

Prairie Trails Golf Advisory Board

Minutes for 04/28/16

Attendance: Dusty Davis, Mark Heidebrecht, Rose Wilson, Brad Demo, Jake Currier, Jason Hughey, Jason Reiswig, David Broderick.

Meeting called to order at 5:36 by Chairman Dusty Davis

Dusty gave everyone a moment to read through the minutes from the 02/29/16 meeting. Mark made a motion to approve the minutes. Jake seconded. Motion carried 5-0

Jason Reiswig gave an update on the new greens construction. Jason stated that the newly seeded bentgrass was coming up nicely. Reiswig seeded the greens Monday April 18th and had grass by Sunday April 24th. He explained that staff was going to continue some sod work and finish the approaches and surrounds. They are going to wait on finishing sod work because the new sod was so wet from watering the new seed. Staff would also begin cleaning up the project as soon as possible alternating between normal course work and cleanup work. Jason said he fertilized the new greens today and would give the greens a quarter pound of nitrogen each week for the next several weeks to grow in the grass. The project has gone well. Jake asked about leveling out some of the tee boxes on the back. Jason said yes that could be done by cutting the sod off and doing dirt work and putting the sod back. He also stated that staff was not going to begin another project until the greens were open. Mark asked if the sprinklers on the greens could be adjusted to water only the greens and not the surrounds to allow staff to finish sodding. Jason said it really wouldn't matter because once the grass was established on the greens the will be turned way back and then they could finish in a couple of days. With the greens not going to be open for a couple months they had time to accomplish these tasks.

Dave proposed a rough draft of the 2017 Annual Golf Pass Rates. He explained that he added a couple new pass options to the rates. A junior rate and a young adult rate. Dave also explained that he was giving people options to purchase an Annual Cart Pass. Now players can just pay for golf and pay for a cart as they go or pay for everything up front. He felt like this would help Prairie Trails to increase play. Dave went through the rates explaining what players would pay if they chose the various options. He also explained that he took the range balls out of the passes and players could pay for a bucket as they went. Dusty asked how many range balls were in a bucket. Dave said the buckets held about 55 balls. He said you can get 60 balls in the bucket but you will lose 5 of them on the way down the stairs. Dave watches players do this on a daily basis. Mr. Broderick also explained there was a Range Pass option if players wanted unlimited range balls. The board stated they thought the rates look good for 2017. They asked that the rates be emailed out to the board with the area course rates so they could look them over and compare. Dave said yes that could be done.

Dave also explained how the kitchen was running and what the hours of operation were. He stated that Suzie was cooking lunch Tuesday – Saturday and then dinner on Friday evenings. Dusty and Mark asked about Tuesday evening buffets for the Men's group. Dave said Suzie was willing to do so but she needed at least 15 people to eat to make it worth the time. The guys felt that Suzie needed to do something each week to help get people excited eat. Dusty felt that having a 12:00 noon deadline on Monday's was too early for some people to decide what they were going to do on Tuesday evening. Dave just explained that she had to pick up the food when she came over from Hutchinson and she needed the morning to prep what she was cooking. He explained Suzie was just trying to make people happy and cook good food for them. This is one way she felt it would work. Dave also explained that Men's Club President Jacob Hoover said that if they made 10-12 people the Men's Club could pick up the remaining people needed. They all felt they could find enough guys to cover the food as well.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:32