

HGRD Golf Committee Meeting Minutes - February 12 2024 ~ 1:00 PM Card Room C

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	PRESENT	SUPERVISORS/OTHERS	PRESENT
Chair Bruce Johnson	X	Peter Overs, Liaison	X
Jon Edinger	X	J.B. Belknap, General Manager	X
Bob Herbstritt	X	Bruce Harris, Head Golf Pro	X
Dan Lyons	X	Tim Kortanek, Golf Maintenance	X
Ron White	X	1 st Alt – Evan Slater	
Karen Sullivan	X	2 nd Alt – Lenny Prince	
Lori Vivian	X		

- I. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** – Chair Bruce Johnson
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**- Minutes were presented from January 8, 2024 meeting and passed unanimously.
- III. **MEMORIAL TREES:** After the two pending memorial trees have been planted, Superintendent Tim Kortanek requested the committee discontinue the Memorial tree program for a variety of reasons. He cited examples of how residents are making special requests related to the upkeep, care, and replacement of the donated trees. District policy states, once a resident donates the tree, it has full control over the tree. However, regardless of the policy, these trees are very personal to the donors. Some become emotional when, in their opinion, the tree is not being properly cared for. Dan Lyons made a motion to discontinue the program. There was no second to the motion. Since the golf course will always be in need of tress replacement, some on the committee felt the District would benefit if residents purchased the trees. The motion was tabled so the current policy can be reviewed.
- IV. **GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE REPORT** – Tim Kortanek- Golf Course Superintendent
 - The effects of the El Nino winter have been mitigated. The golf course is in excellent condition due to the wetter conditions and strategic fertilizer applications. Fairways are only cut once every two weeks and the height of cut has not changed. The increase in play, with the additional cart traffic, makes it seem like the fairways are shorter hence the ball isn't "sitting up" as much.
 - Tim reiterated the course will be closed for two weeks in July instead of having three 1-week closures in the summer. He feels they can perform all their aerifications in this period which will cut down on days closed for the membership.
 - Mitigating the encroachment of the Bimini grass onto the TifEagle greens will be a priority this summer.
 - The bulkhead on #17 is progressing slower than expected. Survey work is being done now for construction. The goal is to have Artistic Structures begin work in March. Cart path work will also be addressed at the same time the timber wall is installed.
 - Sewer Viewer confirmed the drainage pipe behind #8 tee had collapsed. The District will work with the HOA in installing more drainage to convey water to the canal. Committee members mentioned the drainage at #9 (50 yds. from the green) and to the right side of #1 needed to be addressed. Tim will review those areas. Sunken drainage heads will also be investigated to determine if they can be raised to prevent golfers from stepping in them. One area near #5 green side bunker was identified.
 - Committee members were very complimentary of the course conditions following the member guest tournament. Many said the waste areas are becoming firmer, which will speed up play.
- V. **GOLF SHOP REPORT** – Bruce Harris Golf Professional
 - Bruce is contacting the various GPS companies to update their measurements. He also had D.B Sound replace an antenna and re-angle the projection speaker at the starter shack so players can hear the announcements more clearly.
 - CAP Patrol will go live and send emails to members who do not post scores in a timely manner. Bruce is working with the handicap committee to recognize patterns for failing to post a score.
 - Golf rounds were discussed. Bob Herbstritt stated there were 59,293 rounds played in 2023. January '24 rounds decreased YoY due to the rainy conditions.
 - Lori Vivian reported on the Adopt-A-Hole program related to the number of divots and ball marks that were repaired. Many of the volunteers found it difficult to repair the course due to the high volume of play. Some committee members commented on the sand bunkers not being raked, particularly following a morning shotgun.
 - Peter Overs and Bob Herbstritt asked the committee for their input on presenting the golf membership with a survey to gather feedback. Bob provided the committee with sample questions. Discussion followed related to the merits and inputs the survey would provide. Bob asked for committee feedback and will bring forward additional information at the March meeting.
- VI. **NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:** Adjournment took place at 2:11 PM The next meeting is scheduled for March 4th at 1 PM.