

Golf Committee Meeting
 May 11, 2023 ~ 9:00 AM
 Card Room C & Zoom
Minutes



COMMITTEE MEMBERS	PRESENT	SUPERVISORS/OTHERS	PRESENT
Chair Jon Edinger	X	Peter Overs, Liaison	X
Bruce Johnson	X	GM J.B. Belknap	X
Janice Esdale	X	Head Golf Pro Bruce Harris	X
Dan Lyons	X	Golf Maintenance Tim Kortanek	X
Bob Herbstritt	X	GCM Secretary, Krysta Thiemann	X
Karen Sullivan	X		
Lori Vivian	X		
Evan Slater			
Ron White		# of Residents	1

I. **CALL TO ORDER** 9:00 A.M. Board Liaison Peter Overs

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - *Minutes were presented from April 6th, 2023. Peter Overs made a motion to approve the minutes, Bruce Johnson seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.***

III. **BUSINESS DISCUSSED**

Introduction of Members, review of charter, Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman: All members introduced themselves and Bob Herbstritt made a motion to elect Bruce Johnson as chairman. The motion passed unanimously. Bruce Johnson made a motion to elect Bob Herbstritt as vice chairman. The motion passed unanimously.

Golf Course maintenance report, Tim: Tim says even though we are in a drought that we have good color on the greens, and we are getting positive feedback on the course. January through April they do minimal verticutting and top dressing. The month of May they start verticutting every couple weeks followed by the top dress. Also, they just did ant and mole cricket treatment. The board approved 12,000 dollars for the nursery expansion. Sprigs will arrive in July sometime.

Pro Shop report and discuss golf rates and number of rounds-Bruce H: Bruce has hired 3 new people for outside services who seem very capable and know the ins and outs of golf. The golf course will be closed the Tuesday after Memorial Day. The target system needs to be replaced, currently working on that. The committee will table the golf round and rates discussion for another meeting. Added an August meeting.

Adopt-A-Hole: Lori Vivian will take over.

Communications: Tim will try to increase communications, but he is a working superintendent and is short-staffed currently. Tim will come up with more content for newsletters, FB, Instagram etc. Possibly working with another member of the committee on this.

Old, abandoned, broken, unsightly, utility boxes-Remove abandoned, repair in use existing: Bruce Johnson will get with Joyce from HOA on this.

Bulkhead on #17: All quotes for this project are in. Ready for the next steps, which are financial. The cart path repair is not included in the bid. Do we want to keep the concrete or switch it to a screen cart path? All in favor to proceed with bulkhead project.

Old Business: none presented.

New Business: none presented.

Meeting Dates: 6/8, 7/13, 8/10, 9/14, 10/12, 11/9, 12/14, 1/11, 2/8, 3/14, 4/11.

Public Comments: Jean wants brighter colored flags so they can be seen by everyone. Dennis Growalski lives off hole #17 wants to know what are the plans for behind his house? Tim stated that in June will be the first round of planting. Some palm clusters and purple grassy plants. Also, possible screenings.

Adjourn target 10:30: Adjourn 10:50.

Approved by the Golf Committee on June 8. 2023

Golf Committee Meeting
 June 8th, 2023 ~ 9:00 AM
 Card Room C & Zoom
Minutes



COMMITTEE MEMBERS	PRESENT	SUPERVISORS/OTHERS	PRESENT
Chair Jon Edinger	X	Peter Overs, Liaison	X
Bruce Johnson	X	GM J.B. Belknap	
Janice Esdale	X	Head Golf Pro Bruce Harris	X
Dan Lyons	X	Golf Maintenance Tim Kortanek	
Bob Herbstritt	X	GCM Secretary, Krysta Thiemann	
Karen Sullivan	X		
Lori Vivian	X		
Evan Slater	X		
Ron White	X	# of Residents	1

I. **CALL TO ORDER** 9:00 A.M

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - *Minutes were presented from May 11th, 2023. Bruce Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes. **The motion passed unanimously.***

III. **BUSINESS DISCUSSED**

Golf Course maintenance report, Tim: Tim is not present at the meeting because he is meeting with the tree contractors.

New Tee Markers discussion: 6,000 dollars in budget for new tee markers. The new tee markers are made of recycled material and available in our 6 colors.

Pro Shop report-Bruce H: Currently conducting interviews for more outside staff and getting ready for July 4th. Bruce Johnson is working on a new ranger policy that will be discussed at the next meeting.

Golf course rate proposal and Rounds played report-Bob: Bobs report reflects 590 members and 50 nonresident members. As of 05.24.23, there has been no increase in rates over the previous year. The committee recommends a 1.5% increase for residents and a 10% increase for non-resident singles and a 15% increase for non-resident couples. Resulting in a 1.845-million-dollar budget. There was an 18 % increase in rounds played from last year. There is a maximum of 55,000 to 59,000 rounds to be played on the course. Tim says the course is doing well with current play as long as we keep the Monday closures.

Communications: Matthew will give updates and recap for upcoming communications.

Utility boxes removal update: Bruce Johnson removed 10 boxes. He will continue to remove more of them.

Bulkhead on #17 update: the cart path will be removed by Tim and his crew. Bulkhead will be level with the new shell cart path. There is some concern about the bulkhead being tall enough due to the bid stating that the wall will start at or below the water level. Bruce Johnson will get with J.B. and Tim to verify.

Ranger Proposal: deferred until next meeting.

Old Business: None presented.

New Business: None presented.

Public Comments:

Next Meeting: 07/20/23

Adjourn: 10:45 a.m.

Approved by the Golf Committee on July 20, 2023.

Golf Committee Meeting
 July 20th, 2023 ~ 8:00 AM
 Card Room C & Zoom
Minutes



COMMITTEE MEMBERS	PRESENT	SUPERVISORS/OTHERS	PRESENT
Jon Edinger	X	Peter Overs, Liaison	
Chair Bruce Johnson	X	GM J.B. Belknap	
Janice Esdale	X	Head Golf Pro Bruce Harris	X
Dan Lyons		Golf Maintenance Tim Kortanek	X
Vice Chair Bob Herbstritt	X	GCM Secretary, Krysta Thiemann	X
Karen Sullivan	X		
Lori Vivian			
Evan Slater			
Ron White	X	# of Residents	1

I. **CALL TO ORDER 8:00A.M**

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - *Minutes were presented from June 8th, 2023. Bruce Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes. **The motion passed unanimously.***

III. **BUSINESS DISCUSSED**

Golf Course maintenance report, Tim: Tim says the course is looking great. As of August 1st the golf course maintenance department will be fully staffed. One closure left in August. Won't be as aggressive as previous closures. Mowing rough at 1 inch, lowest it has been.

Waiting for delivery of rough mowers. Greens are healing well. Tim will do another aerification in August. Come September and October they will refresh bunkers and waste areas. All plantings are in but lost a couple trees due to lightning. Hole number 8 will get some palms and sod installed when we start to get regular rain. Next closure they will be increasing the size of the nursery.

Pro Shop report-Bruce H: Currently getting pricing for new targets to be installed. As far as we have found only one company produces them and they are pricey. Will try to find another company that produces them to compare prices. Won't decide on that right away. Still researching. Establishing a "Handicap committee" can educate golfers on rules and policies. The committee will be assisted by "Golf Hits" which is an automated software for handicap committees. It will track who posts their scores. The software is 900.00 dollars a year.

OLD BUSINESS

New Tee Markers: tee markers ordered they are 6 to 8 weeks out.

Lake retention Wall (Bulkhead) on #17: Project will be started next year we are waiting for permitting.

Ranger Proposal: Send it to the board if approved by committee. We need to bring more awareness to pace of play. Need to review current policies and compare and then make appropriate changes before submitting to the board. Bruce makes a motion to approve the ranger policy. Unanimously approved.

Communications: Thanks to Janice for the updates.

Utility box removal: currently on hold.

New Business: Handicap committee discussion- going forward with it. May need a subcommittee to help.

Public Comments: None

Next Meeting: 08/24/23 8:00 A.M

Adjourn: 9:25 a.m.

Approved by the Golf Committee on August 24, 2023



HGRD Golf Committee Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2023 ~ 9:00 AM Card Room C & Zoom

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	PRESENT	SUPERVISORS/OTHERS	PRESENT
Chair Bruce Johnson	X	Peter Overs, Liaison	X
Jon Edinger	X	J.B. Belknap, General Manager	X
Janice Esdale	X	Bruce Harris, Head Golf Pro	X
Bob Herbstritt	X	Matthew Bourne, Golf Maintenance	X
Dan Lyons	X		
Karen Sullivan	X		
1st Alt – Ron White	X		
2nd Alt – Evan Slater	X	# of Residents	0

- I. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** – Chair Bruce Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - *Minutes were presented from July 20th, 2023. Bruce Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes. **The motion passed unanimously.***
- III. **GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE REPORT** – Matthew Bourne said 150 tons of sand were applied to the greens last week. The rough height went from 1 inch to 1.25 inches. The nursery was expanded last week and will get Tiff Eagle sod next week. We will be doing more Verti cutting on the greens. Staffing is at full capacity.
- IV. **GOLF SHOP REPORT** – Bruce Harris - July rounds were good. Not many days were lost to rain. The heat didn't seem to affect the play too much. Brought back cold towels. Will be introducing new product line from Cleveland for a wedge fitting system. Hired 2 new outside staff. Need one more part-time staff member.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS**
 Lake retention Wall (Bulkhead) on #17 update: Resolved all issues regarding height, location, and distances. Tim is meeting with Jim Ink Engineering regarding permitting.
 Ranger Proposal update: will be incorporated HGRD policies and printed in handbook.
 Communications: Janice not present. Continuing with newsletters.
 Handicap Committee update: 7 people on steering committee. Tomorrow is the first meeting. They will be discussing the selection of the Handicap Committee, educating residents on handicap rules, and incorporating software for handicap play.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS**
 Future meeting: Moving meetings to the first Monday of the month at 9 a.m. was u nanimously approved.
- VII. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- VIII. **NEXT MEETING:** October 2, 2023, at 9:00 AM Card Room C
- IX. **ADJOURNMENT** took place at 9:00 a.m.

Approved by the Golf Committee on October 2, 2023



HGRD Golf Committee Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2023 ~ 9:00 AM Card Room C & Zoom

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	PRESENT	SUPERVISORS/OTHERS	PRESENT
Chair Bruce Johnson	X	Peter Overs, Liaison	X
Jon Edinger	X	J.B. Belknap, General Manager	X
Janice Esdale	X	Bruce Harris, Head Golf Pro	X
Bob Herbstritt	X	Tim Kortanek, Golf Maintenance	X
Dan Lyons	X		
Karen Sullivan	X		
1st Alt – Ron White	X		
2nd Alt – Evan Slater	X	# of Residents	0

- I. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** – Chair Bruce Johnson
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from 08/24/2023 - Minutes were presented from the August 24th, 2023 meeting. The minutes passed unanimously.
- III. **GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE REPORT** – Tim Kortanek- Golf Course Superintendent
 - New tee markers and flag sticks have arrived.
 - Tim discussed golf course conditions, including height of cuts, and drainage with a focus on the front 9.
 - Pine straw and new annual flowers will be installed around Thanksgiving.
 - Monday p.m. closures will start in October. Adding more curbing around the course during some of the closures is planned. The Monday before the member guest will be open all day for practice rounds.
 - A “Superintendent’s Revenge” golf tournament was discussed. Tim will talk with Bruce Harris and work with the Committee regarding some type of tournament.
 - The committee asked Tim to create a flower bed behind the number 14 tee.
 - The post-Ian tree plantings are nearly in and should be established by November 1 so the tree supports can be removed. Jon Edinger asked him to look at the tree plan to make sure each area has been addressed. There was a question that some trees were still missing from the post-Ian plan.
 - Irrigation improvements from the Golf Course Renovation have improved his efficiency. The committee reported there are missing irrigation box covers which are liability issues that needed to be addressed.
- IV. **GOLF SHOP REPORT** – Bruce Harris Golf Professional
 - The Monday afternoon closing scheduled. The Tuesday and Wednesday men’s and ladies’ day shotguns will begin in the morning with open play available in the 1 o’clock shotgun beginning October 9th. On Tuesdays following the shotgun, the driving range will be closed until 10:15 AM for maintenance.
 - 55,000 rounds of golf have been played this fiscal year.
 - The handicap committee will be formed later this month to monitor posting of scores. There will be five handicap committee members. According to Jon Edinger’s experience, the new Cap Patrol handicap evaluation system that will be implemented at HG has worked well at his club once the members get accustomed to it.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - Lake Retention Wall on #17 Update Tim Kortanek was asked to report on the status of the #17 bulkhead. Tim reported that there’s still a question of whether we need permitting or not. The engineering cost projections are approx. \$16,000. He’s working with Artistic Structures and the County to determine whether the lake management plan is enough to avoid county permitting.
 - Utility Box Removal Bruce Johnson reported that he has taken out 50 utility boxes around the golf course. Out-of-bounds left on number 10 will be determined at a future date.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- FSGA Interclub Play – Email from John Trimble The committee discussed golf member, John Trimble’s letter inquiring whether or not the club would be interested in participating in and hosting the Florida State Golf Association interclub competition. The interclub is a match-play event for men and women that play on Thursdays afternoons. Twice a month (one for men & one for women) 4 tee times would be set aside on Thursday afternoons for 8 HG members and 8 nonmembers (16 players). Nonmembers would be charged \$30 during peak season which would be less than what the normal rack rate would bring in. concerns were voiced that the low rate would preclude the club from maximizing afternoon revenue. The projected opportunity cost would be approx. \$4k in potential lost revenue due to the low price. However, the competition could showcase the golf course resulting in future revenue and PR. It was determined that the Herons Glen policy would allow a competition to be played on non-association days. The committee **voted** to support participating in the FSGA interclub and will make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors at its next meeting.
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 - Meeting Dates
 - Adopt-a-Hole Status Adopt-a-Hole update: All but a few are returning as volunteers for the program
 - Possible Golf Course Tours for New Residents Bruce Johnson offered to take new residents on a Golf course tour to explain the 2021 Golf Course Renovation. He and J.B. will discuss coordination

VII. NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for November 6 at 9 AM. Janice Esdale will be leaving the committee. A recommendation was made to install alternate Ron White as a full-voting member of the golf committee.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT Adjourn 10:15 AM

Minutes approved by the Golf Committee on November 6, 2023



HGRD Golf Committee Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2023 ~ 9:00 AM Card Room C & Zoom

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	PRESENT	SUPERVISORS/OTHERS	PRESENT
Chair 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
Dan Lyons	X	Tim Kortanek, Golf Maintenance	X
Ron White	X	1 st Alt – Evan Slater	
Karen Sullivan	X	2 nd Alt – Len Prince	X
Lori Vivian	X		
Ron White	X		

- I. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** – Chair Bruce Johnson
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**- Minutes were presented from the October 2, 2023 meeting. The minutes passed unanimously.
- III. **GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE REPORT** – Tim Kortanek- Golf Course Superintendent
 - Wall-to-wall fertilizer will be applied in the coming week. The conversion of current pine straw areas to shell are in process including #9. Drainage behind #8 tee was discussed and will be addressed.
 - Regarding #17 bulkhead, the engineering firm has begun work on the permitting, but no timeline has been established to begin work. The plan is to make #17 either a par 3 or par 4. (Scores can still be posted per USGA guidelines) A recommendation by management will be brought before the committee prior to commencing work.
 - The committee asked about rumble strips around the curves on the cart paths. Tim said he would like to avoid those but will address the worn areas around the cart path curves. He plans on phasing in concrete or shell to prevent turf damage in these areas. He will compile a list of cart path improvements, develop a plan, and assign budget numbers to the plan.
 - Tim is proposing a 2-week closure after July 4th instead of the normal three 1-week closures throughout the summer. He would like to address the encroachment of the Bimini onto the TIF Eagle greens which has become more prevalent but typical for SW Fla. golf courses with this type of Bermuda combination.
 - The Portofino pump house motors are now repaired and will be able to provide fresh water on the front and back nines in the event we can't receive effluent water for irrigation.
 - Cart path repairs and widening around many of the Par 3 tees is scheduled this summer.
 - The committee asked GM, J.B. Belknap to investigate the steep bump in the cart path repair along Palo Duro leading to #9 tee.
- IV. **GOLF SHOP REPORT** – Bruce Harris Golf Professional
 - Bruce discussed the progress of the handicap committee and CAP patrol along with training the Rangers related to pace of play and dress code. Discussion centered around acceptable pace of play. Bruce is aware of the issues and plans to increase the number of Rangers during the season to address concerns.
 - Summer golf rounds were up due to the lack of rain and corresponding surplus on the tee sheet. Revenue has been robust this year but the increase in rounds remains a concern due to turf wear and tear.
 - Placing the 150-yard markers on the cart path on the par fours and fives was discussed. Bruce will implement.
 - The number of feet or yards that players should stay from away from the greens was debated. The committee also expressed their concern about 3 carts in a group and urged Bruce to have players double up so that only 2 carts are in each grouping.
 - Bruce discussed the public green fee rates and having the flexibility in season to raise the rates as needed. He is considering a variety of variables including the surplus and capacity for tee times along with competitor pricing to determine the rates. The 10-play pass for resident nonmembers, as well as the high RNM green fees, was discussed. The committee agreed that Green Fees for resident non-members are too high because a portion of their yearly bond payment is allocated to the purchase and renovation of the golf course.
 - The committee made a **motion** to recommend the Board of Supervisors reestablish the 10-play pass starting in January for resident nonmembers. The **motion** was accepted by the committee. The motion was then amended to state that the 10-play pass should be sold for the price of 9 rounds with the 10th round being free. Limit one time purchase per household. **The motion passed.**
- V. **NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for January 8th at 1 PM.
- VI. **ADJOURNMENT** Adjourn 10:15 AM