

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

ATTENDEES: Vern Duggan, Robbi Alberts, Ed Irvin, Lance Levine, Nancy Milliman, Gayle Wilcox
[Excused: Tim Magee, Jerry Nokes, Sheila Nokes, Steve Saylor]

Guests: None

Staff: Elen Gaschet DeL'isle, Mark Hendricks, Jason Howerton, Roger Milliman

Vern called the meeting to order at 1:33 PM, and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Minutes: Gayle Wilcox moved to: **APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 2, 2021 GREENS COMMITTEE MEETING.** Lance Levine seconded, and the motion **PASSED.**

Greens Report: Superintendent Jason Howerton reported he and his crew are very thankful to have such amazing, caring, supportive members. It's been a great year for golf, and a great year for course improvements; and they couldn't have done it without all the support from the members.

December is the month where the crew takes their "use it or lose it" vacation days. This means limited golf-course set-up until they return in January. This break allows the crew to come back in the new year fully energized to accomplish some great things.

Jason is still looking for a full-time mechanic (he has one candidate that might fit, but would need a bit of training).

During the coming months, we will be having FROST DELAYS and COURSE CLOSURES. Golfers need to understand that when Jason makes these judgments, it's for the safety of the golfers and to protect the quality of turf and prevent turf damage. It's hard to make the call, so please be patient and understand.

Things to accomplish in DECEMBER: Organize the Maintenance yard; make runs to the dump ... Apply granular fungicide if heavy snow is predicted ... clean up storm debris ... clean up tree removal debris left on #5 ... update Safety Data Sheets (S.D.S.) ... and update the Pro Shop on a daily basis.

Vern noted what Jason and his crew did for drainage on #6 & #7 is amazing. It not only helped the course, but also the surrounding homeowners. An issue of safety has been raised regarding the large ditch across the road from #6 – should we consider installing fencing?

Pro Shop Report: Elen reported that the record November rains put a dent in our course profits. November income for the Pro Shop was \$4719.36 (vs. \$8,906.63 in 2020; \$5,322.47 in 2019; and \$2,172.11 in 2018.) There were 273 Member rounds in 2021 (423 in 2020; and 355 in 2019). Public Rounds were 56 in 2021; 149 in 2020; and 104 in 2019. Power cart rentals were also down: 35/\$425 in 2021; 91/\$1158 in 2020; and 25/\$330 in 2019.

Merchandise revenue was good (\$1,144.82).

Special thanks to everyone who helped put on the **Holiday Benefit Golf Tourney** (especially Bill Huston, for his clam chowder!) Substantial donations were collected for the Greens Workers & Maintenance Workers. Thank you!!

Elen added, they have not yet found the golf cart that was stolen a few weeks ago.

Calendars: Calendar fundraising is underway. We paid \$2,025 to have the calendars printed; but collected \$2,450 selling ad sponsorships & fan photos. After selling 37 of the calendars, we have already netted \$1,044.80 profit. Nancy & Elen asked if each of the Greens Committee members could check out a stack of 10 calendars and try to sell them to friends & neighbors, returning money collected & unsold calendars to the Pro Shop. **(ACTION ITEM!!)**

CAM Report: Roger Milliman mentioned the golf course will be CLOSED on Christmas Day and on New Year's Day. Jason will put out signs announcing the closures.

Roger said they are looking at adding more space for the Water Department in the Maintenance area, perhaps a 40-ft construction trailer in the back where the trucks park.

Finally, Roger said there's a lot to be proud of with the quality of our course, and Pro Shop customer service. And the new café cook, Brian Marks, is bringing back customers so sales are going up.

Ongoing encroachment on Navy property: Roger said he was contacted by Dave Rose at Chehalis Valley Surveyors who will be getting back to the Navy on a couple questions they had on his survey. (Dave is also working with LLCC on the trestle overpass/water main issue, and our dam/structures for Cranberry, Leprechaun and Limerick.)

Marketing: Nancy Milliman said the December marketing project is the **12 Days of Christmas** specials. They have done fairly well (except for weather issues on days for golfing specials). [Robbi suggested they could give a "raincheck" when that happens on those days?] Unfortunately, the future weather forecast includes not only rain, but snow, too.

Thanks to all who donated baked goods; these have been sold with coffee providing a little more income during sales.

Nancy said they are putting together two more sandwich boards to promote Saturday's HOA Family holiday social events, starting here at the Pro Shop with caroling.

3rd Hole Tee Box / Practice Area: Vern said a detailed funding request proposal will be pulled together and sent to the Board in early January. We need to show justification. Our past project funding requests came in on time, often under budget, and have proven to bring in additional income in the long run.

We should include that this improvement recommendation came from a course professional.

Golf Carts: We also have to finalize our funding request proposal for additional golf carts. We need to pin down the previous estimate provided by the vendor. Again, Vern said, we hope to have that for the Board in early January.

Fundraisers: Vern said the Greens Committee needs to pin down projects, and come up with some fundraiser proposals by February.

NEW BUSINESS

Drone Videos & Photos of LLCC: Marketing is suggesting that John Hohnstein be hired to develop drone videos and photos of Lake Limerick HOA properties, and use them for promotional purposes. This would include the golf course, pro shop & café, the Inn, our two lakes and seven parks. It could provide visual marketing of our assets to increase member usage, and awareness for prospective new homeowners – and the public for the golf course & café. It would be available on the LLCC website and Golf website, as well as photos to update Chamber visitor center brochures and LLCC marketing materials. Cost would be \$2,750. Scheduled completion date: May 30, 2022. This project is not budgeted for 2021-22.

Lance Levine moved that: **THE GREENS COMMITTEE (IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE INN COMMITTEE) REQUESTS THE LLCC BOARD TO FUND DRONE VIDEOS & PHOTOS OF LLCC PROPERTIES, AT A COST OF \$2,750, TO BE PULLED FROM THE GENERAL FUND, IN ADDITION TO THE CURRENT BUDGET.** Ed Irvin seconded, and the motion PASSED.

Nancy said that the Inn Committee will also discuss this at their next opportunity.

Security Cameras at Pro Shop: After the recent loss of a golf cart to theft, it is suggested that a security system be installed at the Pro Shop. The proposal is for 8 hard-wired & monitored security cameras around the exterior of the Pro Shop, the parking area, and inside the office/café at the cash registers. Recorded camera media could provide law enforcement with info on theft and vandalism, maintaining member / public safety. Approximate cost is \$2,754.11 (subject to final equipment selection). This project is not budgeted for 2021-22; it was proposed in the Reserve Study.

Lance Levine moved that: **THE GREENS COMMITTEE REQUESTS THE LLCC BOARD TO FUND EIGHT SECURITY CAMERAS AT THE PRO SHOP, ESTIMATED COST OF \$2,755 (subject to final equipment selection) TO BE PULLED FROM THE GENERAL FUND, IN ADDITION TO THE CURRENT BUDGET.** Nancy Milliman seconded, and the motion PASSED.

Adjourn: At 2:35 PM, Gayle Wilcox moved to: **ADJOURN.** Ed Irvin seconded, and the motion PASSED.

NOTES BY ROBBI