

LLCC Greens Committee Meeting MINUTES

Tuesday, May 3, 2022 (1:30 PM – Pro Shop Café)

ATTENDEES: Vern Duggan, Robbi Alberts, Lance Levine, Tim Magee, Sheila Nokes, Steve Saylor
[Excused: Ed Irvin, Nancy Milliman, Jerry Nokes, Gayle Wilcox]
GUESTS: Kirk Crowell, Dean Dyson, John Ingemi
STAFF: Elen Gaschet DeL'isle, Mark Hendricks, Jason Howerton, Roger Milliman

Vern called the meeting to order at 1:38 PM, and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Minutes: Sheila Nokes moved to: **APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 5, 2022 GREENS COMMITTEE MEETING.** Tim Magee seconded, and the motion **PASSED.**

Greens Report: Jason has taken a job at Olympia Golf & Country Club. He said he has been working with Javier to pass along knowledge on how to run our golf course. Jason will surely be missed; but the continuity of keeping Javier at LLCC is valuable. Jason said he has every confidence in Javier. He will continue keeping Lake Limerick golf course going in the right direction. Jason said he will still live here, will have close contact with Javier as well as past co-workers and members. He said his amazing experience here allows him to be the Superintendent he is today.
[Mariners have a winning record, 12-11!]

Javier reported, the month of April was a tough month due to weather. Whoever thought we would have to deal with snow, sleet, and hail in April?! We are still short-staffed and looking for greenskeepers. But the crew continues to focus on the day-to-day course maintenance. The #3 project was halted for awhile, mainly due to weather.

Things accomplished in **April:** Edged sprinkler heads ... adjusted height of rough length ... aerified all fairways and tees ... and kept up with mowing, fertilizing and spraying.

Things to be accomplished in **May:** Apply spring fertilizer wall-to-wall ... Preventive maintenance on pump-house irrigation ... Refresh all landscape beds and tree-surrounds on course and around Pro Shop/Café ... Apply an environmentally-friendly herbicide to suppress weeds ... Continue Hole #3 project.

Next on the **Hole #3 Project / Phase 2:** Bring in 32 cubic yards of greens-grade fine sand (have to worry about heavy truck breaking sprinkler lines...) ... Grade and shape chipping green surface with sloped collar ... Float gradual slope around bunker ... Compact surface ... Relocate 3 irrigation heads to collar of green ... Hydro-seed collars and bunker slope with fescue/rye blend ... Install plugs to putting surface and compact.

Jason said they could use some **VOLUNTEERS** to help the crew with landscaping (e.g., raking & weeding beds, touching them up ... spreading bark, etc.) It was suggested that they come up with a date & time, and we'll put the word out to the Men's & Ladies' Clubs.

Steve Saylor asked about the sensor on the sprinkler system? Jason said the irrigation specialist will take a look at that. Depending on the parts needed, it could be a small amount, or up to a couple thousand dollars.

Pro Shop Report: Elen said she has a cake to serve and cards for Jason. Pro Shop revenues during April 2022 totaled \$17,582.46. Last year, same month was \$30,403.03 (a 42.17% drop, mainly due to the terrible April weather). The good news, revenue fiscal YTD is \$11,381 higher than was budgeted.

Golf Annual sales YTD total 140, plus 1 Junior. (The previous year, we sold 151, plus 2 Juniors.)

Upcoming events:

- **Glowball Tournament** on Saturday, June 18, starting at 9:30 PM. Four groups have already signed up.
- **Fundraiser Tournament**, originally scheduled for May 21st, is being moved to **Friday, July 29th.**

CAM Report: Roger said Javier has been given an offer to consider, for appointment as 6-month interim superintendent. We are also down two greenskeepers, so Jesus has been offered 1st greenskeeper position, and "Chewy" was offered 2nd greenskeeper position. Roger noted that LLCC's salaries have not been competitive. We need to increase rates to attract and retain good help. LLCC does offer vacation, health care benefits, 50% off lunch orders, and a 401(k) plan. We hope to attract additional help, perhaps from landscaping companies.

Year-over-year revenues had been trending up; the fourth week of February it was 35% ahead. So the recent drop in revenues is certainly weather-related. Based on budgeting, we're 10% ahead of where we planned to be right now. Once golf seasons get underway, revenues are expected to improve. Our course is well-maintained, and well-received by the public. The Café is up 19% year-over-year; the Restaurant is up 51%; and the Lounge is up 129%!

Comments from the Chair: We need to thank Jason for all he has done for the course. He is part of our community, and will be a help for Javier. With revenues up, it's a good indication we're moving in the right direction.

Ongoing encroachment on Navy Property: Roger said there's more good news. Last month, the Navy accepted our survey. Last week, they confirmed they are waiting for the appraisal value for the easement consideration. They expect to have that by end of May. Once the valuation is received, they will contact us with the consideration amount.

Once consideration is received, easement originals will be sent for LLCC's signature. Roger said the Board will need to review that, as well as our attorney. We aren't sure how long the agreement will be for (our previous agreement was for 50 years, expiring in 2005, based on value of the property). The easement includes access to the dam, and water pipes running under St. Andrews & Mason Lake Rd. So it certainly is a value to our community.

Marketing: In Nancy's absence, Elen reported LLCC ran ads in the *Journal's "Profile"* (published April 28); and will be running an ad in their *"Visitor's Guide"* (coming out May 26th). We're still working on the ad for the summer issue of *Tracing the Fjord* magazine. And starting Thursday, May 6th in the *Journal*, we'll have a coupon special (\$40 for 18 holes with golf cart and choice of burger or wrap – depending on whether the Café is open).

We've had more "Youth on Course" sales recently than ever before. During April, despite the weather, revenue from our specials (youth, military, etc) totaled \$422.21.

Golf Lessons will begin in June. Joe Long will be back. If anyone wants a lesson, they should contact the Pro Shop.

Elen asked for input on some signs being made up to post at Hole #1 on the golf-cart rules for the day (i.e., cart-path only, 90 degrees, course closed, etc.)

Carts: Vern said the carts we ordered arrived; however, we rejected them since they weren't what we expected we were buying. They were sent back to make sure they included everything we wanted (new batteries, etc.) However, we came up short on rentals, so they have given back the rejected ones to use "no charge" until they can provide us the corrected ones.

2022 Golf Budget: We need to be thinking about our golf budget proposal for 2022-23.

All of our golf carts are stored in weather, so they may become mildewed. In the past, volunteers have helped recover seats; but we don't want to have to keep doing that. We need to look at providing adequate enclosures.

The backhoe is a Capital Equipment expense, and will be on the Reserve List for Capital Equipment.

We should consider replacing a couple carts every year, to maintain an up-to-date fleet of carts.

Finally, we need to consider any fee increases (annuals, daily fees, trail fees, cart sheds, punch cards, youth, etc.) Vern said he's been asking for a volunteer to contact other local 9-hole courses to find out what their current fees are. Steve Saylor has come up with the list of courses, and contact information. Lance Levine offered to do this.

June Meeting: Vern said he will be out-of-town for the June meeting and needs someone to run the meeting. Sheila Nokes and Robbi Alberts offered to make sure this is done. Vern will provide the agenda.

Finally, Vern said some folks have mentioned we need a "Business Plan". He's not sure what they are asking for exactly; that needs to be made more clear. Board members present today questioned why this isn't being channeled through the Board of Directors? Members can't go directly to committees requesting this type of thing.

Roger said he'll be providing department managers with templates from last year, YTD expenditures, and what they are responsible for in 2023. He'll start collecting info in June for Board review; and continue the process in July. Any Capital Equipment requests will need a 6-question approval request form completed (safety related, maintain asset, etc.)

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM

NOTES BY ROBBIE