



HGRD Golf Committee Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2024 ~ 9:00 AM Card Room C

| COMMITTEE MEMBERS | PRESENT | SUPERVISORS/OTHERS | PRESENT |
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| Bruce Johnson | X | Peter Overs, Liaison | X |
| Jon Edinger | X | J.B. Belknap, General Manager | X |
| Bob Herbstritt | | 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 | | |

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** –Chair, Bruce Johnson called the meeting to order.
- 2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**- Minutes were presented from the August 8, 2024 meeting and passed unanimously.
- 3) **GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE REPORT – Tim Kortanek- Golf Course Superintendent-** Tim stated they’ve been addressing weak turf areas around the perimeter of some of the greens. They're spraying twice a week for nematodes, which is typical of most clubs since this has been the wettest summer on record in Southwest Florida. Most clubs Tim has been in contact with reported some weakness in their turf due to the excessive rain. The octagon plugs that have been transplanted are between 3 and 4 weeks away from looking good. One of the weaker areas is on front of #5 green which will be marked ground under repair. This area has less root structure and will be marked off to prevent players from stepping on it. The maintenance team is currently working on waste areas, filling sand traps, and attending to the greens. Moreover:
 - i) Additional drainage on the left side on hole #9 will be added along with re-grading the area for improved drainage. Tim said they will sod most of the area once it's finished. In addition, the plan is to re-grade the right of #17 and #1 for better surface drainage.
 - ii) More trees are dying from the hurricane to the right of #1 including two oaks that have already been lost. Also, to the right of #16, 12 pine trees will be removed. Tim stated that we've lost 600 trees since hurricane Ian. Peter Overs stressed the importance of the tree replacement plan.
 - iii) This week, the annual flowers will be installed with new pine straw scheduled for Thanksgiving week. Prior to the pine straw going down, the staff will attempt to clean out some of the limbs and spray for weeds.
 - iv) The USGA agronomist is tentatively scheduled for a site meeting in January to review the course.
 - v) Currently, the rough height at 1 ¼” and the fairways are being cut at .600. The committee commented on how nice the ball was standing up in the grass, but Tim warned the ball stand will decrease with the increase in tire traffic during the slow growing months. The committee discussed the importance of the 90° rule to help mitigate turf damage. Tim is soliciting bids for concrete cart path and curb work on the course.
- 4) **PRO SHOP REPORT- Bruce Harris, Head Golf Professional:** Bruce started his report by saying the older range balls are being cycled out and will be replaced with all new balls. Several training devices will also be incorporated into the driving range this season along having the usual demo days featuring Cleveland/Srixon and Callaway.
 - i.) The member/guest sign-up started on Sunday. Guests will need a GHIN handicap to compete this year.
 - ii.) Bruce discussed the outside services staff. They will be marking the golf course and penalty areas along with straightening the OB stakes. Bruce is in the process of training the Rangers for improved pace of play this season.
 - iii.) Membership was discussed. Thus far, there are 562 members to a budget of 590. Bruce stated that he has additional nonresident members who are interested in joining. The committee reiterated that 54,000 rounds is the desired number of rounds for the upcoming year.
 - iv.) Bruce Johnson will review the status of the Comcast green boxes.
 - v.) Lori Vivian talked about the Adopt A Hole program explaining that we lost quite a few volunteers, especially on holes #6 & #13 which currently do not have coverage. She stated that they would prefer to have volunteers live on their adopted hole and will try to solicit more volunteers.
 - vi.) Other discussion topics included: Golf will be included with the annual survey; Waste bunkers were too fluffy & the rationale of placing the rakes inside the bunkers; A facility tour for the committee will be set up with Tim, Britt and Matthew sometime in December or January.
- 5) **GM REPORT-** J.B. Belknap stated the bond engineer of record Jim Ink is currently working with the County to start the #17 bulkhead after they allowed the work to be included in the existing LDO. Unfortunately, the County has not yet given the approval to begin the project. **Surveyor:** J.B. has reached out to Phil Mould to survey several areas around the golf course. **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

Adjourn 10:15 AM