

# OPGAC Meeting minutes

## September 2019

The meeting was opened at 3:00pm on September 24<sup>th</sup> by chair Larry Davies

Those in attendance: Olga Novy, Frank Biancaniello, Ann Shockley, Geri Fusillo, Bob Long, John Malinowski, Frank Daly, Les Purcell

**Public Comments** – A discuss about the elimination of the 30/60 membership, John Malinowski was not in favor of this membership and explained it was taken out sometime in the Budge processed even though it appears in the summary of the Budget on the OP website.

Welcomed new member of GAC Les Purcell

**Director of Golf Report/Superintendent** – John Malinowski

A new Assistant Superintendent was hired and started today. He has a degree from Penn State and over 10 years' experience. He previously worked at Glenn Riddle Golf Course. He had good references.

A full time and a part time maintenance person(s) were hired to fill in some of the vacancies by people leaving.

There was no update on course superintendent Andre Jordan's status. John Malinowski advised that this is a personnel matter and being treated accordingly.

August Financials were reported as good by Larry Davies who was referring to the "Combined Golf Ops" report from the August P&L posted on the OP web site. Frank Daly advised that the numbers posted do not represent what the actual numbers are due to a change in financial reporting that was initiated at the beginning of the new fiscal year. Frank Daly advised that the same is true for the Membership numbers that Larry Davies reported from the August "Membership Report" that shows a YTD decline in membership of 18%.

Consultants report was reported to this committee (John advised he would email the committee the full report). They advised a different procedure to be done around the greens and collars which should be done all year long and different grass around the collars. John is implementing these procedures immediately. They also stated that aeration needs to be done in the spring and the fall.

Much discuss about the terrible conditions on hole #8, suggestion was to close down the hole completely and use #19. John is not ready to do that; he is having soil samples sent to the University of Maryland to find out what the problem is since it is a continuous problem. This will be done this week, with results back in about two weeks. He will report back to the committee his findings, along with his recommendations going forward. Committee advised we need this information so that we can go forward with our Budget recommendations. There were further discussions about the overall deteriorated conditions on the course relating to the extensive dead spots on the fairways, burn out on most greens, loss of most of the green aprons, tee box degradation, green repair efforts on #12,14 and 16 and the expanding encroachment of the "goose grass".

Questions were asked about whether we have the right type of grass for our climate as compared to the old east course at the Bay Club. Bob Long brought up that from his observation the fairways were not being aerated as they were in the past. John Malinowski advised that that procedure that Bob had observed was no longer being applied.

At the end of John's report there was a lengthy discussing regarding the need for the DoG and GM to address the need to hire a consultant to fully analyze the needs to bring the golf course back into appropriate industry standards and help establish best practice procedures to deal with our soil, seeding and overall maintenance practices. John was asked to address these concerns with the GM and report back to the committee with a plan for achieving course excellence by next meeting

The committee would like membership addressed as well as a summary of rounds played by next month ; new ideas need to be found which may mean new membership options.

Respectfully Submitted

Olga Novy