

# Amsterdam Municipal GC Golf Commission Meeting

06 July 2021 / 5:00 PM / Muni Pavilion

## Attendees

Bo Karutis, Christine Sherlock, Skip Phillips, Bill Dzierson, Tim Holloway, Kevin Canale

## Agenda

### Approval of last meeting minutes

Motion to accept Bo, 2nd Skip (all in favor)

### Public Comment

No public comment

### New Business

- Reviewed the role and responsibility of the commission: Skip and Bo explained that the commission is an advisory group to the golf professional, the course superintendent, the mayor and the common council. The commission suggests best practices to improve the golf course. The council sets policy and is responsible for suggesting fees and budget. The budget year is July 1-June 30
- Assigned officers and liaisons:
  - \*Chairman: Bo Karutis (non-voting)
  - \*Vice Chairman: Skip Phillips
  - \*Secretary-Christine Sherlock
  - \* Liaison to the Pro Shop-Tim Holloway
  - \*Liaison to the Superintendent-Bill Dzierson
- Skip explained that the Golf Course will no longer be subject to accumulated deficit and will be treated like any other department in the city government.
- Set half year rates for this year (these rates all include a \$5 trail fee per round):\$625 Single \$600 Senior Single \$275 Young Adult \$1000 Couple
- Kevin requested that we look into the possibility of replacing the tee signs around the course. He got a quote from one company for 27 new signs with a cost of \$15,000. An initial conversation insured about how we would pay for these. Ideas included; business or individuals sponsoring them (as we have done in the past), a golf tournament to pay for them, or hire a company to do it all. No discussion was made on this.

## Discussion

- Both the course superintendent and the golf pro have concerns about the impact that single riders are having on the condition of the golf course. It was explained that the increase in carts driving over the course is compacting the fairways. It is the hope that now that the pandemic is at bay that people will once again ride two to a cart. This will help to keep the course in better condition while also saving on gas and also the pollution factor.
- There is also concern about enforcement of cart rules in general but especially when conditions are wet.
- It was brought up that we may have some new golfers playing who may not fully understand golf etiquette, pace of play, and respect for the conditions of the course. Ideas were discussed to help educate our newer golfers so that our course can stay in the great condition that we are now enjoying.
- Bo would like to lobby the mayor for funding for a ranger.
- Skip brought up the idea to partner with hotels (ie. River Casino) to advertise and perhaps put packages together that would include a round at Muni. This conversation evolved into a general marketing discussion and steps that we need to take to improve our marketing and internet presence.
- Skip brought up the possibility of applying for federal grants for course improvements.

## Action Items

1. Kevin and Skip will draft a clear set of cart rules that will be visible in all carts.
2. Chris will draft a letter to all members explaining the importance of doubling up in carts as well as being mindful of not driving around the greens and bunkers.
3. When possible we hope that the starter can give cart rules and general information to foursomes before they tee off.
4. Set up a meeting with Michele Pawlik to discuss how the recreation department can assist us in marketing the course.
5. Set up a meeting with the city grant writer to discuss any grant possibilities that might be out there.

## Next Meeting

Tuesday July 27, 4pm in the Pavilion at Muni

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Sherlock