

LLCC Greens Committee Meeting MINUTES Tuesday, February 2, 2021 (2 PM, via Zoom)

ATTENDEES: Vern Duggan, Robbi Alberts, Renie Dyson, Lance Levine, Jerry Nokes, Sheila Nokes, Steve Saylor, Gayle Wilcox
(not present: Ed Irvin, Mary Lou Trautmann)

STAFF: Elen Gaschet DeL'isle, Mark Hendricks, Jason Howerton, Roger Milliman

GUESTS: Dean Dyson, Jon Ingemi, Nancy Milliman, Brian Smith, Connie Wong, Nate??

Vern Duggan called the meeting to order (via Zoom) at 2:02 PM

Minutes: Sheila N. moved to: **ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 5, 2021 GREENS COMMITTEE MEETING.** Renie D. seconded, and the motion PASSED.

Greens Report: Superintendent Jason Howerton reported record rains hit hard during the early parts of January (7 inches in 3 days), but the course remains in pretty good shape with plenty of golf days. This year has been tough for disease pressure on greens. He had to push extra fungicides to protect and control the spread. On some of the greens the pcnb granular fungicide application burned the blades of grass, but didn't cause any turf damage.

In the coming weeks, the **break room & maintenance office will be relocated** to open up space for the Water Department to be located in the maintenance shop. Jason said they are waiting for a couple days where they can shut down **Hole #5 and fix the bathroom plumbing.** He will be scheduling the **annual deep drilling of greens** somewhere around March 23rd (weather permitting).

Other things to be accomplished in February: Re-landscape where tree was removed next to #5 bathroom ... Take down dead tree right side of #2 ... Add shelves for irrigation pipe storage located next to pole barn ... Organize and build new office and mechanic bay located in pole barn; Move, lift & install it into pole barn ... Upgrade break room & make it more adequate for staff ... and Fill in pot holes on #3 cart path with crushed rock (temporary fix).

Pro Shop Report: Elen reported income for **Golf Cart rentals** from May 4, 2020 through Jan. 31, 2021 totaled \$34,407.52 (a 62.17% increase from previous year's income during that period of \$21,216.89). Last year we spent \$24K out of our capital budget for eight new golf carts. With this rate of increased revenue (\$13k in one year), we can easily recoup that expenditure in less than two years!

January's Pro Shop income from **greens fees, merchandise sales & GHINs** totaled \$15,372.42 (a 165.02% increase from the previous January's income of \$5,800.50). [December had also shown a 191% increase.] January's **daily rounds & power cart rentals** were way up from a year ago (\$2,125.70 vs. \$352.50). [December 2020 was also way up: \$2,693.99 vs. \$867.22 in 2019.] More golfing is one of the best things to come out of the pandemic!

A reminder to golfers: It's time to **renew your Annual memberships!** (at the new rates) New Merchandise should be available by April, in time for kickoff of league play.

A **Glowball Tournament** is being planned for Saturday, March 6th, teeing off at 6 PM.

CAM Report: Roger Milliman gave a big thank you to the committee and staff for capitalizing on increasing income week to week. Golf revenue is up 122% since last year. The Café is bringing in \$700-900/week, down only 8% compared to last year. Chef Josh is planning some specials, including for Super Bowl Sunday.

Chair's Report: Vern thanked everyone for supporting the golf course, and this committee. With our new carts, we are able to provide everyone a cart who wants one, rather than turning them away. We have an outstanding golf course, and outstanding personnel, and our revenues keep going up! We are seeing repeat customers.

Update re: Encroachment on Navy Property: Roger said he spoke with Navy personnel this morning. They are still analyzing the cadastral survey data; they have a few questions they are asking the surveyors. So far they haven't come back to us with anything.

Marketing: Elen said that we have sold all but 56 of the calendars, and those will be used for welcome packages.

Nancy Milliman reported, in the next four issues of "Tracing the FJORD", we will have a ½ page ad along with an article. This affords a 15% discount. We are continuing our membership with Shelton-Mason County Chamber, and will take advantage of marketing opportunities with them (e.g., "hot deals", expo, golf tournament, etc.) We will not renew North Mason Chamber unless we can pro-rate 2021, as they have not set any events or opportunities for this year. The team is completing the marketing plan for the year, and will have it available to share at the March meeting. Nancy added they have started collecting photos and ideas for next year's LLCC calendar.

Walker Rules: Vern drafted some **Rules for Walkers** and shared them with the committee. There was some discussion on edits/changes. Robbi agreed to type up the proposed changes and resend out to the committee.

Sheila N. moved to: **SEND THE GREENS COMMITTEE'S REVISED "WALKER RULES" TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, FOR APPROVAL.** Gayle Wilcox 2nd, and the motion PASSED. (See Attachment 1)

Asked about enforcement, Vern suggested violations could be documented and handed into the Pro Shop; they would hand them over to Vern and Roger so that appropriate action could be taken. Renie mentioned someone who continues to ride his electric bicycle up & down the paths & fairways, and has refused to cease. It was suggested that a trail camera be installed to help document complaints; Jason said he had an extra camera that could be set up.

Pro Shop/Café Remodel: Sales of calendars netted about \$2,195 (\$4,130 minus \$1935 expenses); and tournaments netted \$1300 (for a total fundraising of \$3,495).

Mark and Dave found a credenza for free and have renovated it (for free). It has been set up in the If I'da Room.

Phase 1 is to set up the POS system and computer on the credenza for staff use (instead of their running back & forth through the Café to the office). Existing electrical outlets should work.

Phase 2 would include working with the Inn Committee to come up with a plan for the remodel. Vern had shared a possible model. There was some discussion about where "doors" should be installed.

Lance noted, if a sliding "barn door" is installed, we would lose a lot of wall space. It's suggested that one of the windows be converted to a sliding window that would allow an opening/pass through.

There was some discussion about loss of space for holding our league meetings and other golfing events.

It was agreed that this needs to go back to the Design Committee (working with the Inn Committee) to come up with a detailed proposal and bring it back to the Greens Committee. Meanwhile, we will leave the credenza in the If I'da room and hook up the equipment for staff.

Vern volunteered to be on the Design Committee. Roger Milliman suggested Chef Josh Neely should be involved.

NEW BUSINESS

Ladies' League: 2021 officers for the Ladies League are: Co-Captains Renie Dyson & Gail Gagner; Secretary Robbi Alberts; and Treasurer Brenda Asselstine. Ladies league play will begin Friday, April 2nd. Plan is to play Mondays (9 or 18), Wednesdays (9 or 18) & Fridays (9). Not sure at this time how meetings will be conducted; it will depend on pandemic restrictions.

Men's Club: League President Gary Yando is stepping down, and at this point no one has volunteered to take his place. A message could be sent out to League members and Annual holders to see if anyone will step up.

Mark suggested, if no one steps up to take over *everything*, perhaps separate volunteers could step forward to be in charge of each day of play (Sunday & Tuesday 18 holes ... Monday & Thursday 9 holes). Gary has already put together a schedule of daily games for the season.

Adjournment: At 3:18 pm, Gayle Wilcox moved to: **ADJOURN.** Renie Dyson 2nd, and the motion PASSED.

NOTES BY ROBBIE

[Attachment 1 – Proposed Walker Rules]

ATTACHMENT 1

(Proposed, for Board approval)
LLCC Members' WALKER Rules
on Lake Limerick Golf Course

We know of no other local course that allows anyone other than active golfers on their golf cart paths during golfing hours. The Lake Limerick Board of Directors is allowing non-golfing Walkers to use the Lake Limerick Golf Course golf-cart paths. With this in mind, these rules have been developed in an attempt to protect Walkers from being injured.

- 1) LLCC golf-cart paths are only to be used by HOA members, guests and family.
- 2) Walkers enter the golf course cart paths at their own risk.
- 3) Golfers have the right-of-way.
- 4) Walkers must always be aware of golfers and golf balls. Golfers do not have full control of the golf ball.
- 5) Walkers are to remain on the golf-cart paths (*except when they step aside toward out-of-bounds to give way to golfer's strokes*).
- 6) When seeing the golfer is about to hit the golf ball, the walker must STOP, move to the side of the cart path (*to avoid being hit by golf balls*), wait for the golfer to hit the ball, and watch the ball.
- 7) Walkers need to walk in the direction "from the green (flag) to the tee box".
- 8) Dogs must be on leashes. The dogs' waste must be picked up by the walker and deposited in their own garbage.
- 9) Walkers with children need to have full control of their children's behavior.
- 10) Headphones are discouraged, due to the fact they are a distraction to what is happening on the golf course.
- 11) Golf carts, walkers and members' pets are the only ones allowed on the golf cart path.
- 12) Motorized vehicles, skateboards, roller skates, and bicycles are prohibited on the golf-cart paths AND on the golf course.
- 13) Violations of these rules should be documented and directed through the Pro Shop.

Both Golfers and Member walkers are asked to be patient, courteous and polite to each other on the golf course.

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