



## HGRD Golf Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 4, 2026 ~ 2:30 PM in Card Room C & Zoom

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	PRESENT	SUPERVISORS/OTHERS	PRESENT
Bob Herbstritt	X	Peter Overs, Board Liaison	Excused
Bruce Johnson	X	Howard Young, Board Vice-Chair	X
Rich Morea	X	J.B. Belknap, General Manager	X
Wendy Murray	X	Bruce Harris, Head Golf Pro	Excused
Robert Regnier	X	Tim Kortanek, Director of Agronomy	Excused
Karen Sullivan	X		
Richard Weinberger	Excused		
Alternate – Jack Birecree	X	# of Residents	0
Alternate – Jon Edinger	X		

- I. **Call to Order/Roll Call** – Howard Young, HGRD Board Vice-Chair
- II. **Election of Committee Officers** – Mr. Young called for nominations from the floor. Bruce Johnson was elected Chair, and Rich Morea was elected Vice-Chair. Wendy Murray volunteered to assist with meeting minutes.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** – The minutes of the April 13, 2026 were approved.
- IV. **Charter:** Mr. Young included a review of the golf course committee's charter responsibilities, which outlined that management is responsible for direct oversight of course maintenance, while the committee provides advice and recommendations on maintenance schedules, course layouts, and capital improvements to be submitted to the board before the annual budget.
- V. **Golf Course Maintenance-**The group discussed a local rule regarding the riprap rocks on holes 13 and 17. The committee decided to maintain the current rules of golf unless safety concerns arise during tournaments. There was a discussion about potential safety hazards and liability concerns regarding access to the riprap areas, with the consensus that players assume responsibility for their actions when accessing the rocks. The USGA 's report regarding our Bunker Assessment has not been received yet. It will be circulated once it is. Additional topics covered included golf course conditions, drought management, and various operational issues including play speed concerns and course maintenance needs. The committee also discussed potential improvements to course setup for tournaments and addressed member feedback about chipping green hours and other facility maintenance needs.
- VI. **Golf Shop Report** – The committee will ask Bruce: to check and, if necessary, update the course scorecard to ensure the slope and rating for women's tees matches what is used by the handicap system; Coordinate course setup (e.g., pin positions) with event organizers for charity tournaments to ensure appropriate difficulty for participants; address; and consider the replacement or repair of the ball retriever on the chipping green.
- VII. **New Business-2026-27 Membership Rate Discussion** - The committee discussed membership rates and developed a recommendation for the HGRD Board's consideration during their upcoming budget meetings. The committee reviewed membership data. They explored adjusting rates for different membership types, particularly considering increasing non-resident couples' rates to match resident couples' rates at 1.5 times the single rate. The discussion included comparing rates to other courses like Magnolia Landing, Heron Creek, and Riverwood, with most competitors having significantly higher rates. They debated between different percentage options, considering factors like the economy, Canadian membership impact, and the need to balance budget requirements with member affordability. The group noted that non-resident couples currently receive the best deal and suggested implementing rate increases in increments over time rather than all at once. The discussion also covered trail fees for cart usage, with opinions divided on whether to separate these costs or include them in the overall membership fee. Ultimately, the final **motion** recommended presenting the board with a 2% resident increase and 12% non-resident member increase option.
- VIII. **Other Business-** GM informed the Committee that the proposed bulkhead on #17 shoreline was still with the engineer, who is working with SFWMD regarding the amendment and permitting process. Once the bulkhead is finally approved, new proposals will be obtained for the actual work. Communication was discussed. J.B. will discuss publishing more communication regarding the golf course and other facets of the club.
- IX. **Next Meeting** - Monday, November 2nd, 2026, 2:30 p.m., Card Room C
- X. **Adjournment-** 3:28pm.