

**LLCC Greens Committee Meeting MINUTES** (revised)  
**Tuesday, January 2, 2024** (1:30 PM – Pro Shop Café)

ATTENDEES: Vern Duggan, Robbi Alberts, Joel Gray, Ed Irvin, Lance Levine, Nancy Milliman, Sheila Nokes, Steve Saylor, Gayle Wilcox, Gary Yando [Excused: Gail Gagner, Tim Magee]

GUESTS: Dean Dyson, John Ingemi, Roger Milliman\*

STAFF: Mark Hendricks, Javier Martinez

Vern called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM. He said he's looking to train a replacement (as committee Chair).

**Minutes:** Joel Gray moved to: **APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 6, 2023 GREENS COMMITTEE MEETING**. Sheila Nokes seconded, and the motion **PASSED**.

**Greens Report:** Javier reported, as we put 2023 behind us, his crews accomplished many things. Now with the start of the new year, they are looking forward to more projects. There have been fewer workers recently as many employees take their vacation during the holidays. Everyone was flexible and it worked out that someone was there every day to do necessary work. The new employee, Omar, is doing a good job.

**Things accomplished in December:** Crews have been mowing fairways, tees and greens when possible ... cleaning up around the course to maintain it in top condition for the winter ... trimming trees and bushes as needed, to prevent damage to the course ... and keeping drains clear and in good working condition.

**Things to accomplish in January:** Javier will try to cut the two trees on #3 and #8, weather permitting ... continue keeping the course clear of debris, so it is playable ... working on drains and tee boxes ... and helping the Maintenance and Water Departments, as needed.

**Topics to discuss:** Will continue training employees on how to use and take care of the equipment in the golf department ... With the new year, Javier's goal is to teach employees new skills. Employees will be able to continue stepping up their training and be proud of their knowledge and skills.

Javier and his crew wish to thank everyone for the donations raised by the employee benefit fundraiser – this helped all of their holidays to be extra special. And thanks for the support given to this department.

Asked about the new back-hoe, Javier said they will be using it to get ready to lay new asphalt on cart paths.

Joel mentioned that Javier installed the ecological silt bags in the ditch by #9 Green, but it appears one was stolen. Joel made tags (saying "Do Not Remove, LLCC Property") and attached them to the silt bags. [NOTE: These bags capture chemicals, including phosphorus, that drain into Lake Limerick from the golf course and member properties. Silt will be tested to show what is going into the lake. The bags will be tested to show what is captured. All the ditches drain water from residents' yards, as well as the golf course. LLCC has changed our fertilizers to phosphorus-free products. Residents will be apprised of test results and encouraged to also avoid products containing phosphorus. This process will benefit the community, and help reduce weed growth in our lakes.]

Vern noted installing sod on the new tee-boxes in the Fall appears to have been the right choice – the grass is thriving.

**Marketing:** Apparently there's been a miscommunication about Marketing. Vern will investigate. Mark Hendricks and Nancy Milliman have both been authorized by the Greens Committee to post flyers and information about the Pro Shop & Course. Nancy said the Marketing Team will be meeting to discuss their agenda for the coming season.

**Pro Shop Report:** Mark began with THANK YOU's to volunteers: **Joel Gray** for scrubbing the front of the Café counter of black scuff marks ... **Cynthia Bye & Sharon Hendricks** for painting the Café walls ... **Karen Summers** and **Barbara Carmichael** for continuing to volunteer in the Pro Shop ... and **Dan & Jan Richter** for offering to prepare the design for a proposed putt-putt course in the park next to the Inn.

Mark said the *12 Days of Holiday Deals* was slow, but steady. We picked up two Adult and two Youth Memberships. Sixty-three people came in for the "Hot Deal" and got good bargains. There was no expense other than printing and posting flyers ("and excellent marketing by **Robbi Alberts**"). We definitely want to continue this program. And a THANK YOU to **Gayle Wilcox & Dean Dyson** for bringing in cookies and treats during the sale.

100 Calendars have been sold. Cost of printing was paid for by advertisers, so all sales are profit. [It was noted next year we need to get photos in earlier and get the calendars printed earlier.] We ordered 400 calendars; they are added to "New Member Welcome Packets" throughout the year. They are also for sale in the Lounge & Restaurant.

December was a wet month, but the diehards continued to play golf.

Café & Pro Shop upgrades are underway: new flooring, painting the walls (done), and adding a light above the Café bathrooms (THANK YOU, **Dave Morgan**) which will all pay dividends down the road. The flooring plan is on schedule and will take most of the month of January. The first week they will install the kitchen flooring, the second week the Café flooring, and the third week the Pro Shop flooring. The plan is that each week will be three days of work, in an effort to keep the Café open during their regular hours (Thurs-Sun).

Elen will be back to work Jan. 11/12/13/14 and Jan. 18/19/20/21, & Dave Morgan will take the other days in January while Mark is on vacation Jan 9-23. Mark said he'll return ready to get membership renewals going in February.

**Comments from the Chair:** Roger Milliman was present today, and has been attending these Greens Committee meetings on a regular basis. Vern asked for a motion to seat Roger immediately. Nancy Milliman moved that: **ROGER MILLIMAN BECOME A MEMBER-IN-GOOD-STANDING OF THE GREENS COMMITTEE.** Ed Irvin seconded, and the MOTION PASSED\*. Roger completed the membership request form during the meeting.

**Golf Cart updates:** We have ownership of the newly-purchased carts. Covers have been installed on some. We sold another older green cart to Dave Andre for \$2900. This can be used to offset the cost of any future carts. We are building a fleet of carts with a charge that can last through several rentals in one day. We are selling more rentals than ever since we have these reliable carts.

**Replace signage:** Joel is working on getting the "No Urinating" signs replaced. He hopes to have new signs by the end of the week.

**Needs for 2024/25:** Vern said it's not too early to begin thinking about our future needs. The Board is wanting budget information earlier than in the past.

One need is to "replace the five remaining green golf carts". (NOTE: Once these are replaced, we shouldn't need any more carts for several years as they will all be in good, reliable condition.)

**Handicap policy:** Javier asked about the Handicap Policy. We really need to make sure we have a policy in place to share with folks who may not be respecting the needs of the golf course (i.e., causing damage to fairways, etc.) Vern offered to work on that right away, and get a policy pinned down.

Gayle also mentioned that golf carts should stay on the cart path as much as possible. Golfers don't need to go off the path every time they stop. If someone needs to pass, they can gently drive around (causing less damage).

**Silver tee-boxes:** Steve Saylor asked if plans are underway to improve the tee-boxes for the Silver Tees? They need work. Vern said this will be scheduled as time allows.

The plan is to first work on the Gold/Blue tee-box on #8, including improving drainage next to the tee-box. Then we can start looking at Silver tee-boxes.

**Annual Passes:** These are on sale. If purchased by the end of February, cost is current rates. On March 1<sup>st</sup>, the increased prices become effective. GHINs will be \$45 again this year.

**Walker Rules:** Gayle asked if the "New Member Welcome Packet" given to new owners contains our Walking Policy, and our Pet Leash regulations? Dean said he'd check on that.

Ed Irvin asked if the "Walkers" stenciling on cart paths could be re-painted. It needs to be very clear to walkers. (It was also requested that the stencils/font be larger so it is more obvious to walkers which way to walk on the course.)

Javier was asked who he answers to? He said if he has issues, he takes them to Christy (who coordinates with Tamra, LLCC President).

**New Tournament:** *Wake Up Espresso* (Scott Eichhorn) is sponsoring a new Golf Tournament Series at Lake Limerick golf course to be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month. 18-holes, format varies month-to-month, make your own tee-time. If you participate in all the tournaments, no greens fees will be charged for the 8<sup>th</sup> tournament. The December tournament finale has a bonus \$300 in prize month. Cost is \$10 (plus greens fees). It's meant to attract new public golfers to our course, those who don't already play in our leagues. Contact the Pro Shop for information. This tournament will start on Saturday, February 17.

**Adjourn:** At 2:30 PM, Gayle Wilcox moved to: **ADJOURN.** Steve Saylor seconded, and the MOTION PASSED.

NOTES BY ROBBIE

**(NO motions requiring Board Action)**