clubs or something sticking out of them to make "mock trees". Crystal said she liked the idea and suggested incorporating the school's art classes and see if they could come up with something safe and tasteful. Jon Kamps followed up by saying that he would touch base with Beaver regarding his skidsteer around the 7th or 10th of August.

Financial Report: Shawn Long read the bills to be paid aloud. Roughly \$11,000 in bills were paid this past month with taxes and leases, and payroll was about \$6,000. Shawn and Mable moved \$12,000 to the Money Market account, which left a meager \$99 in checking. Scott Pitcher moved to approve the financials as presented. Crystal Turner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Clubhouse Report: Dave Edwards reported that his main focus has been the Tobacco Root tournament. He has received roughly \$5,300 in prizes and donations so far. He just received a call from the Yellowstone Club too who will donate a \$500 round of golf. He asked the Board for ideas on little raffle prizes for things like Long Drive and things like that to keep each hole fun. He is still seeking volunteers to help pass out sandwiches, just say hello to everyone, and serve beer. He asked any Board member who is not already signed up to play in the Tournament to come and volunteer their time. Crystal Turner apologized because she would be out of town that weekend. A 9-hole putting course will be set up. Dave has requested of Callaway to donate a sleeve of golf balls, free club on a hole-in-one at Hole #1 and #2. He asked the Board if the Course could donate the use of one cart to Murdoch's for their use on Saturday. The Board agreed. There will be raffle tickets and a live auction after the Tobacco Root.

Dave also reported that he believed attendance has dropped after Men's League finishes because we are not serving a dinner. He just reported this so the Board can keep in mind for next year how to keep people fed, playing and staying at the Course on League nights.

Dave plans to start "twilight deals" starting in August. He suggested hosting a couple's tournament in September. The Board felt that couple's league is lacking and it would be nice to have something for couples only. It was discussed to host a tournament in September.

Lastly, Dave said there will be a "I-90 Tournament" between Headwaters Golf Course and Livingston Golf Club. This will be held on August 5th starting at 1PM. It will be a Ryder Cup format for pass holders only. Signups are open.

Shawn Long suggested hiring a marshal for busy weekends like Country Jam and advertise that the course is open. People attending these events like Rockin' the Rivers and Country Jam are many times not doing much in the day and we could get them out here and play golf. Jon Kamps said he would talk to Jodi Petit tomorrow about a donation for Rockin' the Rivers to be auctioned or won at Tobacco Root.

Greens Committee: John Champeny reported he is also busy getting ready for the Tobacco Root. Carts are ready, and he and his crew have been busy servicing them. He planted some trees along Holes 4 and 5. He and his crew will be applying fertilizer in the next couple days. The greens were a little diseased but with treatments they are coming along nicely. He noted the greens will be quick by Tobacco Root.

Shawn asked if we would have enough carts for the Tobacco Root and John replied yes. There was discussion regarding those who own carts, and asking/encouraging them to bring them so we have plenty of carts available.

GVGA Member Comments: There were no more GVGA member comments.

Old Business: Steps for the handicap entrance – Lucky Flynn got the places laid and bricks will be installed next. Crystal said she had contacted Gene Townsend who told her that Bozeman Brick & Tile could engrave them onsite for \$18/each. She will contact Bozeman Brick & Tile to confirm and then see how much time they need when we sell enough to have them come out and do the engraving. Crystal said she would do a sign-up sheet, similar to the Depot Defenders, to sell the bricks' engraving. Jon

Kamps moved that if staff has time to tear down the old outhouse it is OK. Bruce Felz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business: Shawn Long brought up the banquet we discussed the last couple of meetings and said that Michelle Rogers has volunteered to help out in any way we need her to, even up to entire planning. After discussion the Board felt it would be best to have board members involved heavily in the planning but they would love to take Michelle up on her donation recruitments and have her manage the silent auction. Shawn will relay that to Michelle.

Dave said that Big Timber's course changed the sale of passes to a February-March timeframe only and it helped them get through the winter season – just a thought for the Board.

The next meeting will be moved from **August 3, 2017 at 6:00PM at the Clubhouse** because of the conflict with Rockin' the Rivers.

Shawn Long moved to adjourn. Crystal Turner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.