



**Huron Pines Golf & Country Club Board Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2025, 7 p.m.
Town of Blind River Council Chambers**

Directors: R. Hagger, C. Horton, G. Rainville, J. Falk, J. Dunbar, T. Davis, E. Simons, M. Pritchard, S. Cudmore, M. Shamas, T. Shamas

Regrets: J. Posteraro

Guests: Kevin Cain, General Manager; Peter Stos, Superintendent

- 1) Call to Order:
 - a) The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.
 - b) No conflicts of interest were declared.
 - c) Agenda Review: The agenda was accepted as presented.

- 2) Review & Confirmation of Minutes:
 - a) July 28, 2025

RESOLUTION 20250825-01 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 28, 2025 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MOVED BY: T. DAVIS

SECONDED BY: J. DUNBAR

“THAT the Huron Pines Golf & Country Club (HPGCC) Board confirm the minutes from the July 28, 2025 regular board meeting as amended*”

CARRIED

*The spelling of T. Davis’s last name was corrected.

- b) Business Arising: From the treasurer’s report at the July meeting, there was a concern about the sponsorship figure (advertising revenue for 2025) being revised from \$17,000 in June to \$12,000 in July. The GM was to investigate and report on this.

Action Item: The GM will provide an update at the September meeting.

- 3) Treasurer’s Report: The Treasurer’s report was filed for Audit.

Comments: Clarification was requested as to the difference between two line items - 4970 golf shop and 4971 product sales. These both represent pro shop sales, one for online sales (4970) and one for in store purchases (4971). The line item 5750 professional fees represents accounting fees.

4) Superintendent's Report:

Turfgrass Management: The course is in reasonably good shape. There has been some disease pressure. A natural approach has been taken so far. The situation is assessed in fall and spring.

Irrigation Management: There were some glitches with the pump station, so the capacity was reduced from 1,000 to 900 gallons per minute for the remainder of the season. There is nothing needing replacement currently. Work is ongoing with a firm to price an upgrade for our irrigation system as per a previous discussion on visioning for the future. One benefit with a new system would be a move from double head to single head sprinkler control for greater efficiency.

The goose population and the resulting excrement problem is severe. One option to help move the population is a herding dog. Another is kites being flown.

Action item: The GM will report on kite prices at the September meeting, following discussion with the Town of Blind River as they have already acquired some.

RESOLUTION 20250825-02 TO SECURE THE USE OF A HERDING DOG

MOVED BY: T. DAVIS

SECONDED BY: J. DUNBAR

"THAT the HPGCC Board directs the Superintendent to secure the use of a herding dog to relocate geese off fairways and greens."

CARRIED

There remains some concern with the cleaning of portable toilets. They are serviced once a week by the provider but also checked by staff daily. In discussing permanent on-course washroom facilities, it was noted that three permanent structures would be ideal.

Construction & Renovation: Staff have been working on some of the bunkers determined to be less than ideal shape. They are being edged and loaded with additional sand as time allows.

Equipment Management: The brush mower has been ordered. Pick up instead of delivery would save \$525. T. Shamas and M. Pritchard volunteered to look into pick up options. The mower is 62" wide. Work is in progress on a revised priority list for equipment replacement, ahead of the budgeting process.

Action Item: The Secretary will include the priority list in notes for the budget committee.

5) General Manager's Report

The Mississauga First Nation / Nogdawindamin scramble was held August 23rd with 120 golfers participating. All prizes were purchased through the pro shop.

There are two requests for sponsorships, which we are unable to honour at this time. The governance committee will review the policies and procedures for sponsorships, donations, advertising, etc.

There are still some advertising opportunities on holes, carts, etc.

Action Item: The GM will prepare a list of advertising spots, both sold and available, for the September meeting, so they can be captured in the visioning process.

A re-structuring proposal for 2026 for the pro shop, starter hours and staff duties for 2026 was submitted to the Board for review.

Action Item: The Secretary will include this item in notes for the budget committee.

Student employees are heading back to school shortly.

Progress continues on daily accounting with no real issues.

A request was made to confirm 2026 dates for the Mixed, Unleashed, Men's and Ladies Open, Senior Ladies and Men's Open by October 1st so a start can be made securing sponsorships and advertisers.

Weekly meetings continue on Tuesdays with the kitchen lessee.

Action Item: The GM will ensure that the voicemail message is updated now that construction on El Dorado Road has been completed.

6) Committee Reports:

a) Golf Course: The committee is working on a plan for next year.

b) Kitchen/Clubhouse: No concerns. Action items are dealt with on a weekly basis. The bar cart is not in ideal shape.

Action Item: The Secretary will include this item in notes for the budget committee.

c) Tournaments: Senior ladies and men's numbers are down from previous years. Financial statements for each tournament have been requested for review at the September meeting.

Action Item: The GM will provide the requested statements for inclusion in the September board package.

d) Governance: The committee will meet in September to discuss policies and procedures, particularly those related to cyber insurance.

7) New Business:

- a) There are some concerns with the structure for ladies night. There could be a need for league committees.

Action Item: J. Falk and M. Shamas will discuss prior to the September meeting.

- b) A question was raised regarding the provincial gas tax rebate application that the GM submitted in the spring.

Action Item: The GM will follow up on the status of this application and report at the September meeting.

RESOLUTION 20250825-03 TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

MOVED BY: M. PRITCHARD

SECONDED BY: T. SHAMAS

“THAT the HPGCC Board enter a closed session”

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 20250825-04 TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

MOVED BY: G. RAINVILLE

SECONDED BY: T. SHAMAS

“THAT the HPGCC Board return to open session”

CARRIED

8) Adjournment

- a) Next Regular Meeting: September 29, 2025 at 7 p.m., Blind River Town Office.
- b) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.