

**Golf Advisory Board
Kearney, Nebraska
May 16, 2016
5:30 p.m.**

A meeting of the Golf Advisory Board of the City of Kearney, Nebraska, was convened in an open and public session at 5:30 p.m. on February 16, 2016, at the Meadowlark Hills Golf Course, 3300 30th Avenue, Kearney NE 68847. Present were: Board members: Chairman Ken Nikels, Pam Pearson, Gary Chramosta, Chet Graham, and Jim Van Amburg. Absent: Nick Erdman. City Staff present; Dave James, Golf Services Manager; Dan Knipping, Golf Superintendent; Robyn Bowman, Recording Secretary.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Kearney Hub, the designated method for giving notice, a copy of the proof of publication being attached to these minutes. Advance notice of the meeting was also given to the Chairman and Board Members of the Golf Advisory Board. Availability of the Agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Golf Advisory Board. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman Nikels announced that in accordance with Section 84-1412 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is available for review and is posted towards the back of the room.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Chramosta, seconded by Pearson, that the minutes of the Golf Advisory Board meeting held on February 16, 2016, be approved. All those present voted Aye. Nay: None. Absent: Erdman. Motion carried.

GOLF COURSE MANAGER REPORT

James reviewed the league registration with the board. He stated that there were 33 teams registered for the business league which is just 3 teams lower than last year. The men's league is full and the ladies league has 27 teams registered with 54 players.

Projected rounds were also reviewed, with James telling the board that the course was 938 rounds ahead from this time last year. He did mention that May rounds were down due to weather. There have been three men's league nights and one business league night that were canceled due to weather.

Pass sales are slow, with the exception of the Elite Pass, 33 passes have been sold compared to 24 from last year. James stated that people may be waiting to purchase their pass when they return from Kearney from southern states.

James reviewed the "Ballhawking Policy" that was written and put in the golf course policies. James stated that it would be posted and course signs updated so that players were made aware of the new policy. With no other discussion a motion was made by Chramosta and seconded by Graham to approve the Ballhawking Policy as written. All those present voted Aye. Nay: None. Absent: Erdman. Motion carried.

James told the board that the Kearney Hub wants to do a story on Meadowlark Hills Family night program. He stated that it would be good advertisement for the program, as well as the golf course. James also commented that most Fridays in June, July and August are booked for golf outings.

GOLF MAINTENANCE REPORT

Superintendent Knipping reported that the new pump is in. They have only been able to run it twice since it's been in due to rain. He stated that they need 30 days of use to make sure the computer is communicating with the pump correctly. Other maintenance projects that have been completed include: taking split rail down along south end of parking lot and putting in a new cart path, landscaping parking lot islands, dragging greens and dealing with irrigation head issues. The staff is also busy keeping up with the mowing due to the rain.

REPORTS/COMMENTS

No comments were made.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made VanAmburg, and seconded by Chramosta. All those present voted Aye. Nay: None. Absent: Erdman. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

**ROBYN BOWMAN
RECORDING SECRETARY**