

Friends of Duluth Public Golf
Minutes of the Organizational meeting

March 12, 2018

Enger Park Golf Course Clubhouse

1. FODPG president Chris Stevens commenced the meeting at 5:40 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

2. Chris Stevens updated members on the recent meeting with City task force group. We have received information regarding irrigation system studies, financial records (5 year period) and Billy Casper information for the current year. The City has also commissioned an appraisal of the Lester property. Short and long terms goals were discussed, along with tourism tax percentages, and advertising needs. The City has a form developed for Billy Casper usage that would capture the percentage of tourists outside of the 50 mile radius. The group agreed that we will work towards reaching a balanced budget on the golf courses. The Finance Committee asked that Chris request additional financial data from the City staff to be able to track and compare last year and this year's financial records.
3. Tim Lee will proceed with the necessary 501c3 paperwork. No raffle will be done at this time. We need checking and paypal accounts established and a budget drafted for Board approval. The membership committee is working on membership, survey questionnaire bagtags, publicity, and fundraising. Rob Lucas volunteered to be the spokesperson with the Almanac North segment. A press release will be prepared and submitted to the Board shortly.

4. Sue Harney discussed the recent marketing meeting with CSS Professor Anstett and Marjaana Dailey and their ideas for marketing of the organization. Marjaana is willing to look at the website and logo and offer suggestions for updating both, along with drafting informational and upcoming event posters and brochures for FODPG. Members discussed the timelines involved and need for updating at this time. Sue will remain in contact with Professor Anstett and Marjaana about updates that she is willing to complete for us.
5. The position of FODPG Administrator was discussed and duties outlined. Members offered their assistance to help Tony with various pieces of the workload.
6. Members discussed a co-hosted Pancake Day with Billy Casper at Enger, with proceeds benefitting junior golf. The following day would be a Volunteer Day out on the course. Motion passed with a proposed date selected that will be announced after Billy Casper's agreement. Membership/Marketing Committees will be working on advertising the event in conjunction with Billy Casper. We will discuss Lester Park Pancake and Volunteer Day/s at the next meeting.
7. The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 26 at 5:30 pm, Committees at 6:00 pm, at Enger Park Clubhouse.