

GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 28, 2023 Special Meeting



The meeting was called to order by Chair Hoag at 12:00 p.m. on September 28, 2023, at Nemadji Greens View Grille 5 N. 58th Street, Superior, WI 54880, & virtually via Microsoft Teams.

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Barb Hoag, Troy Clark, Bill Anderson, Lindsey Graskey, Jack Sweeney, Nick Ledin
Advisory Members and Others Present: Linda Cadotte, Kara Czapinski, Vince Dodge, Tom Beaudry, Ryan Wintlend

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1. Golf Course Committee (Meeting August 24, 2023)

Hoag stated that item 5.3.3 needed to be corrected. This year, 34 people attended the club championship with the lowest attendance being in 2013, where only 11 women attended.

MOTION by Clark, second by Graskey, and carried to approve the minutes from August 24, 2023, with the correction of item 5.3.3.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1. Update on irrigation system.

Dodge mentioned that they are still waiting on calculations regarding the dredging of the ponds. Within a month, there will be data in place to give to Jane Darwin, the Contract Analyst with the city, to put the project out for bids by the winter.

3.2. Recommendation to add additional golf course simulator.

Beaudry stated that the check was submitted for the down payment of the simulator, as half of the payment was due prior to installation. The trackman will be set up on November 6, 2023, with full installation of the simulator the week of Thanksgiving.

MOTION by Anderson, second by Clark, and carried to approve the addition of a new golf course simulator.

3.3. Request approval of the new snowmobile trail route.

Dodge stated that the posts were purchased for marking the trail and the designated path. Between snow fencing, posts, and signs it's going to cost roughly \$5,000. Superintendent Ryan Wintlend is going to assist with some of the signage. A concern that was discussed is having side-by-sides on the route in the later season. Director Cadotte mentioned that the trail can be controlled by KemperSports. They can

determine when they want to open or close the trail to protect it from being ruined. Dodge stated that the groomers can shut down the new trail, if they give them a week in advance to prepare the old trail that goes around the perimeter. Councilor Sweeney mentioned giving the Snowmobile Club a letter of understanding that states that we have the right to close off the trail if needed. Superintendent Wintlend stated that the Parks, Recreation, & Forestry Department is purchasing a new snowmobile, with the possibility of getting rid of the former snowmobile. There was discussion about KemperSports possibly using it for winter use. The plan is to see how this winter goes and determine after this year if we continue using this route as snowmobile trail.

MOTION by Clark, second by Graskey, and carried to approve the new snowmobile trail route for a 1 year trial.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1. Approve 2024 proposed rates.

Beaudry briefly went over the proposed rates for 2024. One of the biggest changes this year was the weekday rates changing from Monday through Thursday to Monday through Friday. This change was determined by the influx of players on Fridays. KemperSports determines the rates by comparing and reflecting what other local courses are offering and where Kemper's numbers can meet their bottom line. The committee decided to hold this item for the October meeting.

MOTION by Graskey, second by Clark, to hold item 4.1 until October 26, 2023, meeting.

4.2. Recommendation to remove gazebo in front of the clubhouse.

Beaudry stated that having the gazebo taken down would utilize the space for the incoming 50 golf carts for next season. The building is rarely used, but when it is it's for tournaments. Scoring is all done through apps now, so posting in the gazebo is not critical like it once was.

MOTION by Clark, second by Anderson, and carried to approve the removal of the gazebo in front of the clubhouse.

5. RECURRING BUSINESS

5.1. General Manager's Report with Profit/Loss Statement

Beaudry stated that August was another great month. We were ahead 15% in revenue and 12% ahead of budget compared to the prior year. September is looking to be about the same outcome, depending on an invoice from Young Plumbing & Heating comes in for the sewer issues. There was a glitch in the reporting system last year for average green fees/cart fees. The report shows that this year it was \$32.00 compared to last year it was \$41.00. Roughly about 6,000 rounds of season pass holders did not get recorded properly last year. If a person wasn't checked in last year, it didn't convert it into the point of sales system. In that case, it wasn't tracked correctly on the reporting side. This year, all rounds were counted properly, and because of that the green fees/carts fees are lower this year. The National Golf Foundation comes out with a quarterly report, and Nemadji is equivalent to other courses nationwide.

5.1.1. Top 3 Manager's Concerns: *No concerns.*

5.2.2 Top 3 Manger's Highlights:

1. *Christian Houle the new Sales & Marketing Manager is doing great.*
2. *Customer service scores are continuing to go up.*
3. *Golf course is in great shape. Nemadji won an award from the National Golf Foundation for being one of the top 5 facilities.*

5.2. Superintendent – Grounds/Maintenance Report

Dodge stated that they did an inventory of dead trees on the property. Most of the trees are ash trees that were planted in the 1980s. The staff have been working on taking the trees down, and have decided to work with the Parks, Recreation & Forestry staff to assist with a handful of the removals. The plan this fall is to do drainage work on 12W/14W, and work on the new snowmobile trail.

5.2.1. Top 3 Superintendent's Concerns: *No concerns.*

5.2.3 Top 3 Superintendent's Highlights:

1. *Very pleased with the progress that has been made this year.*

5.3 Nemadji Women's and Men's Club – Concerns/Updates

Clark spoke for the Men's Club:

- 5.3.1 Received a lot of feedback about how great the course looks this year.
- 5.3.2 Nemadji men's invitational is this weekend.
- 5.3.3 Fall scramble is taking place next week.

Hoag spoke for the Women's Club:

- 5.3.2 The fall banquet was a great success, and the food was very good.
- 5.3.3 Will go over 2024 dates with Beaudry in the winter.
- 5.3.4 2024 will be the 90th year of the Women's Club.

5.4 Future Agenda Items

- 5.4.2 Approve 2024 proposed rates.
- 5.4.3 Update on golf course simulator.
- 5.4.4 Update on irrigation system.

5.5 Confirm the next Special Meeting date as October 26, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. at Nemadji Greens View Grille.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Anderson, second by Graskey to adjourn the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kara Czapinski