

LLCC Greens Committee Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday, September 6, 2022 (1:30 PM – Pro Shop Café)

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

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

Minutes: Gayle Wilcox moved to: **APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 2, 2022 GREENS COMMITTEE MEETING.** Tim Magee seconded, and the motion **PASSED.**

Greens Report: Javier reported August temperatures continued hot and dry. His crews are doing their best to keep the course green for members to enjoy. They are doing a great job handling all the challenges, and have nearly caught up on all their projects. Thanks to everyone for their patience as they do their best with all the changes. Javier said they are still without a mechanic, which makes it difficult. They've been doing their best to keep machines up and running, and in working condition. He and his crew are proud of the course, and aim to keep it tournament-ready.

Things accomplished in August: Watering on hot days in the morning, and also in the evening (so you may see them out there while you're golfing) ... Sprayed greens with #1 Solution to keep them from burning out ... Discovered our greens have a disease called "Summer Patch" which Jacob says is "easy to get, but tough to get rid of". Mike Carrin sent off a sample and is helping Javier order the fungicide needed. It is starting to get better ... Alex from Toro helped set us up with a new code and faceplates for the control boxes (still in process) ... There have been no breaks in the sprinklers this past month; sprinkler heads are being adjusted and flushed as needed ... The Men's St. Andrews Tournament was a success; Javier was happy how the course looked.

Things to accomplish in September: Mark all hazards, and make sure O.B stakes are straight and not missing ... Continue edging sprinkler heads and yardage domes ... Continue to watch the Summer Patch, and spray again if needed ... Aerification is planned for Wednesday, September 21st (greens, tees and fairways), along with sanding ... Still no mechanic, unfortunately; it is hoped to hire one soon ... Meanwhile the crews are trying to keep machines up and running ... The course remains "tournament-ready", and hopefully everyone will enjoy Lance's tournament on September 10th.

Topics to discuss: Javier thinks the height of our rough-cut is good, keeping it green and healthy. They will continue on the longer side, mowing once a week. By doing this, there should be less stress and burn-out.

#3 Chipping Area: Javier said they have seeded all around it, and added a drainage line to the sand-trap. It is growing in beautifully. Crews have begun extending the tee-box, and adding blocks for the retaining wall. They are getting ready for the concrete pad. They will be moving sprinkler heads from time-to-time to keep the area green and healthy. Their main focus is still the main course, but this project will be accomplished as soon as they are able. Javier said he is proud of his crew as they catch up on projects left behind.

Lance asked about #7 green looking thin in spots? Javier said he would talk to Jacob about that.

Gail asked about any plan to remove the huge bee-hive in the tree on #8? There is a local company that will remove hives at no charge (but they can't be sprayed first). Roger & Javier will check into that.

Dean mentioned there are a few pretty wet spots on #3 & #4. Some of the wet spots are caused by lots of watering.

CAM Report: Roger Milliman reported we're doing much better than our planned budget. Next year's golf revenue budget is \$350,000, higher than this year. We're looking to attract more public tournaments, which bring in lots of revenue. Four capital projects were approved for Greens: Irrigation telemetry system faceplates upgrade ... VFD pumphouse upgrade ... 5 reconditioned golf carts (selling 5 current golf carts) ... and extending the two cart-sheds to fully cover all our carts.

Ads were posted today on two different sites for a mechanic. Hopefully we will get some response soon.

Pro Shop Report: Mark Hendricks reported that Elen didn't really "retire". She is still working remotely on different projects. She still has access to the website and is able to help out whenever needed. She's taking September off to go bow-hunting in the mountains. She will be filling in October 10-11-12 and 17-18-19 when Mark is traveling to France, and next summer she'll be back three days a week Mon/Tues/Wed. She was very appreciative of the send-offs from Ladies League, Men's League and the Office. For the time being, a new staff member has been hired – Chuck Henricks.

Mark said LLCC's **Drone Video** turned out great! It can be viewed on the LLCC golf website:
<https://www.lakelimerickgolf.com> (scroll down)

Mark said it's now up to members to pass the approved Board budget for funding the five carts, with a stipulation we sell five older carts (Mark has already sold three green carts).

Labor Day weekend was a huge success. In 2020, we raised \$9,268. In 2021, we raised \$7,998. And this year, 2022, we brought in \$12,003!

It was asked, why wasn't the Café open on Monday of Labor Day Weekend? It's believed they lost a lot of sales that day! We should talk about it earlier next year.

Comments from the Chair: The Budget is set and is going out to the membership for a vote. Tomorrow night the Board is holding an open discussion on the budget. Ballots must be returned by Friday, September 16th (earlier this year, so the budget can be in place at the start of the fiscal year).

Steve Saylor said it's good to see Javier getting his crew up to speed. Hopefully they will find a mechanic soon.

We took in \$10,174 for our fundraising tournament in July. A memorial procession was held recently for Ron McMullen; his wife was pleased and donated another \$500 to our fundraiser. (NOTE: A Memorial service will be held for Ron on Saturday, October 8th at 2:00 PM at Faith Lutheran Church.)

We exceeded our revenue goal this year, and the Board has challenged us to raise 20% more revenue in the coming year. Every year keeps getting better and better.

Encroachment on Navy Property: We recently received the contract for a 50-year easement lease from the Navy. They are asking for \$12,200 for 50-years. Our attorney needs to look at the contract before we can sign and return it. Roger was asked not to wait too long! This is a community win, covering not only golf course, but dam and water-line easement.

Lance asked about the folks that were surveying Hole #9 this week? Roger said that we are having the property surveyed in order to get a permit for adding a trailer or modular building to our shop yard. We first need to know the exact lot-lines to determine set-backs and for combining lots into one parcel.

Marketing: Elen has been working with Nancy Milliman and Mark. In the Fall *Fjord* issue we'll have an article and our \$25 ad for golf. We're also advertising in the *Fjord's* Oysterfest issue. We'll be in the Chamber's "Business Matters" insert in the *Journal*. And we continue to run our burger & 9 holes special coupon, which has been very effective in getting the public to play here. In August, we sold 32 of the golf coupon specials, netting \$883.52.

Pro Shop revenues were \$53,331.35 in August (up from previous years: 2019=\$31,058.88; 2020=\$42,290.79; 2021=\$49,051.61). Food & beverages sold when the Café is closed keeps rising; it was \$7,627 in August 2022 (vs. \$4,860.24 in 2019; \$5,812.20 in 2020; and \$7,555.46 in 2021).

Mark said he is reaching out to Shelton Highschool about getting a LLCC banner hung on the fence by the playfield.

#3 Chipping Area: Javier reported earlier on the progress of this project. Vern said it looks like the project will be completed. And sometime next year we should be using it.

Ambassadors: Mark said he is proposing an "Ambassador Program" for Lake Limerick Golf Course. Ambassadors would volunteer three hours a week to help with duties to make our golf course the best (and friendliest) it can be! You can make a positive difference by using your talents to: beautify the grounds, maintain carts, interact in a positive manner with golfers and walkers on the course; help with tournaments; help with lessons; after a windstorm, help rake up branches and debris from the course; rake sand traps; fill divots; and help with golf promotions, tournaments and special events. Training will be provided. The program is voluntary (no perks). Mark handed out applications for those who might be interested. Spread the word!

Heavy Equipment: This is still on the table (not included in the Board's budget proposal).

The Board also did not approve hiring a Golf Pro, or repave the remaining cart path sections. We can work on these for next year. And Vern also suggested thinking about our golf annuals, to see if we should add "tiers". Should there be a nominal fee for things like tournaments? Men's & Ladies' Clubs?

Javier will be looking at redoing some of our tee-boxes (with fundraising money).

Adjourn: At 2:33 PM, Steve Saylor moved to: **ADJOURN**. Lance Levine seconded, and the motion PASSED.

NOTES BY ROBBIE