



POKEGAMA GOLF COURSE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, September 17, 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, Sept. 17, 2024, at 7:30 AM at Pokegama Golf Course, 3910 Golf Course Road, Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 AM.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT

Member Rick McDonald
Member John Bauer
Member John Ryan
Member Tom Lagergren
Member Deb Godfrey

STAFF

Director of Golf, Tom Beaudry
Superintendent 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.)

Accepted as written.

APPROVE MINUTES:

1. Approve the minutes of the August 20, 2024 Golf Board Meeting

Motion made by Member Ryan, Seconded by Member Godfrey to approve the minutes for the August 20, 2024 Golf Board Meeting. Voting Yea: Member McDonald, Member Bauer, Member Ryan, Member Lagergren, Member Godfrey

CLAIMS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

2. Review and approve verified claims

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

3. Review Financials

Director of Golf, Tom Beaudry, gave an overview of the financials. Next Monday the leaf rate goes into effect. Discussion was had about the change in how money is categorized in the budget.

VISITORS:

There were no visitors.

REPORTS:

Superintendent Steve Ross reported that they are in Fall mode, working on aerifying tees and fairways.

There has not been a lot of rain. Discussion was had about the current irrigation system and the cost of getting a new system. The current system is very old and inefficient. Discussion was had about getting the City's approval for this large purchase and if fixing up the current system is a practical solution. Doing a comparison of modifying the current system and a new system and bringing that to the City was brought up. Also brought up was that some like the dryer season and the challenge of playing a dry game. Discussion was had about restrictions on water taken from the lake and it was stated that it rarely happens, but they would get a letter from the Corps of Engineers if it did.

They are down to a smaller staff size.

The golf course has contracted to top dress the greens on Oct. 7th. They will be deep tined, which is done every 3 years.

Question was asked about the birch tree on the 13th hole and the Lombardy poplar on the 9th hole. The poplar is going to be cut down. The trees add to the course. Replanting was discussed.

BUSINESS:

4. 2025 Proposed Daily Fee and Multi Play Rates & Season Pass Rates

Director of Golf, Tom Beaudry, gave an overview of the Rates sheet. Discussion was had about Friday Couples and how it is not working in the current form and needs to be looked at by Tom B. Discussion was had about season passes, how that impacts the Friday Couples and other groups, especially the Ladies' Leagues. There was talk about finances and change and how it will affect certain leagues.

Motion made by Member Ryan, Seconded by Member Lagergren to recommend the budget, 2025 Proposed Fees and Rates, as is.

More discussion was had about finances and the cost of living increasing. Question about newsletter surveys was brought up.

Voting Yea: Member McDonald, Member Bauer, Member Ryan, Member Lagergren, Member Godfrey

CORRESPONDENCE AND OPEN DISCUSSION:

Open Discussion:

Discussion was had about the emailed newsletter survey. Tom Beaudry reads them and uses them as training tools. Tom noted, from a customer service standpoint, surveys are helpful. There have been a few challenges with the email system and Tom Beaudry hopes to refine it more next year. He will print the surveys out for the Board and have them at the next meeting.

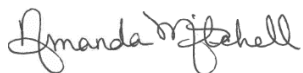
There was discussion about the cost effectiveness of events held at the golf course. Next year, letters will go out to the event holders, notifying them of changes.

ADJOURN:

Motion made by Member Lagergren, Seconded by Member Bauer to adjourn the September 17, 2024 Golf Board meeting. Voting Yea: Member McDonald, Member Bauer, Member Ryan, Member Lagergren, Member Godfrey

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 AM.

Respectfully submitted:

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

Amanda Mitchell, Recorder