

KCC Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday October 7th, 2020

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order and roll call taken. Those present included the following Board Members: Doug Rardin, Matt McCarthy, Delmar Schrock, Rick Kauffman, Paula Murray, Jay Gingerich, Nelson Herschberger, Jeff Borntreger and Micki Blaney. No board members were absent.

Shelly Brough, Danny Ruyle and Kevin Bishop were also in attendance.

Secretary's Report

Matt submitted the minutes from the September board meeting for approval. Doug filed a motion to approve the minutes and Paula seconded. The minutes were approved.

Groundskeeper's Report

Kevin began by asking if anyone had any suggestions about fixing the portion of the cart path that has buckled behind #5 green on hole 7. Delmar said he would check with Mo Chupp to see if he had a concrete saw. It was determined that the water spicket behind #4 tee could be used for a water source if and when new concrete needed to be poured to make the necessary repairs.

Kevin said the one Massey-Ferguson tractor is not running well and might be close to being out of commission. The board and Kevin discussed borrowing Paul Kuhns or Fred Helmuth's tractor to remove a dead tree.

Kevin let the board members know that he was in the process of filling in some of the low spots on the course with dirt. Kevin also asked the board about trying to figure out a solution to fill in the holes around the perimeter of the cart shed to keep animals out. A few different solutions were discussed and it is a project that KCC will look to complete before next golf season.

Kevin mentioned that the path that leads to the pump behind hole #9 needs more rock after work had been done on the partially collapsed culvert located there.

Kevin informed the board that the electrical box for the water pump is still acting up. It had recently been repaired but was still acting up. Delmar presented the board with some costs on replacement parts and discussions were had concerning replacing the unit and taking care of the persistent problems with the electrical box once and for all. Nelson said he had called Stan Harris and was waiting for a call back. It was decided to talk the alternatives over with Stan Harris first before deciding on a course of action.

Kevin concluded by letting the board know he is still waiting on the new sprinkler heads from Sight One Landscaping.

Club Manager's / Chef's Report

Danny began by letting the board know that Justin Woodard is going to be replacing the cracked tile in the kitchen. He also mentioned that Freeman Hostetler is going to build a new drip rack to catch the grease on the smoker.

Shelly informed the board she had talked to J & J Ventures about the possibility about bringing in a dartboard. The cost is \$15 for the state gaming sticker. She had also inquired about a Golden Tee machine which had a similar cost. The board discussed how a dartboard or Golden Tee machine would be received by some members. It was determined that if they could be installed in a part of the clubhouse where they would not be disruptive to members and guests who were dining that this could be a worthwhile addition to the club.

Shelly mentioned that the last two golf outings (The Fall Brawl and The Arthur Alumni Association Scramble) had both gone great. Shelly mentioned that the club is booked for events for most of the duration of the year, particularly in December.

Doug made a motion for the clubhouse to be closed from December 24th-30th. The present board members passed the motion unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Paula and Doug presented the present board members with the financial statements up through the month of September. The present board members held a lengthy discussion about the water bills for both the clubhouse and the manager's house. Both bills seem to be very high. It was determined this is something that needs to be investigated to get an explanation on the high cost of the water bills. Delmar filed a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Matt seconded. The treasurer's report was approved.

Golf Committee Report

Matt mentioned the possibility of talking to Sullivan Country Club about getting some sort of tournament going between the two clubs, either a two-day tournament like the Douglas County or a Ryder Cup format. Matt said he would reach out to Sullivan CC before finalizing the 2021 Golf Calendar.

Paula let Matt know that the Women's Club Championship would be moving back to the Tuesday-Wednesday format it had prior to this one. Matt said he would adjust the calendar accordingly.

It was also mentioned that Gunner used to take care of updating the trophies and plaques in the clubhouse. Matt volunteered to take care of this and said he would reach out to D to Z in Mattoon about updating the trophies before next golf season.

Membership Committee Report

The Membership Committee had no new business to report. The present board members discussed the upcoming Shareholders Meeting and if there were any people interested in running for the open positions on the board. As of the day of the meeting Micki Blaney, Kyle Schrock, and Noah Kauffman had expressed interest in running for the board.

Food & Beverage Committee

Delmar had informed the board that he had sold the old salad bar to Danny's Mother Jayne for \$100. Jay also mentioned that if Freeman Hostetler's grease-catcher for the smoker doesn't work they may look into the possibility of selling the smoker.

The Food & Beverage concluded by informing the board that Danny was finalizing the fall menu which will include chili/soup of the day.

Grounds Committee

Micki thanked Delmar, Kyle Schrock, and Freeman Hostetler for cleaning the gutters.

Delmar further discussed the possibility of a new box for the water pump. He had talked about the cost of getting a 3 phase Natural Gas-powered box to run the irrigation system. The cost was around \$15,000. The hope is this would fix the issues with the electrical box once and for all. Jay wondered if there might be cheaper alternatives to fix the current box (repairing the add-a-phase) versus buying a new unit. Jeff also mentioned that it might be a good idea to talk to Brenda Fletcher to see what type of system Mattoon Country Club uses.

Building Committee

Nelson informed the board that there would be stainless steel installed under the dishwasher in the kitchen.

Social Committee – No New Business

President's Report

Closed Session

New Business

Paula discussed the membership letters she had composed for all KCC members to complete in an effort to update the member information for all members and to better ensure that the proper dues payments and other membership payments are being assessed in accordance with the KCC bylaws.

Paula also mentioned that membership dues letters would be going out in the next few weeks. It was then discussed whether membership dues should be increased or remain the same. The discussion seemed to indicate that the board members felt holding the current prices for membership dues would be for the best. Jeff filed a motion to keep the same membership dues rates for the 2021 season and Matt seconded. The board unanimously agreed to keep membership dues at their current rates.

Paula asked if the club was still assessing trail fees for members who don't store their carts at the club but do drive their carts on the course. After discussing the issue, it seemed that there was some uncertainty as to whether or not trail fees had been assessed in recent years. The discussion was tabled until the next board meeting.

With no further business to discuss Delmar made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jay seconded. The meeting was adjourned.