



HGRD Golf Committee Meeting Minutes

June 4, 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** –Chair, Bruce Johnson called the meeting to order.
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**- Minutes were presented from the May 6, 2024 meeting and passed unanimously.
- III. **GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE REPORT – Tim Kortanek- Golf Course Superintendent**
 - Fungicides have been applied throughout the year based on the El Nino winter. Soil samples from several greens were sent out to the University of Florida to test for nematode pressure. The analysis showed some traces of nematodes on greens #13 and #14 but the counts were down from previous years. Tim and his team continue to employ best practices to control nematodes.
 - **#17 Bulkhead:** Lee County and South Florida Water Management District are in the process of submitting the first round of comments to Grady Minor, the engineering firm we are using. To date, \$4,600 in fees have been paid to the County. Construction can't begin until the county issues the permit.
 - Other comments: *Tim has noticed compaction on the fairways due to heavy seasonal cart traffic; *Issues on the #11 green-side bunker will be addressed. *On July 8th-19th, the course is scheduled to close for large core aerification on the greens along with other vital cultural maintenance practices.
 - Chair Johnson will present the following list of recommendations to the Board of Supervisors at its next meeting for disposition: 1.) Remove three large clumps of grasses next to the cart path by the green to visually locate the hazard markers; 2.) relocate the drop area on #18 so the distance is approximately 165 to 170 yards from the green; 3.) purchase solid color flags for the pins; 4.) complete the design and construction of a landscape garden on the backside of hole #14 tee near Skylar Dr.; 5.) construct a sandbox stand similar to the one on hole #11; 6.) contract with a new surveyor to survey several sites where questions have arisen on the location of the out of bounds markers.
- IV. **PRO SHOP REPORT- Bruce Harris, Head Golf Professional**
 - Comments included: May rounds were up due to favorable weather and outstanding golf course; Staff will restart painting hazard lines in October; Staff instituted the cold towel program again this summer.
 - The new Golf tire policy was handed out to the committee. Discussion ensued regarding the policy on turf friendly tires that will be allowed on the course. Based on the committee's input, Bruce will modify the policy and Chair Johnson will present the new policy to the Board of Supervisors for adoption at its next meeting.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - Cart path repairs and curbing were discussed. Tim will review the repair budget so a priority list can be developed.
 - The surveyor used during the renovation is unable to continue working with us so a new surveyor will be identified to help determine boundaries.
 - GM JB Belknap updated the committee on the driving range restrooms saying that the limited development order is still under review by the County. Once the LDO is modified, construction will begin.
 - A proposed new tee box on #9 was tabled.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS: Range Targets:** Bruce Harris received a new quote from Aqua Greens regarding the driving range aqua targets. Four targets cost approximately \$55,000 and three targets were around \$30,000. The committee decided to make the recommendation to the Board of Supervisors that 3 targets be purchased to enhance the driving range practice experience.
 - **Budget Proposals:** Bob Herbstritt presented membership recommendations to the committee regarding next year's membership rates. A motion was made to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the FY '24-'25 golf membership fees increase 2.5% for residents, 6% for non-resident singles, and 10% for non-resident couples. The motion passed.
 - The committee would like to see improved communications on a biweekly basis to better inform the members of what's transpiring on the course.
 - The stroke allocation process is in limbo at this point. Bruce and Jimmy will do more research and discuss it at the next golf committee meeting.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 6th at 1:00 in Card room C.

ADJOURNMENT Adjourn 1:55pm