

City of Hudson  
Golf Advisory Board  
February 15, 2012

Attendance:

T.Wash, J.Hoover, G.Andrego, J.Knoblauch, S.Hutchinson, Dennis Hanink, L.Fowler

Mr. Wash called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. in the Ellsworth Meadows Meeting Room.

Approval of the 10/12/11 minutes

Mr. Knoblauch presented the financial statements to the board for the period of January through December 2011. This report was generated by Mr. Knoblauch, Finance Director. A comparison was made in regard to the 2010 season and that YTD revenue is down \$135,000. The rounds have decreased by nearly 6000. He stated that the decrease was due to the record amount of rainfall from April through October. He also said that driving range use is up even with the bad weather. This is in part due to the driving range at Boston Hills closing. This increase in usage will also prompt the need to install range mats to offset tee damage as well as purchasing more range balls. Mr. Andrego said that there may be an opportunity to purchase less than one year old range balls from several local clubs to offset the price of all new ones. Mr. Roth asked if thought was given to installing heated covered stalls at this time. Mr. Wash said that the concrete pads would accommodate stalls in the future but that mats were the only item being addressed at this time. Mr. Hoover said all things considered that we have done a great job as courses he interacts with are down 20-30% compared to our 10%.

Mr. Wash commented on the condition of the golf course due to the saturated conditions. Wide spread cart traffic and mower damage has occurred from excess rain and lack of continuous cart paths. Staff has been installing asphalt grindings in lieu of new poured asphalt in order to route players around the course. These grindings are made available from the city roads projects and come at no cost to the golf course. This base material can easily be paved over in the future if permanent paving is possible in the future. This will save in future labor costs. Mr. Wash stated that staff will continue to install asphalt grindings in the 2012 season. He also mentioned that the main focus this season will be to recover from last year's damage by rolling, seeding and sodding many areas on the course. He also made note that staff will continue its installation of drainage systems throughout the course to improve upon the damaged areas. Mr. Roth commented that the paths made a marked improvement during last year's saturated conditions and likes the fact that we will continue to install for the future.

Mr. Wash mentioned that the water well that refills the irrigation lake is much overdue to be pulled and serviced. This well should be serviced every 5-6 years. The well has not

been serviced for 10 years and that we have survived due to the seasonal use of the pumps. GAB agreed that this service should be performed in 2012. Kevin Powell of the Water Department is currently receiving quotes to have the work performed this spring. Cost ranges from \$9000.00- \$15,000.00 depending on potential repairs. Mr. Wash stated that this would be done in conjunction with water resources projects in order to save on mobilization costs. Mr. Wash will work with Kevin Powell to accomplish this item.

Mr. Andrego commented on the state of our golf leagues and outings. Leagues at Ellsworth are solid with little availability. Most outings have all rebooked also. Mr. Roth said that the outings he attends at Ellsworth are always well run and professional. He is always impressed with the attention to the players and quality of the event. Mr. Andrego also commented on the collaboration with the Golf Channel and the courses new web site. This new site will be at no charge and allow Ellsworth to email blast, run an online store, track event attendance as well as offer players at no cost a GPS app for their smart phone. Ellsworth will also be able to apply their social media accounts to better reach more potential players.

Mr. Hanink asked Mr. Knoblauch if it would be possible to illustrate Ellsworth on an operational versus capitol basis. He said that he believes that Ellsworth is run efficiently but that the debt is clouding what is actually being done at the course. Mr. Knoblauch said that he would look into a new format to present.

Mr. Wash asked for any other comments or concerns. No other comments were made.

The next Golf Advisory Board meeting will be June 6, 2012 at 8am at the Ellsworth clubhouse.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00a.m.