



YKGC Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 9th, 2021

7:00pm, Clubhouse

Attendance

Present – Shaun Morris, Hughie Graham, Jenni Bruce, Matthew Bannister, Cole Marshall, Jeff Oldfield, John Nahanni

Regrets – Winter Bailey, Perry Campbell, Damien Healy, Dwayne Simmons, Mark Whitehead

Absent – none

1. **Call to Order** – 7:07pm
2. **Approval of Agenda** – M. Hughie, S. Matthew
3. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. June 28th, 2021, as amended for Item 8.(i) **M: Hughie, S. John**
4. **Presidents Report** – see attached – **Motion: To approve Presidents Report. M. Jeff, S. John**
5. **Treasurer's Report** – verbal - We have \$363,527 in the bank currently and this is after the \$40,000 has been deposited into the GIC. Comparative Financials were presented and discussed. Overall, we are in a great position. The BDC documents are all approved. Discussion of a "standby charge" if funds are not spent by December 31st, 2021. Question on line item #61 of financial report of \$1,300. It is a cash overage. **The Board recommends that a dollar amount be identified as a variance that needs to be investigated, it is recommended to be any daily variance over \$50.00** **Motion to approve Financials. M. Jeff, S. John.**
6. **General Manager's Report** – see attached–**Motion to accept GM Report. M. Hughie, S. Jeff**

7. Old Business –

- a. Membership Survey Results – The 2021 survey will be sent out at the end of the current season
- b. Tournament Advertising – Completed as per GM report
- c. Garbage Can on 2nd Tee Box – Completed as per GM report
- d. Proposed Tee Moves – The committee drove the course and feel they have come up with some great ideas to move tee boxes. Mark is creating a map to show the proposed moves and will present it at the next board meeting after the AGM.
- e. Range Picker – quotes came in and it was recommended to put it on the 2022 Capital Plan. GM will also shop for more price options at the buyer's show in the fall.
- f. Dates for hole changes – Completed as per GM report. Discussion on moving the cups on the new turf, there are concerns of cost and timeline as the project is already very tight on time. **Action: Cole to find out the cost for moving cups and find out if it is something that can be done down the road after the project is complete.**
- g. Rules Eblast – Discussion on doing two eblasts/month highlighting a rule, Assistant Pro is great with social media and may be able to help us with content and video.
- h. Volunteers for YKGC Scramble – Perry did a great job getting enough volunteers and the event was a success.
- i. D, C & P ad – Completed as per GM report
- j. Long Term Green Replacement – Board will be looking at a Capital Plan over the winter. There will be a maintenance plan to keep the greens in good condition as well.
- k. Greens & Solar Panel info display – The display turf was stolen so we cannot complete the display

8. Committee Reports –

- a. Grounds & Maintenance – Damien – verbal – With three G&M staff on board more work is underway for Grounds. Some highlights:
Tee box has been replaced on the forward two tee. New green tee mats replaced on 14 with the grounds crew preparing a priority list for the remaining tee boxes. Brush removed from behind hole 8 with all other brush removed before season end. Fence on hole 13 will be painted before season end (may have already been done)(was done as per GM report). Sprinkler heads replaced as needed. Preparation for the major green renovation capital project approved to proceed this September.
- b. Course Management & Infrastructure – Jeff – no updates – **Action: Jeff to get an updated quote for the solar panels so that we can move forward with next steps for next spring.**
- c. Membership & Clubhouse Committee – Winter – not present
- d. Rules & Handicaps – John – covered in Old Business
- e. Tournaments – Perry – not present
- f. Midnight Tournament – Hughie – no updates needed until 2022
- g. Sales & Marketing – Dwayne – not present
- h. Volunteers – Perry – not present

- i. Women's and Junior Golf – Winter – not present – Discussion on the great success of the tournaments and the strong turn out. These will be annual events moving forward.

9. New Business

- a. E Motion – E-Motion to approve Synthetic Turf update quote. Motion to authorize Synthetic Turf International to move forward with the green replacement project based on the updated quote #2904 dated July 11th, 2021 for a total price of \$536,917.50 including GST. M. Jenni, S. Hughie. 6 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention. Motion passed.
- b. In-camera Session – no in camera required

10. Next Meeting – AGM will be Sunday, September 19th, reports due to Cole by September 10th.
Sunday, September 19th after the AGM, at the Clubhouse (to set next meeting and get contact info of new members.

11. Adjournment – M. Hughie 8:51pm

President Report

So far, the summer has provided us with some amazing weather for golf, there have only been a few days where we have closed the course due to rain. The August long weekend was some of the best weather for a tournament I can remember!

The green replacement project that was approved by the membership at the Spring Meeting has progressed as planned and the installation of the new greens is scheduled to start on September 12th. We will be sending out emails to the membership to look for volunteers to help the project installation team. Any help we can get will assist with the costs of the project and reduce the overall cost. As part of the loan process, we have renewed the GNWT Lease for the golf course for 30 years and completed and environmental assessment of the leased area.

The roof replacement and opening of the screened in section of deck at the clubhouse will be starting this week, there may be some instances when the deck entrance to the clubhouse will be out of service for safety reasons, it is anticipated that the project will have minimal effect on the clubhouse operations. Once the roof installation has been completed, we will determine if the solar power system will be installed this season or in the spring of 2022.

The turnout for the YKGC tournaments has been great so far and we are hoping that continues for the Club Championships on August 21 & 22. The three new club tournaments for this year were very well attended and the board, committee members as well as our YKGC staff should be commended for the work they put in to make the Par 3 two-person scramble, F*ck Cancer Ladies Open and the Youth Drive, Chip & Putt competitions so successful!

The last part of the 2021 season is going to be one of the most exciting times in the last 20 years of the YKGC and will set us up with an even better facility for the future.

Shaun Morris
President – Yellowknife Golf Club

General Manager's Report

Lots has happened since our last board meeting. As we head into our final full month here at the course, we have some excitement in and around the course. Lots of talk regarding the new greens (but will leave that for Jeff/Hughie).

First, to speak on the action items from the previous meeting.

1. Contact YK Chamber & NWT Chamber regarding tournaments registrations e-blast.

Unfortunately, their newsletters were full until the next period and wasn't feasible based on timelines. We have the contact moving forward and can discuss using them in the future.

2. Contact City regarding billboards for Drive-Chip-Putt

This was done; however, I did see how quickly the boards flash firsthand and couldn't possibly see how anyone could read them (maybe re-evaluate that for next year).

3. Creation of a student punch pass

Once it was created in the system, we reached out to NWT SFA regarding emailing students on our behalf. Unfortunately, they weren't willing to do that, but did share our Facebook post on their page. We have it posted in the proshop and on our social media pages. We have yet to have anyone purchase the package.

4. Garbage can on men's #2 tee box.

Done.

5. Range Picker Backup Quote

Came up with two options that would best suit our driving range. Cheapest option was \$4,200. We have yet to have any issues with the picker since the last weld. Once we were able to position it properly it's been working quite well. Nice thing now is that the welder knows the position and shouldn't have the same issues as last time.

6. Grounds Staff both Saturday/Sunday

After the board inquired about the pins being changed and garbage being taken out both weekend days, we now have staff for both mornings. Pins are now changed Wednesdays, Saturday's and Sundays.

7. Looping ads for tournaments on the Proshop television

Not completed.

We continue to show a healthy bank balance for the season. Much of that has to do with Dwayne's savviness for the hole sponsors as well as clubhouse signage. As well, the tireless efforts of both Dwayne and Perry for the Par-3 fundraiser. We can also continue to admit that COVID hasn't been terrible for golf and that the staff in the proshop have done a great job pumping product out and continuing to provide a fantastic service.

The greens are finally 100% a go. Exciting news, and the culmination of a lot of hard work from a lot of people. Appreciate the boards hard work to make this happen. It's a realization that seemed like a farfetched idea when we first started to discuss this. Proud to be a part of the crew to make it happen.

The grounds and maintenance staff have been filling out their daily task paperwork. Appreciate Damien's views and ideas on what needs to be worked on. Gives the G&M staff things to do on slower days. On top of standard daily tasks, the fence on 13 has been painted, some tee boxes have been replaced and lots of brush clearing has happened. Having played the golf course for 3 days for the August Long, I for one was impressed with the shape of it. Also got a chance to play with the Synthetic Turf rep who was up doing some pre-job tasks. He was amazed on how pure the greens rolled and applauded us on keeping them alive as long as we have. He also said he can't wait to see us all react when the new ones are installed.

Spoke to Trevor Squires regarding the recycling idea that was brought up. It's gone over beautifully. He comes once a week to empty our shed and sends us 50% of the profits. Not having to deal with that allows for our G&M staff a lot more time to focus on the course.

Still waiting to hear back from Ron's on how much it would cost to have the old Kubota fixed so that the G&M staff could have another maintenance vehicle. They had our water trailer for 3 full weeks (to provide an oil change and replace a small cap). I'm not sure when I will hear back from them on this matter.

Tournaments have gone very well (both club and corporate) so far this season. We've presented the members with some new ones this year and there was a lot of very positive chatter. The Par-3, the new ladies tournament and the kids drive-chip-putt were all a huge success and something new and refreshing that the club desperately needed.

The Glowball is already full. Every remaining club tournament has been posted and is active in our point of sale system with social media and proshop/clubhouse posters.

If there are any questions or concerns, as always, my door is open and my phone is on.

Cole Marshall

General Manager