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ANNUAL MEETING
TIPTON COUNTRY CLUB
JANUARY 11, 2016

The meeting was called to order @ 7:00 pm by President John Blow. . Board members present and introduced by John were Janet Anderson and Jeff Curry. Jill Hesse arrived later. Dave Larson, Joe Gilliam and Charlene Myers were absent. Chris Steffen, Superintendent, and Kim Regennitter, Secretary/Treasurer were also present. 20 voting members present meeting a quorum of 17. Two non-voting members were present, as well.

Chris Steffen presented his year-end review. New greens mower was purchased. He has received compliments from visiting golfers about the greens. We lost 8-10 trees during a November storm. Clean up will begin in the spring. The pond is done. The area on #9 now has a very sharp drop off. The water storage capacity has tripled. The dirt dug out of the pond will need to be moved around. Rocking the pond is in the plans – he would like to wait to see if it can be put in.

Director of Golf – last year was Chris' first year. New membership ideas were put in place – 30 year and under junior membership, corporate membership (only sold one in 2015 and hopes to expand his marketing efforts for this in 2016) and a referral bonus for existing members, who refer a new member. Rounds played at the course increased in 2015, as well as green fees collected. Additional events included new games for Men's Golf, 56 participants in the Junior Golf Program, 26 participants in the Ladies Golf Academy. He has a personal goal of a new clubhouse in 2022 and had several fundraising events for the new facility fund (over \$5,000). It is not his intention to build the new clubhouse with this fund, but it is a starting point.

His plans for 2016 include finishing the pond project, replace the walk bridges on #1 and #2, demo days with golf club representatives, casino night, trivia night, street dance. The members thanked Chris for doing a great job in 2015. Discussion was held, regarding rock around the pond.

Pam Spear presented the slate for the new board members – Alicia Cady and Mason Doughty. Kevin Anderson voted nominations cease, second by Larry Geadelmann, unanimous vote for approval.

Minutes were reviewed and approved by a motion from Craig Regennitter and a second from Kevin Anderson, unanimous vote for approval.

The 2016 proposed budget was reviewed. All fees and dues will remain the same in 2016. An additional fee of 3.5% will be added to all fees and dues paid with a credit card. Clarification was made, regarding the \$9,000 shown as pond improvement. This should be for equipment maintenance and supplies. Craig Regennitter moved the budget be approved, second by – Kevin Anderson, motion carried.

Review of Loan – the interest rate was lowered from 5% to 4.25%, with a five year repayment term. The 12/31/15 principal balance was \$213,541.93. At end of the five year term, the principal balance will be approximately \$102,000.00. John's recommendation is to make extra payments on the loan, if funds are available.

Clubhouse Managers Report: Paul & Alicia were not present. They started the year cleaning and painting the entire clubhouse and completing an inventory of the existing equipment and it's condition. A new meat slicer was recently purchased. Highs – Valentine's Day, Sunday Brunch and WEIGA Tourney Lows – service complaints They are current with their rent payment, insurance coverage and work with local vendors for repairs.

Committee Reports.

House Committee – Exterior painting, siding repair, new roof and gutters, replacement ceiling tile, deck was cleaned and sealed and new patio furniture was purchased and some of the existing furniture was painted. Plans for 2016 include replacing remaining ceiling tile, damaged kitchen floor tile, build a fence to hide the dumpster. We are maintaining the clubhouse as best we can.

Kenny Geary said the squirrels are coming into the building through the shake shingles. John explained we considered replacing those shingles when we were painting, but they were not replaced. This may need to be addressed in 2016. The countertop in the women's restroom also needs to be repaired.

Grounds & Rules – Jeff said the bridges will be replaced by Men's Golf in 2016. Tree cleanup is needed. The sprinkler system was fixed on #6 and the irrigation system is now functional.

Cart Sheds – Jeff - one key pad and light bulbs were replaced. The sheet metal is on hand to repair the hole in Shed C's roof. If anyone is interested in having a locker, please let someone on the board know. Shed upgrade requests need to be submitted to Kim. Chris mentioned wanting a different building for storage, etc. Shed D may be a possibility for this. A load of rock may be needed in all cart sheds. Larry Myers asked if the new bridges would be made of wood. Jeff said that was the plan. The bridge on #1 will be moved out of the center of the fairway. It is causing issues with rulings during play.

Membership Committee –

2014 Membership - family 96 / 2015 Membership - 92
2014 Membership - single 67 / 2015 Membership - 65
2014 Membership - 7 students / 2015 Membership - 5
2015 Junior Memberships – 7 (new in 2015)

Casino night was held in March, which was later than the committee had wanted. They are planning to hold this year's on February 20 or 27th. They are waiting to talk to Paul & Alicia. They would like to have a murder mystery golf night this fall. The Christmas Party was an Ugly Sweater Christmas Party.

Pam Spear moved the meeting be adjourned, second by Patti Fonteyne – motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Regennitter, Secretary

Attest by,

Jeff Curry, Vice President