



# HGRD Golf Committee Meeting Minutes

August 8, 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	X
Robert Regnier	X	Tim Kortanek, Golf Maintenance	X
Randy Swanson	X	Thomas Kiniry, Alternate	
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 June 4, 2024 meeting and passed unanimously.
- III. **GM REPORT- #17 Bulkhead:** J.B. stated the County is requiring us to complete and close out our original LDO to obtain approval on the LDO submittal for the bulkhead. He contacted our bond engineer of record, Jim Ink to find out if we transferred the work to him, could he fold the #17 bulkhead LDO into our existing LDO and not have to wait for the other projects to be completed before starting work. Jim indicated that he should be able to convince the County that the bulkhead work would be “phase 6” of the original LDO. Grady Minor Engineering agreed to transfer the project to Jim who is initiating the proper notice per statute for the transfer to obtain the pertinent files from Grady. **Surveyor:** J.B. said Phil Mould is currently working on the storage area but will consider golf course work once he’s finished. **Driving Range Restrooms:** Jim Ink is still in the process of getting the County to modify the LDO before proceeding. Denmark Construction has been hired to do the work and will proceed once the modification is approved.
- IV. **GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE REPORT – Tim Kortanek- Golf Course Superintendent-** Tim stated that their focus is consistent with the District’s mission statement of creating great value for the golfing members and residents. Tim said Herons Glen plays the most rounds of any area club and explained the challenges of preparing both the front 9 and the back 9 since the two nines are so spread out. He employs one crew on the front and one crew on the back. He is planning on engaging the USGA this fall for an agronomy evaluation. Once the meeting has been set with the agronomist, Tim will inform the committee.
  - 2-week closure: Tim was extremely happy with their accomplishments during the two-week closure. The crew aerified the greens resulting in the removal of 20% of the greens surface area (USGA recommended.) Aerification allows oxygen, water, and sunlight into the root system. The greens are still in the recovery stage, so they are a little slower based on the rain and humidity. The greens mower height is typically set at .125 but because of the current weather conditions, they are now set at .150, making the greens slower than normal. The other focus during the closure was to verticut the greens and remove thatch (spongy mat). This process eliminates scalping and gets the grass to stand up, decreasing grain and increasing speed. Once we get out of the rainy season, they will begin grooming (tickling) so the top-dressing sand falls between the leaf blades resulting in faster and truer greens. In the season, the greens are normally rolled 3x week. In the rainy season, based on the rain and amount of turf growth, mowing rough and fairways take precedent.
  - Cart Path Repair: Tim is working on getting quotes for the cart path repair and curbing scope of work. He anticipates 1 week of work for the contractor. Once bids are received, he will notify the committee, and the Board can consider funding. Bruce Johnson asked about the committee touring Tim’s equipment facility and pump houses to get a better understanding of daily operations. Tim suggested waiting until it cooled off before giving a tour. Tim is waiting to put additional fertilizer on the golf course until the heavy rains subside. Some of the thin areas on the greens are being plugged due to nematode pressure. Status of the hazard left of #18 green and the landscape bed proposal for #14 tee have been resolved.
- V. **PRO SHOP REPORT- Bruce Harris, Head Golf Professional:** Bruce reported that the handicap committee is using CAP patrol to monitor score posting and data entry. The main objective of the committee is to reconcile tee time data with score posting. Bruce said the Pro shop enters tournament play scores. The committee will send emails out to remind members to post. The new range targets will be installed sometime in October. Twilight golf rates were discussed. Typically, resident nonmembers receive 20% off but after 4:00 PM during twilight, they only receive 10% off the public rate. Resident Tim Kearns addressed the committee and said the Twilight rate was too high for the residents and asked that it be reduced. Discussion ensued regarding pricing with some saying that if you make the price too attractive, membership might be affected. It was decided that management will reduce the twilight rate 20% off the rack rate to be consistent with the other day part pricing.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS:** Bruce Johnson is meeting with the women regarding stroke allocation. He stated that some holes will change based on data. Communications: Tim stated that the golf course Instagram account has 250 followers and counting. He will supplement his videos with various articles. Scorecard review: Bruce Harris is condensing the local rules and will adjust them based on feedback.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next scheduled meeting is set for Tuesday September the 10th at 1:00 in Card room C.

**ADJOURNMENT** Adjourn 2:16 pm