



**Huron Pines Golf & Country Club Board Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2025, 7 p.m.
Town of Blind River Council Chambers**

Directors: M. Deverell, J. Posteraro, T. Shamas, T. Davis, M. Shamas, R. Hagger, J. Dunbar, J. Campbell, J. Falk

Regrets: G. Rainville, C. Horton

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

- 1) Call to Order:
 - a) The meeting was called to order at 6:58 p.m.
 - b) No conflicts of interest were declared.
 - c) Agenda Review: The agenda was accepted as presented.
- 2) Review & Confirmation of Minutes:
 - a) March 31, 2025 Minutes

RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 31, 2025 MEETING

MOVED BY: R. HAGGER

SECONDED BY: J. DUNBAR

“THAT the Huron Pines Golf & Country Club (HPG&CC) Board confirm the minutes from the March 31, 2025 regular board meeting as presented”

CARRIED

- b) Business arising from the minutes: None

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

Questions/Comments: An accrual will be done in December for any charges not incurred until the coming year. The Receiver General Suspense item is for HST from January 1st to March 31st 2025. The ongoing Microsoft charge will be addressed by the General Manager.

- 4) Superintendent’s Report
 - a) Turfgrass Management: The course wintered well, with all tees and greens in good shape.
 - b) Administration: Four staff members have started work, with the balance starting in the next week or so.

- c) Irrigation Management: Pump motors were inspected and all are okay, the caveat being that the motor is only one part of the pump, with impeller bowls being the other. The pumps will be placed in the river shortly. Consideration will be given to having a spare motor on hand.
- d) Property Management: The Superintendent attended a meeting with the Mississagi River Monitoring Committee and expressed concerns regarding bank erosion on number 18. They will have an engineer investigate the situation.
- e) Equipment Management: Most equipment is out of storage and ready to go. All carts are being inspected and receiving an oil change.

RESOLUTION TO REQUEST PERMISSION FROM THE TOWN OF BLIND RIVER TO PURCHASE A NEW PUMP

MOVED BY: T. SHAMAS

SECONDED BY: J. DUNBAR

“THAT the HPG&CC Board request permission from the Town of Blind River to purchase a new pump for approximately \$9,000”

CARRIED

The Superintendent provided a synopsis from the Canadian Golf Course Management Conference he attended in early spring. Great information was gathered on several topics that impact Huron Pines.

Carts still need to be set up with seed/sand mix containers. The high school may be able to help build a container holder for refilling. The Superintendent will inquire and will provide a potential design.

Opening should be the second week of May. The Town of Blind River and the Mississauga First Nation will be notified in advance of the opening.

5) General Manager’s Report:

The pro shop is fully stocked for 2025, including lots of new items. Staff will provide grip replacement service this year.

Advertising sales are going well. All agreements are for a 3-year period.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE USE OF ADVERTISING FUNDS FOR TOURNAMENTS

MOVED BY: M. DEVERELL

SECONDED BY: R. HAGGER

“THAT the HPG&CC Board authorize the use of advertising funds to support the men’s, women’s and mixed tournaments in the amount of \$1,000 each

CARRIED

A plan is in place to stain the back steps at the clubhouse when weather conditions permit.

There was an action item to install a motion light at the front and back entrances to the clubhouse.

The 2025 newsletter was completed and distributed.

A wage subsidy application was submitted but results will not be known until the end of May or beginning of June.

Wright Air Systems is booked to clean range hoods in the kitchen on May 1st, after the restaurant closes. The water test was completed and no issues were identified.

The GM has been communicating with the Superintendent on his decision for an opening date. As in the past, opening day will be open to members only. This will be communicated to everyone once the opening date has been set.

A request will be made to members and the public for volunteer starters/marshals, if interested.

Hudson Energy is a reseller of energy from Hydro One. They submitted information and a quote on selling to Huron Pines. Several questions were asked:

- Might there be a price increase after the initial deal, with spot price (today's price) changes?
- There is a requirement to commit to a term on paper – how long is the term?
- The Ontario Energy Board (independent regulator) sets retail and wholesale pricing annually on November 1st. Is the Hudson rate variable on a monthly or annual basis?
- How long are we guaranteed the price in the example provided, since we don't normally qualify?
- Inquire as to the 'global adjustment' line on the bill.
- It was noted that Hudson Energy was acquired by an American company after the quotes were given. Does that change anything?

The GM will request a copy of their contract for details before we make a decision.

ATS alarm and cameras: A quote and camera locations were included in the GM report, and the Board agreed to go with this service. The GM will follow up with the following questions before signing the contract:

- Quotes are for phone-enabled communication. Terms & Conditions state working with Bell Canada. Is this for a landline or cell phone? If cell, the phone will need to be password protected and locked at all times.
- Are there circumstances where locks would still be required on the doors – i.e. power outage, system failure, etc.?
- Power outages or another major connectivity issue can be problematic with a phone-enabled, lock-opening system. How does ATS mitigate that risk?
- Travel and fuel surcharges total almost \$600 on each quotes. Ensure that if installations can be done the same day, the charge shouldn't be doubled.

- As previously requested, current locks are to be changed as soon as possible.

The 2025 Senior Ryder Cup hosting date is Wednesday July 2nd at 11 a.m. This will be added to the calendar.

On The River will be open for business on April 29th.

A cost-of-living increase of 2.5% will be added to the annual Cameco contract.

The GM will provide a copy of the contract for the Hurricane Junior Golf Tournament to the Superintendent.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AN EXCEPTION TO THE TOURNAMENT POLICY

MOVED BY: R. HAGGER

SECONDED BY: M. DEVERELL

“THAT the HPG&CC Board authorize an exception to the tournament policy, allowing shotgun starts for group 9-hole tournaments on Friday, Saturday or Sunday at 5 p.m. in May, June, September or October, with minimum 60 and maximum 72 participants guaranteed, and adhering to the 2-week pre-paid rules”

CARRIED

6) Committee Reports:

- a) Golf Course: None
- b) Kitchen/Clubhouse: The railing on the back step needs to be replaced. A new router for internet use has been ordered, and the Lessee has agreed to share internet costs.
- c) Tournaments: The website has been updated and entries have already been received. R. Hagger investigated insurance for a *hole in one contest* for the invitational.
- d) Governance: The strategic planning process will move forward, following our session with Town of Blind River Council on April 28th. The Board will develop a plan and will meet again with Council. The committee is gathering all policies and will develop a review schedule.

7) New Business: Condolences – a donation of \$100 will be made to NSHN Golden Birches in memory of G. Rainville’s mother and sister.

8) Closed session:

RESOLUTION TO MOVE TO A CLOSED SESSION

MOVED BY: R. HAGGER
SECONDED BY: J. CAMPBELL

“THAT the HPG&CC Board move to a closed session”

CARRIED

RESOLUTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

MOVED BY: T. DAVIS
SECONDED BY: R. HAGGER

“THAT the HPG&CC Board return to open session”

CARRIED

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT JOHN CAMPBELL’S RESIGNATION

MOVER: R. HAGGER
SECONDER: T. SHAMAS

“THAT the HPG&CC Board accept the resignation of John Cambell as Vice-Chair of the Board and as a Director, effective April 28, 2025”

CARRIED

- 9) Adjournment
- a) Next Regular Meeting: May 26, 2025 at 7 p.m., Blind River Town Office.
 - b) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 p.m.