

Friends of Duluth Public Golf
Minutes of the Organizational meeting

January 29, 2018

Enger Park Golf Course Clubhouse

1. FODPG president Chris Stevens commenced the meeting at 6 p.m.

Board members present:

Chris Stevens (President)
Tim Lee (Vice President)
Paul Paczynski (Secretary/Treasurer)
Sue Harney (Executive Committee)
Trish Lilliberg (Executive Committee)
Dick Frank
Sulo Kangas
Bob Pugliese
Jacob Scheitlin
Greg Swor

Board members absent:

Chris Manchester

There were also roughly 20 other FODPG members present

2. President Stevens updated all present on recent FODPG activity:

- a. FODPG meeting history to date (12.20.17 Informational; 1.3.18 Organizational)
- b. FODPG President Chris Stevens, V.P. Tim Lee, and organizer Tony Dierckins, along with Parks Commissioner Dennis Isernhagen, met with Duluth Parks Director Will Roche and Assistant Administrator Jim Filby-Williams on January 12 to discuss goals and expectations. By all accounts it was a positive meeting
- c. At the City Council meeting on January 22, City Councilor Jay Fosle withdrew his proposed resolution to privatize DULuth's public golf courses after three members of FODPG (Stevens, Lee, and Deb Showalter) spoke before the council and five city councilors (Filipovich, Sipress, Anderson, Westerlund, Russ) spoke in support of giving FODPG time to work with city to develop a plan.

3. Vice President Lee presented two resolutions:
 - a. To adapt a third page to the articles of incorporation.
Resolution seconded and voted on; passed unanimously
 - b. To consider all those currently on the FODPG email list as FODPG members.
Resolution seconded and voted on; passed unanimously

4. President Stevens opened the floor for resolutions to form various committees:
 - a. Resolution by Tim Lee to form a Finance Committee
(Study past city and management co.'s finances)
Resolution seconded by Solu Kangas and voted on; passed unanimously
The following people volunteered to participate on the committee:
Jim Sandness, Rich Paulson, Paul Paczynski, Don Stellmaker, Mike Clevette (in absentia), Drew Anderson (in absentia)
 - b. Resolution by Greg Swor to form a Membership Committee
(includes fundraising for FODPG)
Resolution seconded by Solu Kangas and voted on; passed unanimously
The following people volunteered to participate on the committee:
Greg Swor, Tony Dierckins, Sue Harney, Rob Lucas, Jim Stebe, Trish Lilliberg, Connor Cooke (in absentia)
 - c. Resolution by Sulo Kangas to form a Marketing Committee
(i.e., Help management co. market the courses; increase participation)
Resolution seconded by Trish Lillegard and voted on; passed unanimously
The following people volunteered to participate on the committee:
Steve Kinney, Sulo Kangas, Rob Lucas, Mark Haugen, Sue Harney, Eric Nelson (in absentia)
 - d. Resolution by Tim Lee to form a Maintenance Committee
(Advise on course maintenance)
Resolution seconded by Sue Harney and voted on; passed unanimously
The following people volunteered to participate on the committee:
Pete Lilliberg, Dick Frank, Greg Swor
 - e. Resolution by Tim Lee to form a Capital Needs Committee
(Advise on infrastructure needs; e.g. new clubhouses)
Resolution seconded by Sue Harney and voted on; passed unanimously
The following people volunteered to participate on the committee:
Bob Puglisi, Tim Lee, Chris Stevens, Chad Cooke (in absentia)

5. President Stevens oversaw ideas for moving forward
 - a. Sulo Kanagas recommended FODPG adapt a mission statement at next board meeting; no formal resolution or vote taken, but idea well received.
 - b. Tony Dierckins recommended FODPG hold a meeting ASAP for all FODPG members to brainstorm ideas and join established committees. No formal vote taken, but date of February 12 agreed upon
 - c. President Stevens suggested February 12 for the next board meeting (5:30 p.m) with brainstorming session to begin at 6 p.m. No formal vote taken, but date approved by all