



# HGRD Golf Committee Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2024 ~ 1:00 PM Card Room C

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	PRESENT	SUPERVISORS/OTHERS	PRESENT
Bruce Johnson	X	Peter Overs, Liaison	X
Jon Edinger	X	J.B. Belknap, General Manager	X
Bob Herbstritt	X	Bruce Harris, Head Golf Pro	
Robert Regnier	X	Tim Kortanek, Golf Maintenance	X
Randy Swanson	X	Thomas Kiniry, Alternate	X
Karen Sullivan	X	Richard Weinberger	X
Lori Vivian	X		

- I. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** – Board Liaison, Peter Overs called the meeting to order and welcomed the new members. Nominations for both chair and vice-chair were made. Bruce Johnson was selected Chair and Bob Herbstritt was selected Vice-Chair.
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**- Minutes were presented from the April 15, 2024 meeting. The minutes passed unanimously.
- III. **REVIEW CHARTER:** The charter states the Golf Committee is an advisory Standing Committee that provides management with input at meetings and makes recommendations to the Board. Committee members were reminded that they do not direct staff.
- IV. **GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE REPORT** – Tim Kortanek- Golf Course Superintendent
  - A wall-to-wall fire ant slit injection is scheduled for 100 acres. Today, the team is aerifying the greens using small solid needle tines. Once completed, they will roll the greens so the holes will be mainly undetectable and won't affect tomorrow's play. Tree trimming will remain on-going throughout the summer and annual flowers will be installed this week.
  - July 8<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> the course is scheduled to close for large core aerification on the greens along with other vital cultural maintenance practices.
  - The committee encouraged Tim to reconsider putting the par 3 yardage boards out again this summer. Tim communicated the time challenges during the summer regarding putting the boards out. He stated that it takes at least an hour and a half to set up the boards on the par threes. Tim explained both he and Matthew need to be on spray rigs in the morning so they get ahead of their spray applications due to the excessive heat and summer rains. He and Bruce will confer to see if the pro shop would be able to provide that function.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS- #17 bulkhead update:** South Florida Water Management District has 60 days to review the engineering report which is now complete. Grady Minor engineering has been updating management related to permitting fees. The golf course renovation surveyor, Alan Neal has been delayed due to health issues. Tim will explore other surveying options.
  - **Golf Course Survey:** Bob Herbstritt provided graphics that summarized the recent resident golfer survey. He stated 300 people participated in the survey and over 1,400 comments were collected. Topics like green speed, the effectiveness of the Rangers, the current flag system, etc. were discussed. How the survey gets disseminated was also discussed. A **motion** was made to send the survey analysis to all the resident and non-resident golfing members. Peter Overs **amended the motion** to post the survey analysis and comments on the website. The **amended motion passed**.
  - **Adopt-A-Hole:** Lori Vivian presented a summary report and provided the committee with the number of divots and ball marks that were repaired. She stated it is challenging to recruit new volunteers but will gather names for Board adoption.
  - **Driving Range Restrooms:** JB Belknap gave an update on the driving range restroom project. He stated that the engineer is still in the process of supplying the County with new drawings in order to modify the original limited development order (LDO). Once the LDO is modified, the permitting process will begin.
  - **Rounds Report:** Bob Herbstritt provided a rounds report for the first quarter of the year. Rounds are down the first three months of the year compared to 2023.
  - **#18 Issue:** Bruce Johnson presents a schematic of the left side of #18 green to discuss cleaning the area and creating a new hazard line to help speed play. Balls have been rolling into the hazard area slowing play. The committee will visit the area following the meeting today. Options will be discussed and a formal proposal from the committee will be forthcoming.
  - **Hole #9 tees:** The yardage differential between the 5 & 6 tees was discussed. Moving the 6 tees back was met with resistance. The issue will be tabled until further notice.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS: Tire Policy:** Bruce Johnson read the proposed tire policy draft to the committee. It is similar to the policy the Villages Community adopted. The committee decided that more investigation should be done related to acceptable turf tires, six passenger carts, etc. and the course damage they may cause in wet conditions. Jon Edinger expressed his concerns

about weight and wheelbase issues. The committee will collect more information and define what's acceptable and what's not. Research will be done by contacting golf cart manufacturers Yamaha, Club Car, etc. for additional guidance.

- **Meeting Dates:** Bruce Johnson would like to change the meeting days to Tuesdays at 1:00 in June and August. (No meeting in July) He will contact Wendy, the events coordinator, to find out if a room is available during that time.
- **Budget:** As in prior years, the committee will review the budget process related to membership fees and nonmember fees.
- **#4:** Players unable to carry the water from the tee on Hole #4 was discussed. Options will be further explored regarding developing a local rule allowing players to use the drop area to begin playing the hole with the appropriate penalty.

VII. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** John Clarke expressed his concerns about the GCM team blowing dirt and debris into his lanai cage. Tim and Matthew will address the comments.

VIII. **NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT** Adjourn 10:33 AM