



YKGC Annual General Meeting 2019

Sunday, September 15, 2019

1. Call to Order – 2:07pm

Board Attendance

Present – Shaun Morris, Hughie Graham, Jenni Bruce, Justin Bailey, John Nahanni, Winter Bailey, Clem Hand, Matthew Gray

Regrets – Matthew Bannister, Damien Healy, Dwayne Simmons

Absent – none

Membership Attendance – Robert Redshaw, Perry Campbell, John Maclean, Joan Hirons, John Soderberg, Dan Drimes, Jeff Oldfield

Board Introduced themselves and welcomed everyone

2. **Approval of Agenda** – M: Joan, S: Dan

3. **Approval of Minutes Spring Annual meeting, May 25, 2019** – M: Hughie, S: Jeff

4. **President's Report** – see attached for report – Discussion on next steps for hiring a new GM and questions on what we will do for F&B next year. **Board will be meeting over the winter and will update as we know.**

5. **Treasurer's Report** – See attached for report – Discussion on Clubhouse prices being too high. Question on if we can “nail down” exactly where we are up. This is explained in the GM Report as attached. Discussed that carts are down \$500 overall. Discussion on the GM's responsibilities now that the Clubhouse does not take as much time on their workload. It was agreed that it was a positive to see the GM have more time for the course itself and this was reflected in the operations. The GM still has duties with F & B in dealing with the contractor.

6. **General Manager's Report** – See attached for report – Discussion on if there are controls on the power carts and there is. Discussion that we are not promoting the packages for cart rentals

enough and this needs to be advertised. It was pointed out that it is on our website. The Board agreed that they can still always promote more. Question on how many private carts we currently have – There are 35 private carts with 21 on the waiting list and the top position is from 2016. Question on why it costs more to bring your own cart here than to have a private spot here. Board pointed out that in order to raise private cart fees, the membership fees also have to be raised as they are linked in the policies. Room was split on whether to separate the fees or not. **Board agreed to look at this moving forward and report at Spring Meeting 2020.** Discussion that nobody down south has GPS so why do we. Board explained that it has drastically cut down expenses due to damage at corporate tournaments. The GPS is \$6K and we save at least \$20K/year in damage based on previous years. It has also increased revenue due to catching people paying for 9 and playing 18. This is reflected in financials at time of starting the GPS.

7. Committee Reports –

- **Grounds & Maintenance – Damien. See attached for report** – Comments on the forward tee box on 12 being too high. **Board has plans to address some tee boxes that are high.** It was also discussed that the practice green is too firm and covered in sand. **Board will look into options, possible a retaining wall to block sand, we are not sure what can be done about the firmness.**
- **Course Development – Justin - Verbal Report** – most items have been covered in other reports. Overall there has been great feedback and it's been a good year.
- **Membership & Clubhouse Services – Jenni – See attached report** – Discussion on if we can get sponsors for the Club Championship and possibly organize our own corporate tournament to fundraise. **Committee to look at this for the next season.** It was then mentioned that the irrigation levy has ended on the third year as promised. Discussion on liquor sales options. **Committee will factor options into the upcoming season to get revenue from liquor sales that are from the Proshop or a possible hotdog stand with liquor by hole 6/17.**
- **Rules & Handicap – John N – Verbal Report** – The rock issue at aprons has been a hot topic and will be discussed more moving forward. Overall the changes from Golf Canada were received well. Discussion on the rock rule and agreed that it is a tough decision as there are strong opinions on both sides of the issue. **Committee to add a question about the rock rule preference in the season end survey. Board is looking at using the wood from old tee boxes to replace rocks on some holes.** Question on what we will do about holes 9 & 12. **Board stated that 12 is too expensive to consider but that 9 is close to being scheduled.**
- **Tournaments – Clem – See attached for report** – Discussion that we will put more effort into starting a Drive, Chip & Putt. Discussion that the Ladies Tombstone was a success and we will continue with it. Discussion on possibly organizing our own corporate tournament to fundraise. **Committee will work on this for next season.** Discussion on the same winners at the cash scramble. **Committee will look at ways to be more inclusive as they have in the Horse Races.**
- **Midnight Tournament – Hughie – See attached for report**

- **Sales & Marketing – Winter – Verbal Report** – the committee has put in a few funding requests and were not successful getting these but we will try again next year. We were happy to see more women get involved in tournaments this year and also happy with the Ladies Tombstone, this will help promote women entering scores for handicaps. Discussion to make sure people enter their scores. Discussion to make sure that rules are promoted prior to tournaments. Discussion to put a rep from men's & ladies night on the board. **Board pointed out that these are separate operations and are not run by the Board but are supported by the Board. It was suggested that a rep from each league put their name forward to be nominated.** Discussion on men's night and who runs it. **Board clarified that currently it is run by Robert Redshaw and Steve O'Brien.**

Motion to accept all reports as presented. M: Joan, S: Daryl

8. **Old Business** – None arising
9. **Nominations of candidates for directors** – There are five positions that are open for nomination for the upcoming year. Hughie Graham, Winter Bailey, Justin Bailey, Jenni Bruce and a vacant position that was not filled.
 - **Hughie nominates Jenni Bruce – accepted**
 - **Clem nominates Hughie Graham - accepted**
 - **Joan nominates Winter Bailey – accepted**
 - **Jeff nominates Justin Bailey – accepted**
 - **John N nominates Jeff Oldfield – accepted**
 - **John N nominates Daryl Snow – accepted**
 - **John N nominates Parry Campbell – accepted**

Nominations are closed. Voting cards handed out. Shaun Morris and Matthew Gray are appointed to the election committee to count votes.

10. **Election of Directors** – The following candidates are elected to a two year term:
 - **Jenni Bruce**
 - **Hughie Graham**
 - **Winter Bailey**
 - **Jeff Oldfield**
 - **Perry Campbell**

Motion to accept all new candidates to the board. M: Joan, S: John M

11. **New Business** – none arising
12. **Adjournment** – **Motioned by Joan at 4:08pm.**



2019 Annual General Meeting – Presidents Report

The 2019 season at the Yellowknife Golf Course is coming to an end, and to me, it seems like summer flew by in the blink of an eye!

We have had numerous improvements to course this year which started at the close of last season.

Clubhouse

The clubhouse received a much needed facelift and improvements that included new carpet in the dining area, new flooring in the kitchen, bar and washrooms, a redesign and upgrade in the kitchen area. This included new counters and sink in the prep area. All of these improvements were highlighted by the new paint and new energy efficient LED lights inside and outside the building.

We also had a committee review the clubhouse operations over the winter and put forward a proposal to the board with options for operating the clubhouse. Based on the committee's recommendation, the Board created a Request for Tender that was advertised. After review, we made an agreement with Stake Restaurant to operate the clubhouse for the 2019 season. The operation of the Clubhouse this summer by a contractor has been a learning experience, but has been successful and will provide us with the information needed improve on the tender process and contract language for the 2020 season.

Tree Removal and Brush Clearing

The massive pile of brush and debris behind the eighth hole was addressed this winter by the Grounds and Maintenance committee and their volunteers by getting the necessary permits and equipment in place to separate and burn the materials over Christmas. The committee chair is currently making plans to deal with the remaining brush future planning to prevent these large accumulations from happening. We also made to donations to youth sporting groups to perform work around the course thinning out the undergrowth in the trees and staining the deck on the Proshop.

18th Hole Water Hazard

This is the biggest change to the course over the winter. A great donation of time and materials from Nahanni construction transformed the old soft sand area and the ditch on the right edge of the fairway into our fantastic new feature. The addition of this penalty area has changed the way golfers play the hole. This, and future plans for the area, will make the 18th a signature closing hole for the Yellowknife Golf Course. We do need to establish a way to remove all the "donations" that are accumulating in the bottom of the hazard as it is deeper than the use of hip waders will allow!

New Tee Boxes

Over the last few seasons, we have been replacing and relocating the tee boxes around the course. While looking at the locations for the new tee boxes, the Board took into account; how the current course is played, what areas put players at risk from wayward shots, golf equipment advancements and affecting the way the course plays after 20 years with no changes. We will have the rest of the tee boxes changed out this year as Golf Canada is scheduled for the spring to visit Yellowknife and update the course Slope and Rating. Once the new assessments are completed, we will be updating the course maps and scorecards to reflect the changes.

The maintenance staff has done a great job this summer and the course has been in great shape all season with the grass aprons looking the best that they have in years. The cleanliness of the course has improved this year with less garbage and refuse around. It is great to see all the flags now standing vertical with the new cups and sleeves that have been installed on every green.

We have a number of challenges in the coming years, with replacing the green material, the Clubhouse roof and windows on the top of the list. With the loan for the course expansion paid off at the end of next summer, it will give the Golf Club more funds to perform upgrades sooner. The Board will continue to develop plans for the future of the Yellowknife Golf Club.

Lastly, I would like to sincerely thank Matthew Gray for his hard work and dedication to the Yellowknife Golf Course over the last ten years. I cannot begin to put into words the amount of work and time that he has put into the golf course during my time as a Board Member and President of the Club. Wherever Matthew winds up, they will be rewarded with an outstanding employee. I know I will miss our conversations, whether in person or via text (Matt may not miss them! Lol) and know this Matt, if all that sun and warm weather ever gets to be too much you will always have a place to return to here in Yellowknife.

Regards



Shaun Morris
President, Yellowknife Golf Club