



## **Greens Committee Minutes**

**10-13-2015**

**Members in Attendance:** Chairman Bob Woodin, Dave Potthast, , Brian Wilhelm, Roger Andres, Shay Ballard, Anne Hammel, Sue Elliott and Greg Paydock.

**Formal Approval of Minutes** from 08-11-2015

### **Chairman Remarks:**

- It was asked at the BOG meeting last month if it was possible to rehire some seasonal staff as “independent contractors” to continue specifically on the rebuilding of bridges. Todd (from Corporate) indicated he would rather keep them on the payroll.

### **General Manager Report:**

- Looking at completing one more bridge
- Purchased new Ice Machine for Grill and new Beer Keg Cooler.
- Traffic control signs and painted arrows to be installed in parking lot.
- Have budgeted \$25,000 for bunkers next year and \$30,000 for the following year.
- Looking at raising the Guest fees \$10.00 next year. (Guest \$65, Resident \$45, Palmer \$35)
- Looking at replacing golf cars end of this year. New cars will be with a two year lease.
- The Grill will again close on Tuesday nights during the winter months.
- Club is financially sound with some new members coming in with some current members leaving. (400 current with 6 leaving soon).

### **Head Golf Professional Report:**

- We are aware of the sunflower seeds and have addressed the outside group that did this (Brian knows about it).
- Also – cigarette butts litter, sanding of divots, repairing ball marks – all have to be reinforced.
- The hazard markers are set again – and the painted hazards repainted (yesterday).

### **Maintenance Superintendent Report:**

- Bridge work has begun on the bridge from hole 6 with the screws being removed. Will start removing some nails next. Will preplace the timber as soon as the grass stops growing. This bridge will require scaffolding to complete the work.
- Will be rebuilding greenside the bunkers on hole 10 (except the upper back right) and both bunkers on hole 11.
- Appears we might have a homeless person living in the vicinity of 14 restroom at night by the number of cigarette butts and alcohol containers that are picked up in the morning.

#### **Old Business:**

- Looking toward removing DG/Flagstone entrances on holes 3, 8, 13 and replacing with concrete with a scatter circle at the fairway side. At the same time complete the previously approved exit on the top of hole 14, as well as making the new cart circle entrance on hole 4 a little wider to better accommodate carts.
- Question was raised at the BOG as to our crew size. Our current maintenance staff is at 11 employees. We budget for 16.8 in warm months and 7.8 in Fall/Winter. As Brian said - "It's hard to keep or find quality workers up here." Once again looking for a 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant as the one selected didn't work out.

#### **New Business:**

- Dead and large bare patches front of 4 and 10. Back of 13 and 15. Also just short of 15 fairway bunker. Sure there are others. *Brian will be aerifying in the weak spots as little or no root base in spots as well as fertilizing. Back of 13 and 15 looks to be from tight turns with mowers and traffic as well as a possible Grub problem.*
- Status of U of A study. - *Will start again on the 19<sup>th</sup> with 2 locations, then the following month will up to 4 locations.*
- Sand bottles on carts have what looks like gravel not sand. – *This was old bunker sand that was being used up.*
- Next year what can be done to help keep up with the rough cutting during the heavy growing season. - *Roughs are currently mowed 1 ½ times per week. Will look at mowing them a little tighter in the further.*
- The size of the 18th green back left section. Several members indicate that the green in that area has shrunk over the years. If so can we expand it again at least 5 feet in the back? The area is almost too small for a pin placement. – *Intend to cut the collar back some more to enable you to putt from off the green. The green size has not shrunk (see white line at back of green as that's the original edge of the green.*

- Why the tee boxes (Jackrabbit) are always very soaked on holes 13 and 14. - *Will adjust water back.*
- Some tee boxes appear to have a large thatch build up and feel spongy. *Looking at closing a tee box and aerifying and thatching to see if this works. Otherwise will add as a Capital Expense to rebuild the tees over time.*
- Fairway cut on hole 9 is it still cut more to left as appears cut has been moved back to the right. *Will look at it so see if being cut to provide enough space to stop a ball from going into the lateral.*
- The large fairway mound or bump in front of the scatter posts to number 4 fairway limit entry ways to the fairway, has this mound ever been considered for removal. *Will look to see first if this mound is covering a large boulder, if not will investigate further on the cost of removing it.*
- Asked for a volunteer for Chairman of Greens and Grounds Committee next year and was encouraged by majority for me to continue as Chairman next year.

**Members Comments / Concerns: Guest Comments / Concerns:**

- Dave Otto noted that at least five bunkers have sand outside the bunkers and this needs to be fixed. *Brian has talked with Dave and awaiting Dave to get back with him on exactly what the concern is as Brian thought he meant the bunker edges not being completely defined.*

**Adjourn / Next Meeting Date and Time:** Adjourned at 4:30 and our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 10, 2015, 3:00pm at Golf Maintenance.