



Greens Committee Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2011

Attending: Dave Dutton, Acting Chair, Virgil Robinson, Supt., Brian Wilhelm, John Gunby, Pro., Barb Bloom, Dean Eggebraton, Dave Potthast, and Wayne Guthrie, golf club member

Absent: Dave Schultze, Wini Schultze, Ron Vick, Dave Otto, Steve Esposito

Opening Remarks: Dave Dutton – review and approval of minutes of the May 9, 2011 meeting.

Management Report:

Virgil Robinson, Brian Wilhelm

- Announced change of personnel. Scott has left and Nate Glock, his replacement, has been on board for about 4 weeks.
- Within the next two weeks, it will be necessary to move the practice teeing area to the lower level in order for the upper tier to recover.
- Cups continue to be changed each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
- Fairways are being “sliced” in dry areas to permit water to penetrate more readily. Stand-alone sprinklers will be utilized to irrigate these areas, as needed, and to save on the time involved with hand watering.
- Maintenance staff has reported as many as 15-20 unrepaired ball marks on holes #2, #9 and #10 first thing in the a.m. It appears someone is practicing on these holes in evening hours and it is suspected non-members who live in the area are doing so.

John Gunby

- Practice balls are disappearing from the driving range and are likely stolen during the late evening. Range balls are not policed after closing which provides the opportunity for theft. He indicated that he has discussed with Steve E. the possibility of after-hours security patrols to address both the unauthorized use of the course, mentioned by Virgil, as well as the ball theft.
- The planted area about midway down hole #4 and immediately adjacent to the cart path has been marked as ground under repair.
- The Junior Golf program is underway with the golf clinic held on Mondays and the play day being Wednesdays from 3-5 p.m. Painted circles on the fairways are used to identify the tee boxes for the program.
- John is working with the club pro at Antelope Hills to establish a Special Olympics golf program and hopes to have it operational by August, 2011. Member involvement will be encouraged.
- All golf carts are operational, but experiencing hub failure at a rate of 2-3 per week.

New Business:

- The new egress from the 14th fairway is working very well but showing signs of wear. The committee agreed that Virgil should move the egress to the former area, at his discretion, to give the grass a rest when needed. The egress would need to be blocked with stakes when the change occurs. A notice of the change should be posted on the white board at the pro shop when this occurs to alert members of the change.
- New golf carts – an update on the status of obtaining the new carts was not available.
- Club House – Dave Dutton reported that, in conversation with Steve E., the club house continues to be on schedule

and that Steve indicated plumbing work was to begin this week.

- The committee was apprised that the Gateway Tour players would not be invited back this year after considering the damage to course experienced last year (unrepaired divots and ball marks), limited member play for the tournament duration and the lack of financial benefit.
- It was reported that construction vehicles have been causing damage to existing, established landscaping. Virgil indicated he has discussed the issue with the construction superintendent. Orange-painted rebar has been installed as a visual clue for the truck operators to avoid further damage.

Round Table:

- Barb Bloom indicated that some of the women had questioned the mowing of the grass in the hazard fronting the hole #6 green. Since it is a hazard, they felt this was inappropriate. However, the committee decided that mowing would continue in order to maintain our pace-of-play policy.
- Dean Eggebraton discussed his concern over the condition of the sand traps on days they are not machine raked. Virgil indicated the bunkers are hand raked daily and machine raked and groomed twice per week. Dean suggested they be machined daily with full grooming on the twice-weekly schedule. **(See note below.)**
- Dave Potthast suggested that the greens be mowed daily. Virgil indicated they are mowed 5 days per week and rolled the remaining 2 days. **(See note below.)**

Note: The committee recognizes that increasing the grooming of the sand traps and mowing of the greens is an increased maintenance expense. However, both Dean E. and Dave P. feel that, with the increased number of members, course appearance, condition and playability are key factors in maintaining and growing

the membership and that the minimal increase in maintenance expense to maintain and improve these areas are well worth investigating.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.