

Tipton Country Club
September 27th 2021

Present: Dale, Marcia, Rod, Chris Pruess, Trent (filling in for Kim), Shane (arrived later), Kelly

Rod called the meeting to order around 6:45 PM.

This is the first meeting being held in the new clubhouse.

Ladies golf is present and is curious about what they can contribute to the new clubhouse budget. They prefer 3,500 dollars. Curious as to if the men's group will contribute with them. Open to ideas as to what to put the money towards. Chris mentioned shades to go out on the patio to shield sun in the afternoons. This wasn't something that was in the original budget. Patio heaters were brought up by Dale as another idea. Rod added that men's golf would be willing to contribute. Will be discussed at the next men's golf meeting in the next couple of weeks. Chris Steffen to coordinate with men's golf as to who will get in contact with them.

Rod mentioned that November 4th is a target date on an opening night at the new clubhouse.

Members reviewed the minutes. Chris Motioned to approve the minutes, Kelly seconded. M/C

P& L and Balance sheet reviewed. Shane Motioned to approve the minutes, Chris seconded. M/C

Chris Steffen:

Chris has completed construction on a new tee box on number 4 tee box. Mentioned some issues with animals tearing up the course. Will look into a better insecticide to defer animals next year. He sent out email regarding founding member party. He met with an asphalt contractor which bid \$15,000 for 50 x 120ft. He has contacted another contractor from Iowa City that will come in at a later time. Chris brought up the idea to eliminate the "Groupon" green fees because of damage to course and the amount of money that goes to Groupon as a result. Added that we could try to build a system within the website for out of town people. Brought up that high top tables and chairs are hard to come by and are very highly priced at this moment. He encouraged help and suggestions on how to proceed. Dale brought up that the winery in West Branch may be closing at the end of the year that may be a possibility. Tim to also look into online auctions for restaurant. Boiler was inspected and has a couple of items that need to be fixed. Dishwasher lease can be executed at any time to eliminate the need to purchase one that will run \$10,000. Also brought up about getting the club a cell phone. Said he has fielded over a thousand phone calls about TCC on his personal phone. Will attempt to get the old phone number. Chris encouraged the board to move along with the cell phone quickly. Will shop around carriers to get the best deal.

Chris motioned to allow Chris to go and get a club cell phone. Will charge the monthly to the club credit card. Seconded by Kelly. M/C

Simulators are down to \$16,500 each which does not include the computer. Jeff Curry said we can get computers to run the simulators for far less than what the company was going to charge.

Chris mentioned that next year will be the 100th anniversary of the club which was started in 1922. To double check that that is correct before planning anything.

Rod talked with Don Roth regarding status of electrical systems. Don said that he does not have much left to do with the clubhouse. Shane brought up the issue of making something up to make sure Don gets a write off

on his taxes. Trent will check about the technicalities. Rod to contact the trailer company regarding the bill for \$380 and argue on whether we will be charged for the month of August.

Tim Ryan:

Tim brought up a soft commitment to open up for business October 15th. Not much else to update regarding status. They are optimistic as to the progress that they have made and the staffing that they have done. Shane brought up that the club will provide a phone (landline) to the Ryan's. The dishwasher was brought up as an item to address. Also brought up the issue of tables and chairs. Marsha brought up the liquor that she is storing. Ryan's to coordinate with her after they get the freezer/ refrigerator going. Terry Goerdt (County Inspector) came and inspected the new building, which passed with few exceptions. Items regarding the front doors and handicap parking spots will be addressed by Pat Steffen. The main hold up at this point is getting the appropriate people here to get the work done. Sound echoing was brought up as a concern as to the enjoyability of the space. Carpet was brought up as a potential solution, Tim did not want to do carpet if we can help it. Rod has someone he can talk to regarding carpet bids. Chris brought up that he could contribute to installing carpet squares. Carpet square would allow replacement of a couple at a time if/ when spills happen.

Items to discuss:

- Terry Lawson and Don Roth meeting regarding their potential donations to the club.
- Grand Opening projected date November 6th
- Marsha brought up the idea of carving some of the old tree stumps, did not get board approval
- Discussion as to the status of some of the dead trees and trimming of some of the trees. Chris pushed that if we trim trees that we clean it up right away.

Shane brought the lease between the club and Chris Steffen regarding the pro shop. Rod will contact the club attorney regarding lease agreements.

Meeting with the contractors projected to be in the next week and a half. Rod to check with Thomas regarding whether or not his work is complete or not.

Shane brought up that Jeff Curry does not want to upload minutes to website anymore. Trent can overtake that responsibility. Rod brought up that minutes should be posted to the bulletin board once the club is up and running.

Next meeting: October 18th @ 7:30 PM.

Motion to adjourn by Shane, seconded by Dale. M/C