

Metropolis Country Club
January 2018

Board Members Present: Mark Walker, Lance Loftus, Brandon Thompson, Gary Faulkner, Todd Faulkner, Mike Woods, Leon Crenshaw and Chuck Wood.

The club is looking for help in getting more social events at the club. Mrs. Pearcy attended the meeting trying to get ideas of what the board members thought about different ideas. The board supports of ideas and hope that other members will join in with ideas of their own. Look at the next dues bill for more information on what might be happening.

Minutes for the December meeting were approved with a motion from Brandon and 2nd by Todd. Financial statement were approved with a motion from Mike and 2nd by Leon.

Lee gave his report of the continuing maintenance of equipment and the progress of the retaining wall on 12 tee box. Completion is expected by month end. Around 5 pieces of equipment are left to repair, but feels he will complete before the season starts. He also received a quote for turf tires for the tractor. Concerns has arisen over the present tires causing damage to the fairways, quote received was 3000.00 to replace. Board discussed and are going to monitor this for future evaluation.

The board discussed possible replacement of a board member who wished to resign. David Glass was nominated to replace the board member and voted on by the board. David will now serve out the term until the November election.

Lance Loftus is now the Vice President with a motion from Todd and 2nd by Gary.

Motion by Brandon and 2nd by Chuck to adjourn the meeting.

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Board Meeting

2/12/2018

Meeting called to order at 5pm. Members present were Lance Loftus, David Glass, Todd Faulkner, Gary Faulkner, David Bunch, Chuck Wood, Brandon Thompson and Mark Walker.

Minutes from previous meeting were read and approved.

Lee was absent due to sickness so the committee members gave his report.

Tee box on 12 is now complete.

New forms are being used to keep track of all repairs and maintenance on equipment.

The tree on 12 tee box needs to be cut. Power lines running through it have prevented us from doing it sooner, so we are going to reach out to the power company to see if they can cut it.

Financial report was submitted and discussed. Balances are very close to where they were at the same time last year. It was approved.

Tournament committee gave their report.

Adding a 1 day 2 man tournament in April.

Getting sponsors for our bigger tournaments. Getting mailers out earlier for our upcoming events.

The board approved the raffle of 4 rounds of golf to support a fund raiser for a local Girl Scout Troop.

We had one new member application which was submitted and approved.

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Board Meeting

04/16/18

Meeting called to order at 5pm. Members present were Lance Loftus, David Glass, Todd Faulkner, Gary Faulkner, David Bunch, Chuck Wood, Brandon Thompson, Mike Woods and Mark Walker.

Minutes from previous meeting were read and approved.

Financial Report approved.

The contractor was present that the board contacted to do the culvert on road to cart sheds. Several board members asked questions. Once the contractor left the board voted to accept his bid and start within the week on fixing the drainage problem we were having.

Superintendent Report:

The cooler temps are causing problems getting the greens ready for aeration. Hope to complete back 9 next week. New lean too completed at Maintenance shed for equipment storage. Waiting on dirt to level tee boxes. Leak on 17 to be fixed next week. Motor down on mower, ordering new one this week. New spray rig approved and will send payment this week.

Tournament Committee Report:

2 man tough man has been cancelled due to cooler temp not allowing us to have course ready. Looking at dates in late fall to reschedule.

Motion to adjourn made and accepted

MCC Board Meeting

7/9/2018

Present: Mark Walker Lance Loftus Todd Faulkner David Glass
Chuck Wood Brandon Thompson Leon Crenshaw

Absent: David Bunch

- There were no minutes available from last month's meeting to review.
- A motion was made and approved (unanimously) to approve Rick Myers as the Club Secretary/Treasurer. Greg Graves has resigned from the club and has begun transitioning his club duties to Rick Myers.
- Mark Walker reported that Mike Woods has resigned from the board effective immediately. There are now two open board seats. There was discussion as to whether to try and fill the open seats. Since there have not been any issues with getting a quorum at the board meetings, the seats will be left vacant until the next Annual Meeting.
- Lee Childers was absent from the meeting due to medical issues. Mark Walker reported on his behalf:
 - The greens are in good shape but there is a goose grass problem developing. Lee and a rep from Regal ran a trial using a different chemical to try and treat the problem. If this chemical treatment is not as effective as it needs to be, the greens may have to be aerated after the Open.
 - There is now a vacancy in the position of Greens Committee Chairman due to Mike Woods' resignation. The committee now consists of Leon Crenshaw (chairman), Todd Faulkner and Lance Loftus. David Glass also offered to help as needed.
 - There are no known, big expenses expected during the next 30 days.
 - There was discussion about the ongoing issue of lack of backfill on No. 12 tee box; the problem is reported to be due to a lack of backfill material. The board members believe that there is backfill available in the county and requested that this problem be addressed as soon as possible.
- Finance Committee Report:

General Fund Balance:	\$26,417 (estimate)
Facilities Fee Fund:	\$34,166
- Clubhouse Committee: Chairman – Chuck Wood. The club will serve a burger, chips and fountain drink during the Open. Shirley needs to stock up to support that plan.

- Mark Walker received an email from Cathy Rushing with some requests, recommendations and complaints about the club activities and facilities. Mark has discussed several of these issues with Cathy in person and expects more feedback from Cathy. The board discussed that Cathy could form a committee and have someone from their committee attend the board meetings to routinely bring their issues to the board. No decision was made to take action on the issues except that: 1.) The pool water chemistry is being poorly maintained - Lee will be directed to either address it himself or ensure the lifeguards address the water chemistry issue, and 2.) New umbrellas (~4) need to be purchased as soon as possible for the tables at the pool.
- Tournaments – David Glass and Todd Faulkner presented new entry forms for this year’s Open. The format of the forms will be used for future events sponsored by the club. The forms will be distributed throughout the area and will be made available at the grill counter. Linwood was once again very supportive in the effort to publish the new entry forms. Additional information shared about the Open:
 - New guidelines for the tournament (included on the entry forms)
 - New age divisions (included on the entry forms)
 - New score sheets will be purchased and players’ scores will be posted in the club house vs. at the scoring pavilion as was done in the past. This is due to the hot temperatures we normally have in late July.
- The Metropolis High School golf team has requested to host a fundraiser at the course on Friday, August 3, 2018. The fundraiser event would take place in the afternoon. The Board tentatively approved (no motion, no vote) the event pending Mark’s schedule review with Lee.
- Rolling Hills golf course has lost their greens and they are closing their course Tuesday, July 10th, for the next 6 to 8 weeks. MCC will extend an offer to Rolling Hills members to play at MCC for the duration of the closure. They will be offered the same rates as other MCC guests.
- There are not any new member issues to address. A question was raised on behalf of Mrs. Walt Ibers. Walt has passed away and Mrs. Ibers wishes to continue as a member of the club but wants to be admitted as a Lady member vs. a full member. The Ibers have been members for nearly 50 years. No decision was made and this issue was tabled.
- The firm that installed the asphalt and culvert leading to the back parking area will return to make repairs to the washed out section.
- Chuck Wood reported that the Health Department has stated that a representative from MCC will need to sign a complaint in order for the Health Department to pursue the septic water running from the old Snyder home onto the course near and across the cart path on No. 11. The board requested that Chuck proceed with signing the complaint.
- Meeting adjourned

MCC Board Meeting

8/13/2018

Present: Mark Walker Lance Loftus Todd Faulkner David Glass
Chuck Wood Brandon Thompson David Bunch Lee Childress

Absent: Leon Crenshaw

- The July meeting minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved.
- The meeting began with a discussion of two visitors at the club today getting caught not following the rules of the MCC. Lee confronted the visitors and a verbal confrontation ensued. Lee asked the visitors to leave club property. After further verbal exchange, Lee contacted Mark Walker and the Massac County Sherriff. The visitors left the site prior to the Sherriff arriving. After a review of Club policy regarding visitors, the Board will reestablish that all visitors must be accompanied by or sponsored by a club member. All visitors renting a cart must provide a copy of their driver's license and visitors must return rental carts prior to the club house closing time. David Bunch is going to check on placing a lockbox in the rental cart shed so that members keeping a rental cart outside of regular hours can replace the carts to the shed and lock the keys away. Lee will notify grill staff of this decision. An updated members' list will be provided to the grill personnel.
- There were no financial reports from last month to approve.
- Lee Childress provided the superintendents report:
 - The maintenance crew lost two workers this week due to their return to college. Keeping up with the mowing over the next few weeks might be a challenge. Additional part time workers will be hired if suitable candidates are identified.
 - The greens are in good shape but the goose grass problem has worsened. Lee said the goose grass can be removed if done properly and minimal scarring is left that will quickly heal. There was some discussion on organizing a club workday and training the volunteers on how to properly remove the goose grass. Nothing definitive was decided.
 - Lee has identified a chemical that can suppress the growth but the chemical is expensive to purchase and is not available from our regular supplier. The estimated cost of the chemical is ~\$600/6 oz., and applied at a rate of 0.05oz/gal of water. The chemical must be "daubed" onto the goose grass with an applicator. The Board agreed to the purchase of the chemical in as timely a manner as possible so that the application process can proceed. Frost/freezes over the winter will kill most of the goose grass. We treat the greens two times a year (March and June) with pre-emergent, but the summer weather we have been experiencing is very conducive to goose grass growth.

- Visiting golfers during the Metropolis Open complimented the MCC on the condition of the course. Many other courses with bent grass greens have lost their greens and/or are completely inundated with goose grass.
 - Minor discussion was held on converting our greens to Bermuda. The upfront costs are a concern to the board but the idea that the long term maintenance costs are significantly less make the conversion attractive. Another downside is that the conversion would need to occur in the second half of summer and members would lose use of the course during the conversion process.
 - Lee was asked to get the weeds around the cart sheds cut and/or sprayed.
 - Lee was asked to look into replacing the ties used to form the sand pit; this was suggested as an offseason project. The ties are falling apart and the area is an eyesore.
 - Lee reported his dissatisfaction with Little Tractors' slow response to our tractor repairs. He will try and avoid having them perform tractor maintenance for us in the future.
 - We have received the replacement shaft for the aerator and will be putting the aerator back together soon. The rest of the course equipment is in good working order.
 - Lee was asked to try and keep the front ditch area clean. Todd will talk to county personnel about giving us some assistance.
- Chuck Wood reported that he has filed a complaint on behalf of the club to the Health Department regarding the septic overflow coming onto our property at No. 11 green area.
 - Chuck also reported that one of our neighbors is building a pond and will sell loads of dirt at \$10/load. Chuck is going to pursue finding someone to haul us some of this dirt.
 - Finance Committee Report:

General Fund Balance:	\$28,945
Facilities Fee Fund:	\$28,841
 - Tournaments – Lee reported that the club earned about \$2200 for the Superman Couples Tournament and \$1200 for the Metropolis Open. However, no tournament reconciliation reports have been filed.
 - The firm that installed the asphalt and culvert leading to the back parking area will return to make repairs to the washed out section. Todd contacted them during this meeting and they stated we are on their to-do list.
 - A list of trespassers to the swimming pool was presented to the Board. The Sherriff's office caught 6 unauthorized people in the pool about 1:25 am on 7/31/2018. No tickets were issued and the Board currently does not intend to press charges. However, Brandon Thompson will draft a letter to the offenders and the MCC will notify these folks of our intent to prosecute in the future.
 - New signs will be posted at each access gate o the pool concerning the closing time (10 pm) and "No Trespassing".
 - A review of social and golfing members with delinquent dues was conducted. Five golfing members will receive expulsion letters following this meeting. Late fees start for the delinquent

social members starting 8/15/2018. The board will resume the practice of posting delinquent members names at the club. The postings will remain until the members either pay their current amount due, they resign, or they are expelled.

- Harry Curtis has requested that he be allowed to place a donation jar in the club house for a Graves County school/home for disadvantaged children. Although the Board was sympathetic to the cause, there was concern about what other organizations and members might want to try and collect funds for. The Board decided against this and other such donation collections. Collections for members and member's families may be considered on a case by case basis.
- New Business – Additional golf balls and gloves need to be stocked in the club house prior to this week's tournament. Chuck Wood will contact Leon to see if he can make the purchase for the club.
- Three new Active members were unanimously approved during the meeting – Cary Nichols, Heather Heisner and Patricia Adkins. Welcome letters will be sent to the new members immediately.
- The Board meeting start time will be changed to 5 pm on the second Monday of the month until further notice.
- Meeting adjourned.

MCC Board Meeting

9/10/2018

Present: Lance Loftus Leon Crenshaw Todd Faulkner David Glass
 Chuck Wood Brandon Thompson Lee Childress

Absent: Mark Walker David Bunch

- The August meeting minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved.
- The financial reports were approved.
- Lee Childress provided the superintendents report:
 - We are experiencing trouble with the fairway mower and the fairways are currently being mowed with the rough mower. Mowing time is increased as a result. The hydraulic fluid has been changed and the reels sharpened on the fairway mower with little to no improvement. New knives are on order; if this does not improve the performance, further investigation into the hydraulic pumps and valves will need to be made. Due to the lateness of the season we will most likely finish the mowing season using the rough mower on the fairways.
 - We will complete aerating the greens over the next couple of days. Signs have been posted about the aerating. Repairs to the aerator were completed and this slowed down the aerating process. New tines are on order for the aerator.
 - Lee will be spraying a pre-emergent at the end of this week. This pre-emergent will help to control the winter/early spring weeds.
 - The 2nd application of the goose grass herbicide was made on the Tuesday after Labor Day. Verticutting of all the greens has been completed. Verticutting and the chemical application has had a good impact on minimizing the effect and growth of the goose grass. The bent grass on the greens will eventually cover the dead/declining goose grass.
 - Another poor plumbing job discovery has made the repair to the water leak just off of No. 11 green much more difficult, the grounds crew will continue the repairs.
 - Todd asked about the weed spraying in the cart shed area. Lee reports that most areas have been sprayed but he still needs to address some areas that could not be sprayed due to parked vehicles in the area.
 - Lance brought up some concerns raised by various club members about MCHS golf team members hitting multiple balls into the greens and ball marks not being repaired. There was discussion stating that nobody has observed the team doing this while being supervised by the coaches, other than not always repairing ball marks. Individual team members and some club members have been spotted hitting multiple shots into the greens. Mark Walker was designated to be the person to reiterate to the golf team

coaches asking that their players repair ball marks and not hit multiple shots into the greens.

- Payroll should be down somewhat in the clubhouse but Shirley will still be working some overtime hours. The pavers have a job scheduled in Metropolis in the next couple of weeks and should be back to the club to make repairs to their roadwork behind the clubhouse at that time.
- New signs for the pool area have not been ordered yet. They will be ordered and placed prior to opening the pool next year.
- Brandon reported that Sarah Wittig is no longer interested in managing the pool next year, mainly due to labor concerns with opening the pool. Lee stated that his crew can remove the cover and place the cover next year. Brandon will discuss with Sarah. If she is still not interested, we may poll the members to see if anyone else might be interested in taking over this responsibility.
- The sand needs to be replaced in the pool filters. However, one of the filter covers is stuck and might be damaged if additional force is used to remove the filter cover. David Glass is going to talk to Mike Peariso about how the covers were sealed the last time and see if he can offer any suggestions or help. **Lee's** crew will place the cover on the pool later this week or next week.
- Chuck Wood is going to gather information of the various lights that are out around the shed areas. Chuck or Lance will then contact Perry Dailey about making the necessary repairs/re-lamping.
- Tournaments – The entry forms for the October 4-man are ready to print. Todd will bring about 75 printed copies to the club on Thursday for distribution. David also volunteered to have some printed. Rick Myers has posted the entry form to the club website. Lunch will be provided for participants on Saturday of the 4-man; hamburgers, chips and chili will be served. Mulligans and skins will not be part of the entry fee and will be managed on each day of the event.
- There will be a Metropolis Chamber of Commerce outing on Friday, September 28. The event will start at 1 pm and the course is not expected to be closed for this event. There was some discussion of the fee for this outing. No specific costs could be identified for this event for the past two events held by the Chamber. The tournament committee will look into making a policy for outings/fundraisers for future events so that we can present standardized pricing to applicants. No decision was made on the pricing of this event. The sign up form for this event says there will be lunch at 12 pm. David will talk to Charla Korte about the pricing and the lunch arrangements.
- A letter was sent to the trespassers to the swimming pool caught by the Massac Sheriff's Department. No replies were sent by anyone.
- Late notices were sent to social members with overdue bills. A posting was made on the front bulleting board of the clubhouse and the door adjacent to the swimming pool area listing the

overdue members. There are still two members that are not paid in full. A second notice will be sent on September 20th with an additional late fee. The letter will state that these members are expelled effective October 15th if they are still overdue.

- Discussion was held over how we are going to handle expulsions and rejoining going forward. It was agreed that expelled members wanting to rejoin within a year of their expulsion must pay all past due payments, applied late fees, and for all quarters in which dues were not paid for during the subsequent year. Expelled member wanting to rejoin past the one-year mark must pay the outstanding balance and applied late fees at the time of their expulsion and a full year's dues amount in advance. Members leaving in good standing will not be allowed to rejoin within a one-year period unless they pay for all quarters not paid for within that one-year period.
- Two new Active members were unanimously approved during the meeting – Larry Sciberras and Jason McManus. Welcome letters will be sent to the new members immediately.
- Meeting adjourned.

MCC Board Meeting

10/15/2018

Present: Mark Walker Lance Loftus Leon Crenshaw Todd Faulkner
Chuck Wood David Glass Lee Childress

Absent: David Bunch Brandon Thompson

- The September meeting minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved.
- Last month's financial reports were approved.
- Lee Childress provided the superintendent's report:
 - We are probably finished mowing fairways and tees for this season. Greens, aprons and the rough will continue to be mowed for now.
 - Chemicals for 2019 have been ordered. We expect to be billed in March and June for these chemicals. We are going to expand our pre-emergent spraying this year (\$27k total) to more of the common areas of the course.
 - Lee will be seeking direction from the greens committee to discuss bunker projects. He believes we need to make proper repairs to the bunkers or turn them into grass bunkers. Also, the tee box on 12 needs completed. Lance offered the course some fill dirt or one of the mounds behind No. 11 might be utilized.
 - No. 17 has cypress roots encroaching on the back side of the green. Action will be needed soon.
 - No. 5 – need to evaluate removing tree at front right of green due to roots encroaching.
 - Staffing levels will be evaluated day to day to meet needs.
 - The fairway mower has hydraulic system issues and may require outside repairs. Due to budget issues Lee will need direction from the board to determine when to realize these expenses. Repair over the winter or wait until spring?
 - A question was raised about aerating fairways and tee boxes. Lee reported that this is not the correct time for such action, he may attempt it in the spring.
- Club House – Will be changing to winter hours soon. Shirley and Chuck will discuss and have a sign posted to alert members to upcoming changes.
- Secretary was asked to get notices posted about the annual meeting, board nominations and board voting. Voting will occur between Noon and 2 pm.
- The board voted to make Irene Moorman an honorary member based on the length of her membership and her service to the club. The vote was unanimous with Todd and Chuck abstaining.

- The board voted on a motion to increase dues by the allowable 2% per the MCC Bylaws. The increase will be reflected on the March - May invoices. The motion was approved unanimously. The Secretary/Treasurer was instructed to round all dollar amounts up to the next whole number.
- The new pavement on the road to the cart sheds has still not been repaired. Central Paving personnel say they will make repairs when they perform their next job in the area.
- Chuck reported that he has inspected the parking lot and cart shed lighting. All appear to be in working order.
- Discussion was held over how we are going to handle expulsions and rejoining going forward. It was agreed that expelled members wanting to rejoin within a year of their expulsion must pay all past due payments, applied late fees, and for all quarters in which dues were not paid for during the subsequent year. Expelled member wanting to rejoin past the one-year mark must pay the outstanding balance and applied late fees at the time of their expulsion and a full year's dues amount in advance. Members leaving in good standing will not be allowed to rejoin within a one-year period unless they pay for all quarters not paid for within that one-year period.
- One new Active member was unanimously approved during the meeting – Jeff Fletcher. Welcome letter will be sent to the new member immediately.
- New business – None.
- The board adjourned the regular meeting moved to executive session.

MCC Board Meeting

11/15/2018

Present: Mark Walker Lance Loftus Leon Crenshaw Chuck Wood
Lee Childress David Bunch Brandon Thompson
Mark Hunter (newly elected)

Absent: David Glass Todd Faulkner Jay Stevens (newly elected)
Bill Ross (newly elected)

- The Board held an executive session meeting to discuss personnel matters prior to the start of the annual meeting.
- Because there were 5 open Board seats and only 5 members running for the Board, the election was canceled and all 5 candidates were appointed to the Board.
 1. Mark Walker (re-elected)
 2. David Glass (re-elected)
 3. Jay Stevens (new)
 4. Bill Ross (new)
 5. Mark Hunter (new)
- The October meeting minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved.
- Last month's financial reports were approved. An adjustment to the financial reports was made resulting in an increase of the General Fund balance in the amount of \$4,428.41; this adjustment was based on a complete balancing of accounts. There is a chance that the club will not be able to meet payroll in December if there are not enough members paying their dues at the beginning of the month. Money will be transferred out of the Facility Fee account to the General Fund if necessary.
- The change to Attachment A of the Bylaws was approved. This change summarized the new dues amounts effective April 1, 2019. A 2% increase in dues was approved at the October Board meeting.
- The 2019 budget was approved.
- Lee Childress provided the superintendent's report:
 - Central Paving completed repairs to the road leading to the cart sheds.
 - Personnel are working on leaf and pine cone removal. Recent rains have slowed the progress.
 - Sand trap projects:
 1. No. 13 – convert to a grass bunker
 2. No. 2 – repair drain

3. No. 10 – left, remove
 4. No. 10 – right, extend
 5. No. 15, pending decision by greens committee.
 - Lee is wanting to build a lean-to to protect equipment, no decision
 - Early ordering of chemicals is complete. We will be billed on Mar 1 and Jun 1.
 - Manpower - playing by ear based on weather and work load.
 - There is still a hydraulic issue with the fairway mower. Lee is still waiting on direction from the greens committee to determine when to start repairs.
- Club House – Will be changing to winter hours soon. Shirley and Chuck will discuss and have a sign posted to alert members to upcoming changes.
 - New business – None.
 - The board adjourned the annual meeting.

MCC Board Meeting

12/17/2018

Present:	Mark Walker	Lance Loftus	Leon Crenshaw	Chuck Wood
	Brandon Thompson	Jay Stevens	Mark Hunter	David Glass
	Todd Faulkner	Bill Ross		

- This month's Board meeting was moved to today due to previous commitments of several Board members on the regularly scheduled night.
- The November meeting minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved.
- Last month's financial reports were unanimously approved. The current financial reports were distributed and reviewed. Due to early dues payments by several members, no funds were transferred from other club accounts to cover potential shortfalls.
- The resignation of course superintendent Lee Childress (effective 12/18/2019) and the hiring of his replacement dominated the rest of the meeting. Several applicants have been contacted and several others failed to return our calls. The various candidates were discussed. Interviews will start this Thursday evening. The Board has indicated their desire to get this task accomplished soon as practical to provide continuity in maintaining the course and equipment. Mark Walker and members of the greens committee will oversee the initial interviewing and will make a recommendation to the full board on their selected candidate. There was some debate on whether we should offer a 1-year or 3-year contract; no decision was made on this point.
- Mark Walker will meet with John Sullivan tomorrow morning to discuss his work schedule and work tasks. Several Board members will monitor John's work until a new course superintendent is hired.
- Kent and Haley Miles submitted a proposal to the Board on managing the pool this upcoming summer; no decision was made on this issue.
- The Board awarded Shirley Harrison a performance bonus for her work and contribution in 2018. No other bonuses were paid.
- New business – The Board approved a handicap flag to be used by member Bill Dover.
- The board adjourned the meeting.