

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

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

STAFF: Mark Hendricks, Jason Howerton, Roger Milliman

GUESTS: Dean Dyson, Tim Magee, Nancy Milliman

Vern Duggan called the meeting to order (via Zoom) at 2:04 PM

**Minutes:** Sheila N. moved to: **ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 2, 2021 GREENS COMMITTEE MEETING.** Renie D. seconded, and the motion PASSED.

**Greens Report:** Superintendent Jason Howerton reported our course was closed 10 days in February due to snowfall. During that closure, the maintenance crew was busy refurbishing and painting fairway yardage posts, tee markers, ball washers, and trash cans. They also had some time to organize their tool room and inventory supplies for setting up the golf course. During February, the plumbing for the bathroom on hole #5 was fixed ... dead trees were removed on Holes #2 & #3 ... those logs were recycled and installed for traffic control to improve the approach to St. Andrews from Hole #8 green (slowing carts down, forcing them to use the speed bump – and provides some parking space for railway workers) ... worked with Ram Electric to supply power to pole barn ... and painted all yardage posts and repaired all broken tee-cones (still wondering how these get bend and dented!)

Part-time crew returns March 15<sup>th</sup> so will be at full staff. In March, plan to accomplish: Re-landscaping & seeing where tree was removed & plumbing repaired for #5 bathroom ... fill in pot-holes with crushed rock on #3 cart-path .. clean up branches & debris from winter storms ... start mowing fairways, approaches & tees ... deep drilling of greens (March 23<sup>rd</sup>, weather depending) ... start topdressing tees, fairways, approaches (also weather depending) ... and apply granular early-spring greens fertilizer. Upgrading of the break room relocation has been put on hold for now, waiting on Water Department decisions.

Lance asked if Jason plans to keep the greens as “quick” over the summer? Jason said he’d probably slow them down a little, firming up the grass blades.

Vern asked if Jason plans to replace some of the trees that were removed? Jason said yes, he still has over \$400 that Magpies donated for replacing trees.

Vern also asked if Jason could take care in marking the “ground under repair”. Also, there are lots of divots in the fairways, so golfers should be reminded to carry sand to fill them in. And Jason plans to order more signs to provide warnings for walker safety.

**Pro Shop Report:** (For Elen) Mark reported the Pro Shop operating income is performing better than planned. Comparing a 5-month period (Oct/Nov/Dec/Jan/Feb) over the past four years: 2017-18 = \$31,670.29; 2018-19 = \$20,365.16; 2019-20 = \$64,715.27; and 2020-21 = **\$100,352.95!** Great job!!

For the 2021 season so far, 86 Golf Annuals have been purchased (61 members, 23 public, 2 junior) and 21 are NEW members. And 61 Trail Passes have been sold (47 members and 14 public). And 32 Cart Sheds renewed (17 members and 15 public). All but one cart shed have been rented (the one is full of Café supplies). Nancy mentioned they hope to be able to put the lighting from the Lounge & the table tops in that shed? (One shed will become available in a month.) And mechanic maintenance of all the golf carts has been completed.

Glowball had been scheduled for March 6<sup>th</sup>, but it was decided to postpone until May, due to weather. Golfers need to be able to drive their carts on the course.

**CAM Report:** Roger Milliman reported the golfing community, both HOA members and the public, have responded positively to the quality of our course and customer service! Revenue is way up! Sales YTD compared to 2020 are up 51%. Annuals are selling well as per Elen’s report currently at 86 with 21 new to our program.

For improving staff safety to better monitor customers coming in and out of the Pro Shop Café bathrooms, we are planning to install keypad door locks on the exterior bathroom doors.

**Navy Lease:** A surveyor has been hired to update the cadastral survey. The total acreage of golf course property on Navy right-of-way will be verified and the HOA Water Mainline will be added with a new timestamp. With this completed, we will be in a position to craft a new agreement.

**Chair’s Report:** Vern commended Roger and his staff, Jason, Elen, Mark for the excellent work they’ve done in promoting our golf course. We have momentum going into the Spring. When playing golf, Vern’s noticed a LOT more walkers. So it’s important we get some rules firmed up and distributed. Once they are finalized, all the Marshalls will have them. Anyone can pick up copies to hand out. Roger said they plan to add the Walker Rules to the Welcome Packets. (There was some discussion about this, whether we want to “promote/encourage” more walkers?)

Vern added that he isn't stepping down as Chair of this committee, but (since no one else has stepped forward) he has volunteered to serve as President of the Men's Club.

**Marketing:** Nancy Milliman said they are ordering two additional two-sided signboards for advertising in front of the Pro Shop/Café. They can be utilized for various events such as tournaments. The wording on the signs will be as "generic" as possible. Lake Limerick got a salute in the recent *Mason County Journal's* anniversary issue (55 years, one of the longest!) Mark is working on "story boards". The Spring publication of *Inside Golf* will have an article about LLCC's spring Masters Partnership Tournament. Our coupons will start appearing in the *Journal* in April or May, on a weekly basis. And our *Tracing the Fjord* article should be out in the next week or so.

We are collecting photos of the various seasons and events, so we can begin compiling next year's calendar. Sheila asked again about the large signs on the school-yard fence? Nancy said she hasn't heard back from anyone, but she'll keep trying.

**Walker Rules:** Vern had emailed the latest revisions to the Walker Rules, as suggested at the last Board meeting. After some discussion, Renie D. moved to: **SEND THE REVISED WALKER RULES (see Attachment 1) TO THE LLCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR APPROVAL.** Sheila N. seconded, and the motion PASSED.

Vern noted this is a liquid document – if we have to go back and change the rules, we can.

**Pro Shop Counter:** The counter looks fantastic! (*Thanks to Mark and Tim!*) Mark said they are putting together an entire plan, so everything is laid out. Vern punched a hole in the wall, and discovered we don't have to re-route any electrical wire to install a door. However, the width of the door needs to be 2" smaller (28"). It won't be a split door, or have a window. Tim Magee will provide Roger specific information in a few days; the project can be completed in the next couple weeks. The Greens Committee and Inn Committee need to get together to determine the scope.

**Website:** Renie mentioned that the website should be updated to reflect current information about the Men's and Ladies' Leagues. The Ladies entry fee is now \$25. Men can sign up at the Pro Shop.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Budget:** Vern said it's not too early to start thinking about budget. The timeline will be out next week.

**GOOD & WELFARE:** Sheila N. said we need to put out word to the golfing community, asking them to consider running for the three open positions on the LLCC Board of Directors. Photos & bios are due by March 15<sup>th</sup>. We've been heading in the right direction the past few years, but it takes leadership to step up and do a good job.

**Fundraising idea:** Lance said he raised this in the past as a way to raise money. Lake Limerick has some lots around the lake; we could promote "2 to 3 day RV golf destination vacation package", including food at the restaurant. We could raise money as well as show off our course.

Sheila N. noted that the Golf Channel is currently advertising "Golf Now".

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 2:50 PM, Sheila N. moved to: **ADJOURN.** Ed Irvin seconded, and the motion PASSED.

NOTES BY ROBBIE

(Attachment 1 – Revised Walker Rules)

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**(Proposed, for Board approval)**

**LLCC WALKER Rules for Lake Limerick Golf Course**

**Non-golfing Walkers use the Lake Limerick Golf Course  
golf-cart paths at their own risk.**

**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 Golfers, 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 a covered garbage can. This is for the safety of our golfers and staff.
- 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, golfers, 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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