

**SMITHS FALLS GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING #4**

Smiths Falls Golf and Country Club

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Board of Directors
Meeting # 4

Monday, May 27th, 2019
Smiths Falls Golf & Country Club

Directors Present: Roy Leach, Glenda Cooke, Doug Hart, Ron Dolinki, Clare Sanderson, Dan Imbeau, Chris Gray, Warren Garton, Larry McIntosh, Paul Cadeau, Norm Devine.

Directors Regrets: Wayne Kearns, Scott Devonshire, Mike Milks.

1. The meeting was called to order by 1st Vice President Paul Cadeau – Time 6:57 P.M.
(quorum present)

2. **MOTION to approve minutes of meeting # 3 held Monday, April 29th, 2019.**
Motion to approve – Dan Imbeau
Seconded by Ron Dolinki - Carried

3. **Committee reports:**

a) **Finance – Dan McNeely** (Club Manager)

In Scott Devonshire's absence Dan McNeely provided financial information and stats indicating how the poor weather is impacting the Club business. Overall, operations are down from this time last year but up from the previous poor weather experienced in 2017. It is hoped the slow start will turn around with the help from the increase in membership numbers and tournaments.

b) **Greens - Ron Dolinki** (a summary of a submitted report)

Course - The course is very wet. Carts are out but causing damage on # 2, 6, 7, 12 and 15. Most of the staff time has been spent on the greens (fertilizing, verti-cutting, over seeding, top dressing). Many tees need attention. Fairways have been fertilized. Sand traps have been edged and some require addition of sand. Sod will be added in some areas when available. A plan needs to be established to repair some walls. The large diesel pump has worked well, with over 600 hours usage. Recovering from this winter will be a season long effort and will be reflected in the budget. Currently, all efforts are going to the greens and trying to keep the course open for carts.

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Staff - With the loss of four staff members for the 2019 season, Ken Campbell has been dealing with trying to successfully replace and train new hires.

Equipment – All of the equipment that was purchased is on site and working well. All other equipment and carts have been serviced.

Safety – All safety forms have been completed and new staff have completed as they start.

c) House – Paul Cadeau

Board members were updated on the renovation committee's progress.

d) Bar – Roy Leach

As noted in the 'finance' report the weather is also having an impact on bar sales. There has been an increase in the retail price of beer that will require a review and possible adjustment to our prices.

e) Pro shop – Larry McIntosh

Sales are weather related. Staffing positions are working well.

The 'range' has reopened (with the installation of the new netting). There remains labelled designated 'IRONS ONLY' stations. 'Woods' are only permitted at the open or unlabelled stations.

f) Membership – Dan Imbeau

There are currently 75 new members but 55 previous members have not renewed at this time, for a variety of reasons. It is hoped there is a potential to regain a percent of these lost memberships.

Discussions continued to center around areas for promoting memberships

g) Kitchen- Scott Devonshire (via email)

A progress report will be presented at the next meeting . The committee and Board members recognize the priority of reaching a deadline on this matter.

h) Ethics

Nothing to report

i) Healthy and Safety – Ron Dolinki

Refer committee reports above.

j) Recording Director – Glenda Cooke

Nothing to report

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k) Share Reconciliation

Nothing to report

l) Social – Chris Gray

Unfortunately, rainfall cancelled a new event scheduled as a "meet and greet" with our new members. Next year the event will be scheduled again over the May long weekend.

4. New Business:

No specific new business.

OTHER: (discussions/comments)

- * Norm Devine started a discussion regarding the possibility of establishing more cart paths. Additional pathways could possibly allow more cart usage (even if restrictions were in place) and allow the Course to remain open on some poor weather days. Topics discussed were priority, cost, planning, construction etc.
- * Positive comments were made about the pamphlet updated and reissued by the Ladies section providing much information, especially to new lady members. Next year it would be a benefit if Club information could be made available "on line" as an orientation package to assist new members.
- * Men's Club Captain, Clare Sanderson, reported there was now sufficient commitment by golf clubs in the area to proceed with the Senior Ryder Cup in Eastern Ontario.
- * Clare also reported the Club's rules committee has adopted 10 local rules approved from the "Official Guide of Rules of Golf". Plans were discussed how to provide this information to members, guests and green fee players.

5. Next meeting will be held on June 24th, 2019 at the Smiths Falls Golf & Country Club @ 7:00 P.M.

6. **MOTION to adjourn at 8:30 P.M. - Motion by Warren Garton
Seconded by Glenda Cooke - Carried**

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<u>Directors Attendance</u>	
Name	Number of meetings attended
Wayne Kearns	3
Paul Cadeau	4
Glenda Cooke	4
Norm Devine	3
Scott Devonshire	2
Ron Dolinki	4
Warren Garton	3
Chris Gray **	4
Doug Hart	3
Dan Imbeau	4
Roy Leach	4
Larry McIntosh	2
Mike Milks	2
Clare Sanderson	3

** Ladies Section President