

LLCC Greens Committee Meeting MINUTES **Tuesday, May 4, 2021 (1:30 PM – Pro Shop Patio)**

ATTENDEES: Vern Duggan, Robbi Alberts, Renie Dyson, Lance Levine, Jerry Nokes, Gayle Wilcox
New members: Steve Saylor, Tim Magee (Not present: Ed Irvin, Sheila Nokes)

STAFF: Mark Hendricks

GUESTS: Dean Dyson, John Ingemi, Kirk Crowell

Vern Duggan said he had been asked, by Brian Smith, to resign as committee chair, prior to this meeting. He opened up nominations for Committee Chair. Gayle Wilcox moved to: **RECOMMEND TO THE LLCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS THAT VERN DUGGAN BE APPOINTED AS GREENS COMMITTEE CHAIR FOR THE 2021-22 TERM.** Lance Levine seconded. With no other nominations brought forward, this motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Vern called the meeting to order at 1:39 PM. He noted that Mary Lou Trautmann has resigned from this committee. (He recommended the Ladies League try to find more ladies to serve on this committee. (Susan Darling?) Steve Saylor and Tim Magee have both attended three consecutive meetings, and would like to be appointed as members of this committee. Lance Levine moved: **TO ACCEPT STEVE SAYLOR & TIM MAGEE AS MEMBERS OF THE GREENS COMMITTEE.** Jerry Nokes seconded, and the motion PASSED.

Minutes: Gayle Wilcox clarified that Renie Dyson showed up to attend the last meeting. Gayle then moved to: **ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE APRIL 6, 2021 GREENS COMMITTEE MEETING, as amended.** Renie Dyson seconded, and the motion PASSED.

Greens Report: Superintendent Jason Howerton submitted a written report: The Greens staff accomplished a lot in April, from aerifying and seeding the entire golf course, to applying 248 tons of sand topdressing on the fairways, approaches, and collars. They also: Energized the irrigation pump-house and spring-tuned pumps ... Adjusted height of cuts on rough, fairways & approaches ... Cleaned up planter beds & installed beauty bark to high-visible areas on course ... Edged sprinkler heads and trimmed around control boxes & valves ... Installed chain gate next to irrigation pump-house to limit people driving or parking there ... Cleaned sediment away from irrigation pump-house and started bracing around irrigation pump-house ... and Applied our spring fertilizer to the entire course.

We are now in our peak season and Greens staff is busy keeping up with day-to-day maintenance of golf course needs. In May, they will: Continue adding wood chips to tree wells ... and Spray fertilizer/wetting agent to fairways. With four greenskeepers & one mechanic, it's a tough task. So it's vital they keep all hands on deck and not get pulled away from maintaining the golf course.

Topics to discuss: Jason said he plans to leave #4 the way it is right now until we get into mid-Fall; then he will work on getting it back to the way it used to be. This time next year, he wants it to be cart-path only (with access for handicap). He has also ordered the correct doggie-bags for #3 (previous ones ordered didn't fit in the box).

Finally, Jason wanted to share that a "Memorial Parade" is being planned for Howard Cornehl. It is hoped it can be held without impacting play. The idea would be to line up on #1; drive carts down middle of each fairway (except #4, #6 & #7); ending at the green on #9 with a gathering where people could say something. After that, Nan would like people to gather for a cocktail or two on her patio. He is open to suggestions...

Pro Shop Report: Mark reported total revenue for the Pro Shop (members, public, merchandise, GHIN, etc.) in April 2021 totaled **\$30,403.03**. Last year, during the same month (i.e., the beginning of COVID), we only took in \$913.39.

For daily rounds income (Members, Public & Cart Rentals), in April 2019 we took in \$6,449.65 (1,074 rounds) ... in April 2020, we took in \$87.40 ... and in April 2021, we took in **\$11,792.65**. [Power cart rentals went from \$1,172.50 in 2019 to **\$4,660.00** in 2021 ... Member rounds went from \$2,819.85 in 2019 to **\$4,848.61** in 2021 ... and Public rounds went from \$2,456.30 in 2019 to **\$6,944.04** in 2021.] *Thanks to everyone who promotes our course!!!*

A GLOW BALL Tournament will be held on Friday, May 14th at 9 PM. It will be an "All FORE Fun" Scramble format. Entry fee of \$25 (w/Annual) or \$40 (No Annual) covers the costs of glow ball/glow stick & a beverage. No handicaps required.

THANK YOU's go to: **LANCE LEVINE** for volunteering to install the internet cable to the new Pro Shop desk ... to all **STAFF** for great April sales revenue!! ... to the **MARSHALS** for doing a great job, including filling divots & cart maintenance when the course isn't busy ... to **MEN's** League, **LADIES' League** & **Wednesday Scramble** participants for their great turnouts ... to participants & winners of the MASTERS Tournament for supporting the event: and to **RON GRAVER** (Alliance Windows & Gutters Inc.) and **SCOTT EICHHORN** (Wake-Up Espresso) for sponsoring this Masters event.

Great reviews of Lake Limerick Golf Course, Pro Shop and CAFÉ from golfers/customers will be published at our golf website.

Coming up: Golf Lessons will start in June. A Thursdays Ladies' "All FORE Fun" Golf will start May 20th (open to everyone, 3:30 PM tee time). The Mason County League is also starting up on Thursdays, at 4:30 PM.

Chair's Report: Vern thanked everyone for supporting him as he performs the duties of Chair. We've brought in a lot of revenue due to the hard work and attitudes of people welcoming golfers here.

Greens Meetings start time: Vern said that a 1:30 PM start time works better for everyone, including Staff. The committee agreed. Robbi said she'll ask staff to change the time on the LLCC website.

OLD BUSINESS

On-going issue of Encroachment on Navy Property: Roger Milliman left word that he has been in contact with the surveyor who is still working on updating the cadastral survey per Navy requirements. He is targeting sending the revised maps to the Navy and Lake Limerick by May 12, 2021. Once this is completed and approved by the Navy's local rep, Lake Limerick can then have their proposal forwarded to Naval HQ in WA DC for formal approval of our request (for a 50-year lease).

Marketing report: In MAY: There will be a Lake Limerick article and advertisement in the Summer Issue of *Tracing the Fjord* Magazine. We are also included in the *Shelton Mason-County Journal's* "Profile" insert. And we will have an ad and golf article in the *Journal*. In JUNE: We will be mentioned in the *Journal's* "Visitor's Guide".

Marketing staff requests everyone continue taking pictures around the course and the lake. The goal is to collect picturesque scenery of Lake Limerick for use in our 2022 Calendar. Email your photos to elen@lakelimerick.com.

Steve Saylor said he is working with Elen to find a way to get Lake Limerick included on the online list of 9-Hole Golf Courses in Washington State.

Phase 2 Café Wall: Vern said further discussion on this is on the backburner for now.

Patio Cover/Lights: After further review, it's been decided NOT to pursue putting a wind-sail over the patio (would be too hard to keep it clean with all the pollen, etc.) But a new idea is to enhance the ambiance of the patio, providing a safe, attractive meeting space for events like Glowball, Wine & Golf, Tournaments, and other league events, by adding Patio Lights around the patio. The project would require two 14' poles, outlining the patio in patio lights for the summer (taken down during the winter months). Lights would be a minimum of 9 feet off the ground, a simple square pattern of continuous party lights extending over and around the patio. Approximate cost of materials is \$200; project would be completed by volunteers & Pro Shop staff; Mark Hendricks would be Project Manager. There are no foreseeable project risks, as the electrical outlet is already mounted to the existing wall. We would need to install two eye-bolts into the existing wall; and two posts in concrete at the edge of the patio, in dirt. The cost could come out of proceeds from the calendars.

After some discussion, Gayle Wilcox moved to: **RECOMMEND THAT THE LLCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVE THE PATIO LIGHTS PROJECT, AT A COST OF \$200 (TO COME OUT OF CALENDAR SALES PROCEEDS)**. Robbi Alberts seconded, and the motion PASSED. [Ref. Patio Lights "Project Approval Form", ATTACHMENT 1]

2021-22 Budget: Vern said we should be thinking about what items we might want in our Greens Committee Budget request, including capital items. Vern would like to send these to the Board as soon as possible.

9-Hole Course Survey: Elen & Steve Saylor surveyed several 9-Hole Golf Courses on the Olympia Peninsula (Delphi, Peninsula, Lake Cushman, Scott Lake, Skyridge & Surfside). The survey includes cost for 9 & 18 holes, weekdays and weekends, cart rentals, total yardage and whether they have a driving range. The survey shows that Lake Limerick falls near the middle of the pack. This is good information for future decisions on costs for our course.

It was mentioned that we used to have "Home & Away" privileges at some of these courses. We might want to consider trying to set that up again?

NEW BUSINESS

Fundraising: In the past, we used to put the money from fundraisers in our own Greens bank account. When Ann Johnson left, she passed the checking book along to Sheila & Gayle. It was agreed that we should continue with that practice – all money from our fundraisers should go into our bank account.

Maintenance Staff: Vern reported LLCC is losing both our Maintenance Staff effective Friday. It was consensus of this group that any decision made to use Greens staff for Maintenance work should be run past the Board of Directors. There's a lot of work to be done on the Golf Course, and loss of Greens personnel, even for a short time, could affect the condition of the course. This would be a bad precedent, so hopefully if done it would only be temporary.

Ladies Club "9 & Dine": Renie reported the Ladies League is holding a "9 & Dine" social every third Friday of the month. After playing 9-holes of league play, we meet at the Pro Shop Café (patio) for food & beverage (10% discount on food).

Walkers: Renie said yesterday a lady with a dog & two toddlers (strung out 20 feet apart) walked down Hole #7 in the middle of league play. It is hard to educate people who don't want to listen! Complaints should be filed at the Pro Shop.

Adjourn: At 2:53 PM, Gayle Wilcox moved to: **ADJOURN**. Renie seconded, and the motion PASSED.

NOTES BY ROBBIE

Attachment 1

Project Approval Form 4/28/2021

1. Mark Hendricks is proposing the project to the Greens and Inn committees.
 2. Project Description: **Add patio lights over the café/pro shop patio.**
 - a) Add two fourteen foot poles to the end of the patio and string patio lights from the pro shop wall to the poles, outlining the patio in patio lights for the summer (and then taken down during the winter months). Lights would be a minimum of 9 feet off the ground.
 - b) Purpose is to provide a meeting space for tournaments, evening golfers and lessons during the evening hours. Lights will provide for a safe and attractive meeting space at the completion of the women's wine and golf lessons as well as our glow ball tournaments and other leagues offered throughout the summer.
 - c) Simple square pattern of continuous party lights extending over and around the patio.
 - d) Approximate cost of materials for this project is \$200.
 - e) This project should be completed by volunteers and pro shop staff.
 - f) Would like to complete this project for this summer's golf season.
 3. This is a simple project and the funds can be distributed from the calendar sales.
 4. No foreseeable project risks as the electrical outlet is already mounted to existing wall. Two eye bolts needed in the existing wall. Two posts in concrete at edge of patio in dirt.
 5. Mark Hendricks: Project manager.
 6. This project was scaled back after talking to the Inn committee chair, staff and the Greens committee chair. A 24 foot by 24 foot wind sail was on the drawing board as well as heaters but those have been removed from this project.
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