

LLCC Greens Committee Meeting MINUTES Tuesday, July 5, 2022 (1:30 PM – Pro Shop Café)

ATTENDEES: Vern Duggan, Robbi Alberts, Renie Dyson, Lance Levine, Sheila Nokes
[Excused: Ed Irvin, Tim Magee, Nancy Milliman, Steve Saylor, Gayle Wilcox]
GUESTS: Dean Dyson, John Ingemi
STAFF: Mark Hendricks, Javier Martinez, Roger Milliman

Vern called the meeting to order at 1:42 PM, and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Minutes: Lance Levine moved to: **APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 7, 2022 GREENS COMMITTEE MEETING.** Sheila Nokes seconded, and the motion **PASSED.**

Greens Report: Javier reported June has provided the community great weather for golfing and enjoying our amenities. With a bit of rain, it's helped keep the course in good shape. Good to see members enjoying the course.

Now that turf growth has slowed down, they are focusing on maintaining and keeping the turf cut down. New crew members are doing a great job, but still in training. Thanks for patience as they do their best with all the changes.

We still have no mechanic, and with two new greenskeepers Javier has been challenged, but everyone is doing their best to keep the course in beautiful shape. Javier is proud to maintain and keep the course tournament-ready.

Things accomplished in June: Planted 3 trees on #6, #7 & #9 (provided by Joel Gray/Minihan Tournament, gaining many compliments) ... Sprayed greens with #1 Solution to keep them from burning out ... Refreshed all landscape beds and tree-surrounds on course and around Pro Shop/Café ... Crew is still in training, trying to keep up with all the projects and routine maintenance on the course.

Things to accomplish in July: Mark all G.U.R.s (ground under repair), hazards, and make sure OB stakes are straight and not missing ... Keeping the course tournament ready every day ... Trying to keep irrigation going (have had 2 broken pipes) ... Continue edging sprinkler heads and yardage domes. Having hard time finding a mechanic adequate to do the job (Thankfully Jason's mechanic has been helping us out in the meantime).

Topics to discuss: Javier feels the need for longer height of cut for rough to favor on the side of keeping it healthy and green. Only way to do that is mow the rough once a week at 1.75". Longer leaf blade has less chance of burning out and showing stress.

#3 Chipping area project: It's been a tough year with this project. Right now, Javier said his focus must be on the golf course itself, and training his crew. They started spreading plugs today for this project; and will hydroseed and add sprinklers to cover the needed direction. The project will be accomplished, but there are other priorities for the main course that need focus. Jason has said he still wants to be involved in this project, so you may see him out there from time to time.

Sheila Nokes mentioned the Ladies Club has some tournaments coming up where we'd like friendly pin-placements (Guest Day, Wed July 13th ... and Tri-Mixer with Alderbrook & Lk Cushman on Friday, August 5th).

John Ingemi asked Javier if he's had a chance to go look at the excavator? Javier said not yet, but he plans to soon.

Renie mentioned there are areas of the rough (holes?) where the long grass makes it very hard to find balls. The Ladies league requires golfers take a penalty (& distance) for such lost balls. Lance said the Men's league allows a free drop if everyone agrees it landed in that spot. (Perhaps we should get together and agree on a "Local Rule"?)

Pro Shop Report: In Elen's absence, Mark reported the 4th of July holiday weekend brought in tons of business! Plus they sold one of our OLD green carts for \$2300. It was recommended that we be sure to have friendly tee-placements on holiday weekends to help speed up play. Roger M. added that revenues for the month of June are up 13% over last year. We rented 505 carts, bringing in \$6,485 revenue. There were 932 Member rounds & 696 Public rounds.

We brought in nearly \$2,000 through 'specials' in June (coupons, youth, military, first responders, etc.) Year-to-date golf is off 2% compared to last year, but with the drier weather things have definitely improved keeping us on target.

Special THANKS to the following people (these are great ways to promote our course):

- Volunteer **John Torkelson & Mark Hendricks** for fixing six of our old green carts (*saving LLCC a lot of money*).
- **Dave Morgan & Mark Hendricks** who put on a successful Glowball Tournament.
- **Kristi Gray** & all her helpers for the great Ladies Shamrock Tournament, impressing our guests!
- **Joel Gray** & the **Minihan Tournament** for donating the trees.
- **Brenda Bakken** (EXO Realty) and **Ed & Katie Haigh** (Veterinary Hospital, Shelton) for continuing their sponsorships for the Youth, Men's and Women's Wine/Golf Lessons. And to **Joe Long** for giving the lessons.

Upcoming events: Friday, July 8 Men vs. Women ... Tuesday, July 12 Men's Home & Away with Lk Cushman ... Friday, July 29 Fundraising Tournament ... Friday, August 5, Ladies Tri-Mixer with Lk Cushman & Alderbrook ... Saturday, August 6 Minihan Tournament ... Saturday, August 13, Men's St. Andrews Open.

Friendly reminder to golfers: Repair all divots and follow our golf-cart rules. Invite friends to avail our \$40 golf coupon, our golf lessons and Men's & Ladies' Leagues.

Fundraiser: Planned for Friday, July 29, 9:30 AM shotgun start. Entry fee \$50pp; sponsorships \$100 each. Plan is to golf in the morning, offer fun boat rides in the afternoon, eat lunch on the Pro Shop patio, then go to the Inn for music. Mark said some people have lived here for years who've never been out on the lake. They hope to offer a great time and raise a ton of money! There will be a meal on the Pro Shop patio (Mexican by Alvaro Lopez).

CAM Report: Roger said golf revenues are doing well, and he's proud of the Greens & Pro Shop staff. He said the Board will be holding its second budget meeting this evening, hoping to talk about capital projects.

Marketing Report: The weekly coupons in the Journal continue. A ¼ page ad and article will be out this week in *Tracing the Fjord*, including mention of our Fundraising Tournament. The Fire Station sign will be updated this week to include the Fundraiser.

We are now fourth in line to host the Chamber After-Hours event, so it could be October? Golf & Café revenues are UP! Hurray for the great weather coming!

Dean asked if we are starting to rent the Great Hall out? Roger said he and Chef Jon are in the process of revising the contracts for public and members. Roger said they hope to budget Marketing the same as the year before this one.

Navy update: Roger said in early May we had been told we'd be receiving something soon. He called last week and was told sorry, they are short-staffed right now, but hope to get something to us by the end of next week. We are awaiting the assessment, and terms & conditions of an easement.

Capital Projects: Vern distributed a list of proposed capital projects (recommendations for each will be drawn up):

- Backhoe/excavator (*shared with Water & Facilities*) \$60,000 total (\$20,000 Greens)
- Irrigation telemetry system faceplates upgrade \$80,000
- VFD/variable frequency drive pumphouse upgrade (*needed to lengthen the life of our well pump*) \$51,500
- 5 reconditioned carts @ \$5300 each (minus ~\$10K selling 5 current old carts) \$16,500
- Repave #3 cart path & patch parts of #6, #8 (*delayed re: Navy easement*) \$40,000
- Cover 2 metal cart storage sheds (*to protect and lengthen life of golf carts*) \$5,000

Golf Fees increase for 2023 season: Greens Committee recommends we increase the fees (per **Attachment 1**). These represent an 8.4% to 8.6% increase in most of the fees. We base it on the cost of living and what the market is charging. We are on target to exceed the revenues forecasted for 2021 – 2022.

Robbi Alberts moved to: **SUBMIT THIS PROPOSAL OF REVISED GOLFING FEES (EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2023) TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL.** Sheila Nokes seconded, and the motion PASSED.

Hiring Golf Pro: Greens Committee recommends we hire a Golf Pro, per the recommendation in **Attachment 2**.

Adjourn: At 2:54 PM, Lance Levine moved to: **ADJOURN.** Robbi Alberts seconded, and motion PASSED.

NOTES BY ROBBI