

Friends of Duluth Public Golf
Minutes of the Organizational meeting

April 23, 2018

Enger Park Golf Course Clubhouse

1. FODPG president Chris Stevens commenced the meeting at 5:29 p.m.

Board members present:

Chris Stevens (President)
Paul Paczynski (Secretary/Treasurer)
Trish Lilliberg (Executive Committee)
Sulo Kangas
Bob Pugliese
Jacob Scheitlin
Chris Manchester
Dick Frank

Board members absent:

Tim Lee (Vice President)
Sue Harney (Executive Committee)
Nate Bender

2. Business

- President Stevens attended the bi-weekly golf task force meeting with the City. The City continues their conversation about the capital investment costs and deferred maintenance; financial updates were sent to the Finance Committee.
- The Pancake Breakfast event was attended by approximately 200 people with \$500 raised for the Enger Junior Golf Program. FODPG raised \$830 through memberships and donations. Memberships and surveys continue to be received on the website. The Donation/Free Golf Club event provided youth and adults with both golf clubs and entire sets of golfbag/clubs. The remaining clubs and bags will be brought to Lester for their Donation Day/Pancake Breakfast.
- The Volunteer Day brought 22 workers to Enger and accomplished many tasks on the course and grounds. Dale Wesselman was appreciative to all the workers for their help in cleaning up the course.
- The Lester Park Volunteer Day date has been moved up to this Sunday, April 29, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers are needed and are asked to wear appropriate outdoor clothing and bring their own work gloves, rakes and clippers.

- The Lester Park Pancake Breakfast and Golf Club Donation is scheduled Saturday, May 19, 8 a.m. to noon. Chris Manchester will coordinate the event. The posters and event information will include the free club/s donation information.
 - Almanac North aired their golf segment with Chris Stevens and Rob Lucas speaking about the FODPG. President Stevens recommended that segment is added to our website. Follow this link to see the segment on YouTube (starts 9 minutes in): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VU_in2ZOcNY
 - The Financial Committee has received lengthy data information from the City. They will be reviewing the detailed data and reporting back to the Board at the next meeting.
 - Board Members Chris Manchester, Jacob Schleitlin, and Nate Bender are stepping down from the Board at this time. President Stevens thanked them for their involvement and looked forward to their participation events in the future. The audience was encouraged to consider filling a Board seat and nominations will be taken at a future meeting.
 - Denfeld Golf Coach Mike Scignoli spoke to the Board about the Denfeld Program. The team consists of six to ten boys, there is not a girls program again this year. Each player pays a \$185 fee to play and are responsible for having their own equipment. There is not a JV Program at Denfeld and very few schools in the area have one. President Stevens requested that Coach Scignoli submit a proposal for how FODPG could help. Coach Scignoli asked that he be notified whenever the students could help with things, such as the Pancake Breakfast and Volunteer Day held last weekend. He will share the Lester Park Volunteer Day information with the students.
 - The City is putting together a survey about the two golf courses. It will be very important that we get as many people as possible to take the survey when it is released.
 - A fundraising meeting will be put together in the near future with the Nordic Ski Club. It was suggested that members attend in hopes of receiving fundraising tips that could benefit our group.
3. The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 7 at 5:30 p.m., Committees at 6:00 p.m., at Enger Park Golf Course pavilion.