

LLCC Greens Committee Meeting MINUTES
Monday, September 7, 2021 (1:30 PM – Pro Shop Patio)

ATTENDEES: Vern Duggan, Robbi Alberts, Renie Dyson, Lance Levine, Nancy Milliman, Tim Magee, Jerry Nokes, Sheila Nokes, Steve Saylor, Gayle Wilcox [Excused: Ed Irvin]
Guests: Dean Dyson, John Ingemi
Staff: Mark Hendricks, Jason Howerton, Roger Milliman

Vern called the meeting to order at 1:32 PM, and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Minutes: Sheila Nokes moved to: **APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 2, 2021 GREENS COMMITTEE MEETING.** Gayle Wilcox seconded, and the motion PASSED.

Greens Report: Superintendent Jason Howerton reported it feels like the fall golfing season is sneaking in. The golf course has sure had its share of golfers this year and it shows. With cooler temperatures coming and aerification starting next week, the golf course will get a little break to recover.

The past four weeks have been a back-breaker for Jason and his crew. They've been pushing really hard at completing one of their biggest projects being done to the golf course. A lot of time and focus has been needed on this project, and has taken them away from day-to-day maintenance on the course. But the completion of the #7 drain and raingarden are going to improve the water movement and result in less flooding to #6 & #7 fairways.

Things accomplished in August: Accommodated a lot of tournaments and league championship play with great turf playability ... Planned and created organized operation/procedure.

In September they hope to accomplish: Completion of raingarden project ... Aerification of golf course starting with greens on Mon, Sept 13th ... Top dress/seed fairways with 300 tons of fairway blend top-dressing ... and Start shaping practice chipping area on #3 and new tee for Blue tees.

Some topics for discussion: (1) Speed Bumps; and (2) Practice area on #3 (*Let's come up with the plan: Drawings of what would work and what we would like as a practice area ... Are we contracting this project out or doing it in house? ... Scope of work ... Estimated costs of materials, labor, and rental equipment ... What time of year are we looking to accomplish this?*)

Jason also relayed sad news: former LLCC Greens Superintendent **Jerry Thompson** was in town for a wedding and while here in WA had a couple strokes. It's been devastating for the family. A go-fund-me page has been created, if anyone would like to help the family while Jerry recovers from this devastating stroke. The full story (be sure to click on "read more"...) can be found at:

https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-jerry-recover-from-a-devastating-stroke?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1

Gayle Wilcox suggested getting a card and inviting friends of Jerry to drop by the Pro Shop to sign the card and leave a donation. We can then forward the donations to the family. [Robbi will send out another email letting people know the Pro Shop will be collecting donations.]

Special thanks to Jason and his crew for getting the raingarden project done, and getting the targeted money off the books. This was paid for by an assessment of HOA members several years ago, with funds set aside.

Pro Shop Report: Elen is on vacation, so Mark Hendricks gave this report. At last Saturday's End of Summer Bash, the Men's Club raised ~\$220 with the Hole-In-One chipping contest. And the Ladies Club raised ~\$150 with the Putting contest.

The first weekend in October, the Greenskeepers' Revenge fundraising tournament will be held. It was suggested we warn the public that the tee-boxes and flags may be in the toughest spots for the whole weekend (& invite them to play in the tournament).

August 2021 revenues were up 14% compared to a year ago. Total revenue was **\$41,496** (Members=\$9,782.26; Public=\$27,129.71; Merchandise=\$3,707.07; Misc=\$80; GHIN=\$797.11). A comparison of revenues over four years:

<u>AUGUST Revenue:</u>	<u>Golf</u>	<u>Sold for Café (when closed)</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2021:	\$41,496.00	\$7,408.00	\$48,904.00
2020:	\$36,478.59	\$6,811.41	\$42,290.00
2019:	\$26,208.64	\$4,851.36	\$31,060.00
2018:	\$26,762.41	\$4,467.59	\$31,230.00

In August 2021:	1600 Member rounds (\$9,782.26);	876 Public rounds (\$15,844);	725 Power Cart rentals (\$8,466.75)
In August 2020:	1,534 Member rounds (\$7,867.96);	819 Public rounds (\$14,615.15);	611 Power Cart rentals (\$7,100)
In August 2019:	1316 Member rounds (\$6,005.67);	655 Public rounds (\$11,795.43);	301 Cart rentals (\$4,473.50)

August Tournaments brought in \$3,291 in revenue.

CAM Report: Vern explained the budgeting process we're going through: First our Committee makes "recommendations"; then the Board reviews recommendations; next the Board determines what's included in the final Budget Proposal and sends it out to the HOA members. In October, the HOA members vote on the Budget.

Roger Milliman reported Golf Course revenues YTD for the fiscal year (Oct-Sept) totaled \$323K compared to \$214K in 2018-19. Public play has increased significantly. Special thanks go to Marketing, Staff and members for their promotion of our course!

The End of Summer Bash was a great success! Several hundred people showed up throughout the day for the cornhole, chipping & putting, free hot dogs and root beer, etc. The afternoon food trucks (Kern's and Mendoza's TX Style) did a great business, as well as our kitchen. And the live music was well received.

Regarding the Budget process, Roger said the Board held an open session last Friday to review budget items. They liked the Greens Committee's recommended ~3% increase in daily golfing fees, but felt the Annuals should have the same % increase (Members from \$575 to \$590; Public from \$725 to \$740). Each Board member is reviewing capital project budget requests and determining "fungibility" (priority placement). The Board will vote on items at their Sept. 18th meeting and send out the Budget Proposal to members for a vote in October.

Vern said that our committee's budget priorities are (#1) **New Carts** and (#1) **Chipping area** (enhancement to our assets, increasing revenue). He added, right now, improving the Practice Putting area isn't our top priority.

Navy Encroachment issue: Roger Milliman said there's nothing new to report.

Marketing: Nancy Milliman said the Fall issue of *Tracing the Fjord* is out with our Fall ad: 30% off greens fees, good Mon-Thur. It also mentions special discount for military, first responders and medical professionals. In the Journal, our ad will focus on those discounts, adding "teachers/educators" to the coupon special.

Nancy said they are still looking for **PHOTOS for next year's Calendar**. They should be emailed to the Pro Shop (golfpro@lakelimerick.com).

Golf Lessons in August raised \$4,309.96 (28 Women's Wine & Lesson=\$309.96. 2 Men & Women Title Golf Sponsorship Fees raised \$4,000!)

And Specials raised \$1,811.26 with 140 participants (51 Youth on Course=\$235.11 ... 3 WA Golf Pass=\$45 ... 22 WD 9-hole Military=\$324.60 ... 29 WD 18-hole Military=\$588.12 ... 12 WE 18-hole Military=\$265.44 ... 5 WD 9-hole First Responder=\$73.75 ... 3 WE 9-hole First Responder=\$47.01 ... 1 WE 18-hole First Responder=\$22.12 ... 13 Juniors=\$119.66 ... and 1 Chamber=\$12).

Thanks to staff for their promotion of wraps, etc., revenue from Café conversions (food & beverage sold for Café when they are closed) increased last month to \$7,408.00.

3rd hole Tee-box & Practice Chipping area: Jason said they will go ahead and start "shaping" the practice chipping area on #3 and new tee for Blue tees during the good weather, but wait for funding to complete project. He doesn't want to have to do that work in the rain.

Speed Bumps: There was some discussion on the newly installed speed bumps. They are doing the job of slowing down carts in high traffic areas. But there have been complaints that they may be too high and could damage carts. It was suggested that Jason slightly grind down the area where carts go across. It was also suggested we remove the speed bump leaving the top of the hill on Hole #8, heading towards #7. Not many carts head that direction (marshals can watch out for traffic). But we should leave the rest in for safety's sake. Perhaps the one going from Hole #3 to St. Andrews, heading to #4 could be moved a little farther away from the road (it's a little close, and carts need to stop before cresting the bump to look both ways for traffic). It was also suggested we install signs "Slow Down, Speed Bump" to keep people from damaging our carts.

Fundraiser: Vern said we need to get back to planning fundraisers to help pay for our golf course projects. Perhaps we can get together over the winter to discuss fundraising ideas.

The recent Glow ball Tournament had 28 participants and raised nearly \$500 for the Pro Shop. Three houses really participated, handing out goodies. It got pretty cold that night, and residents couldn't have fires with the burn ban.

It was pointed out that we've been able to hold golf events throughout the year, but avoid the spread of COVID.

The team we sent to the Chamber event at Alderbrook played really well and had a great time.

Advertising Sign: Jerry Nokes said he continues to try to find out about putting a banner on the high-school fence advertising our course (we need to emphasize the "Youth On Course" rate of \$5!) He'll try to recruit help from Stacy.

Steve Saylor echoed the praises for Elen, Mark and Staff. He did raise the issue of "making the turn" on holiday weekends. Sometimes the public doesn't understand we're a nine-hole course, and need to do some merging there.

Adjournment: At 2:30 PM, Gayle Wilcox moved to: **ADJOURN**. Nancy Milliman 2nd, and the motion PASSED.

NOTES BY ROBBIE