

LLCC Greens Committee Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday, February 6, 2024 (1:30 PM – Pro Shop Café)
(One MOTION to the Board)

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

Vern called the meeting to order at 1:33 PM. A get-well card was circulated for Jerry Nokes.

Minutes: Gayle Wilcox moved to: **APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 2, 2024 GREENS COMMITTEE MEETING**. Ed Irvin seconded, and the motion **PASSED**.

Greens Report: Javier reported, even though the groundhog saw his shadow, crews will be keeping the course ready for winter weather.

Things accomplished in January: Crews are keeping an eye out on our greens due to high disease pressure (*which is affecting all golf courses right now*) ... took down the tree on #8 (but watching the tree on #3; Green Diamond believes it is still healthy and should last several more years; they may remove some limbs) ... have been cleaning up the dump pile near the practice area ... cleaning up the maintenance yard, doing upkeeping projects ... mowing the fairways, tees and greens when weather permits ... cleaning up debris around the course ... and keeping drains clear and in good working condition.

Things to accomplish in February: Crews will be getting the course ready for this month's tournament ... building some silver-tee boxes ... rebuilding #8 yellow & blue tee-box ... keeping the course clear of debris, so it's playable ... working on drains and tees ... and helping with the Maintenance and Water Departments, as needed.

Topics to discuss: Javier, Mark & Vern have been checking out where to place Silver Tee boxes. The goal is to rebuild #8 yellow & blue tee box in the next two weeks. Javier is also getting ready for greens aerification (~March 20th, weather permitting), ordering necessary supplies.

John Ingemi thanked Javier, his crew and all the other staff members who pitched in to swiftly move around furniture & equipment so the flooring could be installed in the Café & Pro Shop.

Steve Saylor mentioned someone left deep tire tracks next to #6 Green. Gayle said we need to reinforce that golfers drive "on the cart-path only", when that's the rule of the day. They don't need to pull off the path every time they stop. (Those wishing to pass can gently make their way around when the ground conditions permit. Stopping and then starting on the wet ground is the main cause of such damage. Leagues should stress this with their members.)

Mark said they are being strategic about where they will be placing the Silver Tee boxes – to keep most people from having to drive on the course, and so they fall within the area of sprinklers (keeping the ground from becoming hard).

Vern asked about the railroad ties in the dump pile? Javier said those are old ties that had been dug up from other areas of the course years ago.

Pro Shop report: Mark Hendricks also thanked Javier's crew for doing a great job, moving the heavy kitchen items, etc. for installation of the new flooring. Thanks to the Getchells for donating the new TV in the café (and thanks to Dave for installing it). Thanks to Nancy Milliman for spearheading the flooring project. Thanks to Dave, our Maintenance and Greens staff, plus volunteer painters (Elen, Cynthia Bye, Sharon Hendricks & Dean Dyson).

Our **Valentine's Day Golf Tournament** (2p scramble, silver tees) will be held Wed, Feb 14th at 11 AM, followed by lunch in the café. Robbi said she'd publish a final reminder that the deadline for signups is tomorrow, Feb 7th. We'll need to give Brian a headcount for food ordering. There are currently 20 registered.

The **Wake-Up Espresso Tournament series**, to be held the 3rd Saturday of each month, will now start in March instead of February.

This is the month to renew golf memberships before prices increase on March 1st. As of today, we've sold the following Annuals for 2024-25: Members = 2 new and 16 renewals; Public = 2 new and 11 renewals; Youth = 2 new. That's 33 so far, so we're one-third of the way to our goal.

Our volunteers keep rocking it. Barbara & Karen are doing great, and we're bringing Gussie Hampson on as a 3rd volunteer soon. These volunteers help with everything in the Pro Shop, supplementing staff when busy, helping keep paid-staff out of overtime hours. While they operate the desk and answer phones, staff can clean carts, fill batteries with water, etc. The ambassador program will be a great addition in the summer.

Pro Shop sales were ~\$13,000 in January (compared to \$16,000 in 2023). But Mark said on Sunday he could have used a volunteer, as the Pro Shop did \$8,600 in revenue and had over 60 golfers for that one day! (Most winter days, we might do \$100 in revenue with ~10 golfers playing during the cold, wet days.)

Mark said we submitted information on our Masters Tournament (scheduled for Sat, April 13th) to be published in the *PNGA Pacific NW Golfer* magazine and on their web page.

Marketing report: Nancy Milliman said her committee met January 30th and hammered out the marketing plan for this coming year. Watch for some good news about LLCC coming out in the *Journal* and in the *Fjord Magazine*. Nancy will be meeting with the Chamber about LLCC hosting a *Business Matters* event this year. The Fall banner on the high-school fence has been budgeted for this year (*next year, we'll need volunteer donors to cover the cost again*).

Finally, Nancy encouraged members to submit their calendar photos early this year, so they can be edited and the calendar created and sales begun earlier in the Fall.

Comments from the Chair: Vern thanked everyone again for helping support this committee in its goal of improving our golf course.

Old Tractor? Vern asked if the Board has given it's ok to sell our old tractor, since it has now been replaced? We have someone interested in purchasing it. The old tractor's value is listed at ~\$12-15K, but it is in need of much repair. That's why we replaced it, since repairs would prove expensive. The offer to purchase is \$10K, from Olympia Country Club (with whom we do much reciprocal work, advice, and borrowing of equipment). Lance Levine moved that: **THE LAKE LIMERICK BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORIZE THE SALE, TO OLYMPIA COUNTRY CLUB, OF OUR OLD TRACTOR, AS IS, FOR \$10,000** (as recommended by Javier/Greens, Gerardo/Maintenance & Jeff/Mechanic). Tim Magee seconded, and the MOTION PASSED.

Signs: Vern said that the signs (re "no urinating") were received, and Javier's crew has installed them.

2024 Budget: We will be looking to buy *five more golf carts* this coming year, to replace the last of our old green carts. Vern said if anyone else has anything they'd like us to review for next year's budget, please share.

Lance mentioned *enlarging the putting green*.

Handicap Policy: A Policy, which has been approved by the Board, was circulated. The Pro Shop is responsible for issuing disabled flags (to golfers who have a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act). It is up to Javier and Mark to decide the conditions for each day as they relate to allowing handicapped golfers to drive on the course. Everyone who has a disabled flag should be required to read and sign the Policy, so they are aware of the rules.

In the policy, it was requested that the words "*When course conditions permit...*" be inserted before "*Disabled Flag holders will have access to the golf course, for cart travel at 90 degrees on all fairways, including #4, #6 and #7.*"

Lance suggested there be a sign on the Pro Shop desk noting that "HCP golfers have special privileges" so the general public doesn't think they can just follow those people out on the course when they shouldn't.

Gary Yando said it's important for our members to police ourselves; if you see someone doing something they shouldn't be doing, say so. We don't want anyone damaging the course. Encourage reporting infractions to the Pro Shop.

Lance thought we might want to review the verbiage on the back of the scorecards, which is what the public sees (e.g. "Holes #4, #6 & #7 Cart Path only – except Handicap, weather permitting"). We also need better (more?) signage along the cart-paths on #4, #6 & #7 saying "Cart-Path Only".

Vern said we'd look at amending the Policy, and installing signs.

Gary Yando suggested we install stakes & tape around our really **wet areas**, to keep the carts off.

Ed Irvin suggested the practice area have **signage** at the tee-boxes saying what the **yardage** is to the middle of the practice green – to keep people who use that area from hitting balls out into the fairway.

John Ingemi reminded everyone Board & Water elections are coming up; candidates are encouraged to apply. The only qualification is you must be a Member in Good Standing.

Roger Milliman mentioned a special Board/Lake-Dam "Zoom meeting" will be held tomorrow at 5 PM to discuss Lake Management, prior to a meeting with the Squaxin Island Tribe to discuss a lake management feasibility study for Lake Limerick. All members are invited to observe.

Adjourn: At 2:43 PM, Gayle Wilcox moved to: **ADJOURN**. Lance Levine seconded, and the MOTION PASSED.

NOTES BY ROBBIE

ONE MOTION TO THE BOARD: "Authorize Sale of LLCC's Old Tractor"

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