

## Out of Bounds – November 2023

As I end my second...and last...term representing the members of Stagg Hill Golf Club on their Board of Directors, I just want to say “Thank you for the opportunity!” It’s been a rewarding run and I am glad to report the state of Stagg Hill Golf Club is GREAT! For those who were not able to attend the Annual Membership Meeting, we heard good things from our CPA and our Finance Committee Chairman. Stagg Hill continues to grow in membership numbers and financial stability.

I leave the Board well aware Stagg Hill Golf Club has the most professional and committed staff of any golf course in Northeast Kansas. Chad, George and the Clubhouse staff keep things humming on that end. Justin, Koy and the Grounds & Greens staff have worked so hard to make our course green, our greens to run fast and true and to make improvements each of us can physically see as we play this great Game of Golf.

The Board of Directors for 2023 has been a fantastic group! Hours upon hours of volunteer time have been put in performing physical work at the course and professionally handling the finances to assure Stagg Hill continues on an upward trajectory. Stagg Hill has a large infrastructure to maintain. From buildings to cart paths to our irrigation system to an extensive equipment fleet. This Board has worked hard to become proactive instead of reactive. Preventative maintenance is much less costly than replacement of structures and equipment.

A Board cannot do it alone. We rely on members accepting appointment as at-large committee members. We rely on members never hesitating to answer the call when asked to assist with tasks around the course. As long as I’ve been associated with Stagg Hill Golf Club, it has operated as a “family”. As in real life, family members may not always agree on every subject. Yet, they pull together for the good of all. That’s what makes Stagg Hill a success and what keeps it a dynamic and growing entity.

During the 1993 flood, the existing maintenance shop had 4 feet of water flowing through it. The physical condition of the structure is in sad shape. The facility is not large enough to get our expensive equipment in out of the weather. The working conditions are inadequate and, in some respects, unsafe. It is long past time to provide our staff with the facility required for proper maintenance of our equipment in safe and clean working conditions. That new facility is within weeks of being complete and having our occupancy permit!! If you haven’t noticed, a new 50’ X 120’ pre-engineered steel building is being constructed west of the existing cart sheds. Once complete, we will be hosting an open house for the Membership. Please watch for the announcement of date and time. It is a facility each member of Stagg Hill has ownership in and can be proud of!!

The Membership has elected two new members to the Board of Directors and reelected one whose term expired. The new Board members bring professional experience and excitement that will serve the course well. The Board member who was reelected has been a huge asset to the existing Board with his professional experience in project management and planning. Stagg Hill will continue to grow and prosper under the direction of the new Board!!

Again, the state of Stagg Hill Golf Club is positive!!! I will always be appreciative of the opportunity to serve this family of Stagg Hill members. See you on the course! Hit ‘em straight!!!

Larry Williams  
President – Stagg Hill Golf Club