



## **POKEGAMA GOLF COURSE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, June 18, 2024  
7:30 AM**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Pursuant to due notice and call thereof, a Regular Meeting of the Pokegama Golf Course Board will be held on Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 7:30 AM at Pokegama Golf Course, 3910 Golf Course Road, Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT**

Member John Ryan  
Member Tom Lagergren  
Member Deb Godfrey

**ABSENT**

Member Rick McDonald  
Member John Bauer

**STAFF**

Tom Beaudry  
Steve Ross

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

No one from the public was present.

**SETTING THE AGENDA:** (This is an opportunity to approve the regular agenda as presented or add/delete an Agenda item by a majority vote of the Board members present.)

Golf Director Tom Beaudry requested adding an item to the agenda. Steve explained the 3 year support service plan for the Toro irrigation system. Tom stated if the board recommended it, they could purchase the plan.

Motion made by Member Ryan, Seconded by Member Lagergren to approve the purchase of the 3 Year Toro Irrigation Support Service Plan. Voting Yea: Member Ryan, Member Lagergren, Member Godfrey

**APPROVE MINUTES:**

1. Approve minutes for May 16, 2024 Golf Board meeting.

Motion made by Member Ryan, Seconded by Member Godfrey to approve the minutes for May 16, 2024, Golf Board meeting. Voting Yea: Member Ryan, Member Lagergren, Member Godfrey

#### CLAIMS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

2. Consider approving the claims and reviewing financials.

Golf Director Tom Beaudry gave an overview of the financials. There was a discussion on the simulator profits and the high school.

Motion made by Member Godfrey, Seconded by Member Lagergren to approve the claims. Voting Yea: Member Ryan, Member Lagergren, Member Godfrey

#### VISITORS:

No visitors present.

#### REPORTS:

Superintendent Steve Ross reported on scheduling teenage staff and working on bunker edging, tree trimming, and debris clean up. Would like to get Mike Plackner in November to do tree maintenance. There is a \$20,000 budget allotted for this. Focus on the south end.

Right now they are doing mowing and maintaining the greens. Everything is looking good.

#### BUSINESS:

3. Outing rates for 2025

Golf Director Tom Beaudry spoke about the amount of events taking place and making the rate fair. Discussion was had about how Mondays in the past were slow. Covid has changed that. Demand is up so adjustments need to happen with the rate.

4. Outing philosophy for 2025

- Thresholds for shotgun starts

- Times of day to allow shotgun starts

Discussion was had about the GRAHA event, rate and time challenges. Discussion on simulator funds to supplement. Conversations have been started with these groups in reference to the changes coming.

Events with a lot of players also need a higher rate, but not as concerning. Fiscally they are working out. It's mainly smaller events with fewer players. Question and discussion on how this affects season pass holders. Question on who is in charge of booking events, city hall or golf course. It goes through Tom Beaudry.

Tom Beaudry stated city is happy with the progress made since Covid. The need to invest in grounds and facility, as upkeep will keep the course moving forward.

5. Rates for 2025

Golf Director Tom Beaudry stated the budgeting cycle begins in August. It's good to start thinking about rates. Discussion was had about the history on rates, to think about inflation, raising the weekend rate, goal of coming for the experience, not the rate.

CORRESPONDENCE AND OPEN DISCUSSION:

Discussion on community feedback. Haven't heard negatives, people from neighboring communities are wanting to come here, saying it's nice.

Carts are working well, except for the GPS issues.

Golf Genius App is being utilized for events like Caring for Kids and Bauer. It works nice.

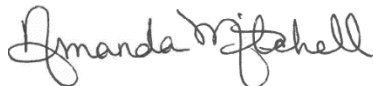
Next meeting is the 3rd Tuesday in July, (July 16th).

ADJOURN:

Motion made by Member Lagergren, Seconded by Member Godfrey to adjourn meeting.  
Voting Yea: Member Ryan, Member Lagergren, Member Godfrey.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 AM.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amanda Mitchell".

Amanda Mitchell, Recorder