



YKGC Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 27th, 2022

7:00pm, Clubhouse

Attendance

Present – Shaun Morris, Jenni Bruce, Damien Healy, Clem Hand, Robert Redshaw, Kylie Frederick, Matthew Bannister, Mark Whitehead, Jeff Oldfield, Dwayne Simmons, Geno Holick

Regrets – none

Absent – none

1. **Call to Order** – 7:14pm
2. **Approval of Agenda** – M. Geno, S. Jeff
3. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. None required
4. **Presidents Report** – **see attached** – Discussion on preventing the snow fences from hitting the water lines **Motion to accept President's Report. M. Damien, S. Dwayne**
5. **Treasurer's Report** – **verbal** – Variance report was presented with explanations. Discussion on membership variance, it will even out in June as many were bought in June
6. **Director of Golf's Report** – **see attached** – Discussion on logo'd golf gear especially with the 75th year coming up next season. Discussion on outhouses and that they are stocked and cleaner than they have been for many years. **Motion to accept DOG report. M. Clem, S. Mark**
7. **Old Business** –
 - a. 2022 Season End Membership Survey – tabled for season end
 - b. Proposed Tee Moves – tabled – will present prior to the season ending so we are ready for next season when the course gets surveyed
 - c. Membership email for Volunteers – complete
 - d. Membership Benefits Package – complete
8. **Committee Reports** –
 - a. Grounds & Maintenance – Geno – verbal – focus is on the water and the grass. Discussion on the hazard/ob stakes. Discussion on recycling bins. Estimate received to put power in the work shed. Discussion on hole signage. **Action: Kylie to drive the course and get list of holes without signs and update Geno.**

Discussion on the 11th hole back tee and that it is a hazard and needs to be addressed.

- b. Course Management & Infrastructure – Jeff – verbal – quotes to repair/replace Clubhouse stairs were presented and discussed. Solar panels are up and running. **Motion: To engage NWT Pine Work to build two sets of stairs at the Clubhouse without the metal option as soon as they can schedule it. M. Jeff, S. Clem**
- c. Membership & Clubhouse Committee – Damien – STAKE provided 2021 financials. Discussions are ongoing for drink discounts for league nights and there is resistance to do this. There are concerns on hours of operation. It was discussed that in prior communication, the Clubhouse requires consent from the DOG or their designate to close off contracted hours. Tuesdays have become very busy and there is no cart. **Action: Damien will follow up with STAKE to test out a Tuesday night and see if there are sales.** Discussion on bathrooms
- d. Rules & Handicaps – Clem – Completed shooting three videos and plan to shoot more. Discussion on how to get members to enter more scores in Golf Canada. Board agreed on a balance between education and not allowing net prizes if 75% of rounds are not entered for that season.
- e. Tournaments –position vacant – Dwayne and Perry have stepped up to organize the Par 3 with the position becoming vacant. Hole sponsorship is now sold out but volunteers are needed.
- f. Midnight Tournament – Robert – see attached – Discussion on volunteers already available for the 75th next year.
- g. Sales & Marketing – Dwayne – nothing to update
- h. Volunteers – Damien – verbal - adopt-a-hole has gone over very well. **Action: Damien will call out for Par 3 volunteers.**
- i. Women's and Junior Golf – Jenni – verbal – committee agreed to direct all funds raised to the Junior tee boxes. Men's night has added a \$3 surcharge to registration and will put it all towards the tee boxes and it is very appreciated. Kylie has really taken initiative in growing junior golf and it is evident by the amount of junior golfers on the course this year.

9. New Business

- a. E-motion May 16th – Approval of minutes for May 16th, 2022. M. Matthew, S. Mark. Passed
- b. Review of Spring Minutes Action Items – **Action: Jenni will create a list of items to assign at the next meeting.**
- c. Policy Review – **Action: Jenni will chair and Adhoc committee for policy review, Shaun, Clem, Matthew and Kylie will assist**
- d. Golf Cart Policy Review – Discussion on the enforcement or lack of enforcement of the Golf Cart Policy. **Action: Clem, Matthew, Mark, Jenni and Kylie will start an Adhoc committee to look at all issues with golf carts and the policy.**

- e. Letter from Members – board agreed that we will always accept volunteer assistance from the membership. It was agreed that one off letters can be addressed by the President and Director of Golf as they see fit. Discussion on the letters regarding the MGA. **Action: Clem will a meeting to implement some potential solutions to increase tee time availability on tournament days. Kylie, Jeff, Shaun and Mark will all assist, plan to be completed prior to the next tournament on July 17th.**
- f. Golf NT AGM – the AGM was not able to start as it could not be established who was a member and who could vote. They are working on sorting this out and will attempt another AGM in the future.
- g. Board Member Conduct – it was discussed that board members need to remember that they are regular members on the golf course and are not to enter any staff area without permission from the DOG as they deserve space to take care of daily operations.
- h. Resignation of Andy Couvrette – Andy was on a one year term that was up this fall so no need to replace the position. The board will share the workload of tournaments as they arise.
- i. In-Camera – none required

10. Next Meeting – August 15th, 7:00pm Location Clubhouse.

11. Adjournment – M. Clem 9:56pm

President Report

The 2022 season has been a hot and dry one so far, the dust and soft sand caused by the lack of rain has been quite significant this year. Those who played the 11:59pm draw during the midnight had a unique experience of playing in a “dust fog”, the wind died down and the dust hung in the air making it quite “foggy”.

The grass aprons are starting to look good now that all the issues with the water system have been corrected. Unfortunately, the maintenance crew had a lot of broken sprinkler lines around the greens to deal with this spring. Curtis and his team did a lot of digging/repairing and has everything running now. The new Kubota has been a great help to the maintenance crew, with two vehicles now they are able to accomplish a lot more work.

The crew from Synthetic Turf International was on site June 15 & 16 to inspect the greens, they were happy with how they have held up over the winter and reviewed with the maintenance team what maintenance is required. We will need to add more Envirofill to most of the greens as it is important that there is lots of fill on the greens for the first few seasons. We had enough Envirofill delivered last fall during the installation that will last us for a few years. The crew also reviewed with Curtis the process for installing the extra material on the putting surface, we have ordered the glue and tape for joining the material as well, synthetic turf will leave a specialised cutting knife used for trimming the turf after it has been laid down.

We have been having a lot of issues with the GPS units in the rental carts this season, we have been in contact with Visage frequently to get their assistance. They had sent up some replacement GPS units but unfortunately when they arrived, they had the wrong connection and had to be sent back, we are still awaiting the correct ones. We still have three carts down with mechanical issues (speed controllers), the parts are ordered and we should be able to have the entire fleet running when they arrive. With the carts that were supposed to arrive this spring now back ordered until 2023 we are keeping track of the parts and time spent repairing the four year old carts and will receive credit on the new lease in 2023.

Shaun Morris
President – Yellowknife Golf Club

Director of Golf – Spring Meeting Report

INTRODUCTION

The first month has been extremely busy and fast paced. With the dry weather it has made the course extra sandy with more thick spots in some areas. We have hosted 8 events for the month of June:

Century 21

Department of Lands

NTPC

The Midnight Classic

ENR/ITI/BDIC

Canadian Amateur Qualifier

2 MGA Events.

Ladies' night continues to sell out weekly

July will be extremely busy with 11 events, plus Ladies and Men's night. Posters and registrations are up and online.

Next year for the 75th Midnight Classic we have created a volunteer committee to begin preparations for the 75th anniversary.

PROSHOP

Game Packs	9 Hole	18 Hole
2022	18	1
2021	16	1

Inventory has all arrived with a few pieces showing up here and there. A large demand for Logo Golf apparel has been noticed from membership and tourists, I have been looking at new inventory to accommodate those requests. I

have been working with Tee-on to update our system as it has been running slow and normally in the fall/winter it needs to be updated

MEMBERSHIPS

2022	Adult	Senior	Junior	Student	League	Family	Board	Total
2022	197	85	9	15	20	5	11	342
2021	216	81	11	2	11	3	11	335

DRIVING RANGE

Range Passes	Single	Family
2022	57	6
2021	55	10

The driving range has been extremely busy and heading into summer we will make sure we have the correct staffing on to ensure we have enough golf balls throughout the day.

Lessons/Programs

I have been working with the school system and together we have ordered SNAG Golf (Starting new at Golf) which allows for safe instruction at the school in the gymnasiums.

The special Olympics have been coming to the club Monday evenings and we have completed 3 of the 5 sessions.

Junior Camps will begin next week and they are sold out for another summer.

Bring a Kid to the course week begins next week from July 4th-10th, any Junior under 16 with a paying adult play for free.

The YKGC has been approved to be a site location for the LPGA Girls Golf Program, which is run by the LPGA and USGA. This program is for Girls Golf that specializes in providing instruction for girls ages 6-17 to learn how to play the game of golf with opportunities to continue their golf journeys beyond the program.

Grounds and Maintenance

Myself and the superintendent have been working hard to keep up the standard of playability for the course. A little rain will help pack down the sand. I have made some recommendations to the superintendent and created a Golf Course Playability Schedule so tasks are completed from a playability standpoint and so we are on the same page. We are beginning our monthly meetings tomorrow to go over the events and the happenings at the club. These are some action items we are working on together:

Changing of Pins

Power Cart Maintenance / the water trailer is arriving tomorrow

Diesel and gas in the ball shed and checked on a regular basis so we can top up the Kubota.

Checking in with each other daily about what we are doing.

Phones lines are fixed, including the clubhouse.

2022 Midnight Golf Tournament – Committee Report

June 27, 2022

The 74th annual Canadian North Midnight Golf Classic was held at the Yellowknife Golf Club on June 17 & 18, 2022.

Canadian North returned as the title sponsor, donating 13 airline tickets. Aurora Ford donated \$2500 towards the cost of meals. Several other local businesses made contributions towards prizes and in-kind services.

Here is the summary of the number of participants:

141 members and 52 non-members played 247 rounds of golf
(numbers from last year 2021: 103 members, 47 non-members, 212 rounds played)

6PM 18 hole scramble: 108 golfers

Midnight 9 hole: 76 golfers

10AM 18 hole stroke: 63 golfers

As an entry gift, the Midnight Committee gave a Corksicle thermos with the YKGC logo to every participant. Canadian North also provide additional swag items for each golfer. The band Priscilla's Revenge was hired to play live music in the clubhouse from 11pm-2am on Friday night. A large tent was rented and set-up near the ProShop to use for the banquet and awards. Stake Restaurant and the 19th Hole Clubhouse provided the steak and chicken banquet meal.

A Canadian North ticket to Edmonton was awarded to each of the stroke play champions:

Women's Champion
Men's Champion

Colleen Pura
Ron Lafond

One Canadian North ticket was used as a prize for a Hit the Green Contest. 2 more tickets were used in a silent auction to raise money for charity. The other airplane tickets were used as random door prize draws for the various golf flights. Other individual prizes for the tournament totaled over \$6700 and were sourced from the ProShop and local businesses.

Special thanks to our registration volunteers, Jenni Bruce for running the HorseRace, and of course Kylie and the ProShop staff who put in extensive hours of work.

The tournament was a great success, raising over \$3800 for the Food First Charity that feeds hungry kids in schools across the NWT.

Sincerely,

Robert Redshaw
Chair, Midnight Golf Tournament Committee