



Huron Pines Golf & Country Club Regular Board Meeting
Monday, April 27, 2026, 7 p.m.
Town of Blind River Council Chambers

Directors: R. Hagger, C. Horton (via Zoom), G. Rainville, J. Falk, J. Posteraro, J. Dunbar, M. Shamas, M. Pritchard, E. Simons, S. Cudmore, T. Davis (via Zoom), C. Astles

Regrets: None

Management: P. Stos, Superintendent; B. Beauchamp, General Manager

Guests: Bruce MacGregor, Mississauga First Nation; Jake Cousineau, Data Management Technician, Mississauga First Nation; Sally Hagman, Mayor, Town of Blind River

1. Call To Order
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.
 - b. No conflicts of interest were declared.
 - c. The agenda was amended to include two closed sessions.

2. Closed Session #1

RESOLUTION 20260427-01 TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION 7:05 p.m.

MOVED BY: M. PRITCHARD

SECONDED BY: E. SIMONS

“THAT the HPGCC Board enter a closed session”

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 20260427-02 TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION 7:40 p.m.

MOVED BY: M. PRITCHARD

SECONDED BY: C. ASTLES

“THAT the HPGCC Board return to open session”

CARRIED

3. Minutes from the March 30, 2026 regular board meeting
 - a. Approval

RESOLUTION 20260427-03 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 30, 2026 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MOVED BY: J. DUNBAR

SECONDED BY: E. SIMONS

“THAT the Huron Pines Golf & Country Club (HPGCC) Board confirm the minutes from the March 30, 2026 regular board meeting as amended”

CARRIED

Chris Astles’ name was spelled incorrectly and will be updated.

- b. Business Arising: None
4. Treasurer’s Report: The treasurer’s report was filed for audit. The General Manager (GM) noted that he would work to combine the two WSIB accounts. Memberships of \$217,335 to date; \$8,405 less than last year at this time. Green fee funds were from a tournament. The cart rentals line represents cart memberships.
5. Superintendent’s Report:
 - a. Turfgrass Management: The course has come through the winter very well.
 - b. Management Planning: Two employees started in the shop Monday, April 20th, and three more are starting Monday, April 27th to begin cleanup around the course.

- c. Irrigation Management: The pumps will be ready to go into the water as soon as JI is available with the boom truck.
- d. Equipment Management: Some new equipment – John Deere Gator utility vehicle and bar cart – should be arriving the week of April 27th. Stored equipment is being brought out in good shape.
- e. Health & Safety: Health and Safety Program formalized through CESafety
- f. Expected opening date is likely a couple of weeks away. The Superintendent will confirm with the GM when the course is ready, and the GM will advise the Board, the Town of Blind River and Mississauga First Nations, followed by a general announcement for members and the public.

6. General Manager's Report:

a. Training and Orientation:

- i. Access was gained to QuickBooks, Tee On and RBC. Training on these various systems has taken place. There is still more refinement to do.
- ii. A meeting with several board members took place to discuss priorities.
- iii. A phone and a credit card have been ordered for the GM.
- iv. Some business contacts have been determined and utilized (e.g. business banking, Ministry of Finance)

b. Current Status:

- i. The water is on in the clubhouse and the toilettes are functional.
- ii. The dining room is clean and organized.
- iii. New Facebook and Instagram pages were created. There were access issues with the old Facebook page. The GM has begun posting, and the goal is to post daily.
- iv. There are 158 active members as of Monday, April 20, 2026—118 members, 38 with carts, 2 juniors.
- v. Bills are paid to date.
- vi. Inventory for the pro shop has been ordered, much has arrived and some have been inventoried. It is being processed for sale.
- vii. Last year's student hires for carts and the pro shop are returning, and the GM has engaged with them about hours and staff shirts.
- viii. Staff shirts have been ordered with attendants' names on them.
- ix. The GM met with the food and beverage provider regarding opening operations.

- x. The booking template is set up and blocked out for tournaments as needed.

- c. Upcoming Events:
 - i. Friday, May 22, 2026 Cameco Mental Health. The GM is liaising with Cameco on this. Social media has been used to promote this event. The website has been updated.
 - ii. Saturday, May 30 and Sunday May 31, 2026 – Unleashed. The online store is accepting registrations, and the website has been updated to reflect this event. Advertising has been done on social media. There are 32 registrants so far.

- d. Next Steps
 - i. Organizing/cleaning—emails, paperwork, the office and pro shop in general.
 - ii. Having operated with an older model desktop computer for some time, a recommendation was made to purchase a laptop with decent processor, memory, etc. The approximate cost would be \$2,500.

RESOLUTION 20260427-04 TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A LAPTOP

MOVED BY: G. RAINVILLE

SECONDED BY: J. FALK

“THAT the HPGCC Board approve the purchase of a laptop computer for use by the GM”

CARRIED

- iii. A modification to widen the path from the parking lot to the clubhouse was discussed. The Superintendent and GM will follow up. A suggestion was also made to add solar lights to the edge of the path to aid those walking to their cars in the evening.
- iv. The garbage can at the entrance could have a wrap added to make it more attractive.
- v. The GM will review the process for notifying golfers when a tournament is on to avoid frustration regarding tee times or lack thereof.
- vi. A new server is already in place and a switch to it will be made in the fall.

7. Committee Reports

- a. Golf Course: The Committee Chair and Superintendent discussed a 4-year plan for red tee decks. They will put some pricing together and ask for volunteers help with construction. A suggestion was made to review the Superintendent's budget for fuel, based on current prices. A decision was made to end the past practice of having members use carts for rounds after the course is closed in the fall.
- b. Kitchen/Clubhouse: The kitchen lessee has been very hands-on in terms of prepping the kitchen and dining area. The water is to be tested. The state of the washrooms is a concern, particularly aesthetically. The sale of the chairs in the basement were again mentioned. They would need to be declared surplus. The GM will review this. The kitchen lessee will be required to present a policy for employee uniforms. The liquor license is up to date. There was a need to apply for an easement for the signs at the intersection of Highway 17 and El Dorado Road. The Superintendent completed this. The billboard at Serpent River has some vegetation issues that require attention. Vegetation under the billboard between Bruce Mines and Thessalon should be inspected and cleaned up as well.
- c. Tournaments: The committee cochairs will discuss and confirm pricing, etc. The threshold for a shotgun start remains the same as last year.
- d. Governance:
 - i. The committee needs to complete an inventory of existing policies.
 - ii. There are three town policies related to golf course management that have been in place, and should be reviewed:
 1. Purchasing
 2. Contractor health & safety
 3. Workplace violence and harassment procedure
 - iii. There is one that requires development as soon as possible:
 1. Cyber security

8. New Business: Auditors have the books to review. There have been no issues so far.

9. Closed Session:

RESOLUTION 20260427-05 TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION 8:35 p.m.

MOVED BY: J. POSTERARO

SECONDED BY: M. PRITCHARD

“THAT the HPGCC Board enter a closed session”

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 20260427-06 TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION 9:35 p.m.

MOVED BY: C. ASTLES

SECONDED BY: E. SIMONS

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CARRIED

10. Adjournment:

- a. Next Meeting: May 25, 7 p.m., Council Chambers.
- b. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Recorded by J. Falk