

LLCC Greens Committee Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday, August 1, 2023 (1:30 PM – Pro Shop Café)

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

Vern called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

Minutes: Lance Levine moved to: **APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 11, 2023 GREENS COMMITTEE MEETING.** Tim Magee seconded, and the motion **PASSED.**

Greens Report: Javier reported July was a good month for the course, which is in great shape for the summer heat. His crew has been working hard, and their pride is reflected in the course. Golfers are enjoying it!

Things accomplished in July: His crew is staying on top of mowing the course ... spraying the greens and tees with wetting agent, as needed, to keep them from burning out ... managing watering of the course to make sure it receives the right amount ... and finally they finished building the bunker at the practice green.

Things to accomplish in August: Continue punching greens with solid needle tines as needed ... now that summer is here, adjusting the watering times on the course (timing may be later or earlier depending on temperature, and doing their best to avoid players) ... watching out for sun damage that may be occurring. On September 6th, they will be deep-drilling the greens. Two trees will be cut: one on #4 is dead, and one on #5 is leaning and split on the bottom.

Topics to Discuss: Now that it is summer, it's been challenging to make time for watering while avoiding players. (Javier wants everyone to know they are doing their best and trying to get it done in a timely manner.) Members know rules and routines of the course. The public golfers, on the other hand, do not. Please keep this in mind if situations or complaints occur. This year, many public players are coming to enjoy our course.

Lance asked if crews could **cut the grass shorter** in front of the ditch that crosses #2 fairway? (Golfers hitting a great drive in the middle of the fairway end up in the deep rough.)

Javier was asked if he could **fill the potholes** in the cart-paths, especially along #3? They are taking a real toll on carts, especially our rental carts. Also, we should **mark off more of the "ground under repair" areas.** And the **stenciling for walkers** needs to be repainted, with arrows.

Tamy asked about the **debris** piled up by the #3 practice area? It is a fire hazard.

Pro Shop Report: Mark reported the sad news that Chuck Hendricks (who was the fourth staff member in the Pro Shop) lost his battle to cancer and passed away last week. Mark said he was lucky to have the chance to visit Chuck the day before he passed; he really loved golf and enjoyed meeting & playing with everyone at Lake Limerick. His family is planning a memorial.

The banner for the high-school fence (paid for by an anonymous donor) is ready for approval. [Ed Irvin & Mark will be covering costs to hang it next year.]

Revenue for July has been very good -- \$10K over last year, which was a record-setting year! We made \$3,000 on Saturday and \$3,000 on Sunday last week, renting all of our carts! Tournaments are scheduled in the next few weeks: Ladies Tri-Mixer (with Cushman & Alderbrook) is Fri, Aug 4 ... the Minihan Tournament is Fri & Sat, Aug 4-5 ... the Men's St. Andrews Open is Sat, Aug 12 ... Ladies Club Championship is Mon & Wed, Aug 7 & 9 ... Men's Club Championship is Sundays, Aug 20 & 27 (for 18 holes), and Mon/Thurs, Aug 14 & 17 (for 9 holes).

CAM Report: Roger said this fiscal year, the Board set aggressive golf revenue targets, but Golf & Café are doing really well with the good weather we're having. On Saturday, the Board will hold a budget study session. They will be looking at funding 3 faceplates to upgrade the irrigation system (this is year 2 of a 3-year plan). Greens capital projects include three golf-carts, and paving the cart path where needed. They are also looking at a tractor to be shared by Water & Greens that will have a loader on the front and a back-hoe on the back.

There is an issue with "parking" on the day of the St. Andrews Open. A wedding is being held in the Great Hall at noon; they are expecting up to 100 guests. Golfers will be asked not to park in the large lot in the front of the Inn. (*Can maintenance workers park inside their fence, leaving spaces outside the fence for golfers?*)

Comments from the Chair: We're getting lots of compliments from the public about our course. Vern encouraged everyone to keep up the good work.

Marketing: Nancy thanked Mark, Elen & the Pro Shop Café staff for a great month – we're up 23% again in July, which continues to be record-breaking. 111 lessons brought in \$1,355. 16 coupon specials were used. The public numbers continue to climb for daily play. We sold 117 hot dogs last month, mainly prepared by Pro Shop staff.

We'll be in several publications coming up. Currently working on something for the PROFILE insert in the *Journal*. The *Fjord Magazine* is going to print now. We're getting good coverage in the *Journal*.

Regarding the **Flooring** for the Pro Shop & Café, everyone seems to agree the product is excellent, with good coloring & good pricing. Nancy talked to Shelton Flooring; it will take 2-3 weeks to order the product. We want to make sure it's here when we're ready to install, so it will be ordered as soon as approved by the Board (not to exceed \$22,000). It will include a 10-year guarantee for commercial flooring. We're looking to install one side at a time, so everything can be moved from one side to the other (rather than needing to be removed from the building).

It was suggested we retain the current **splashguard** around the counter, and get volunteers to stain it to match?

Pond Clean-up: We have the funding approved; so now we need a plan. This project is tentatively scheduled for late August/September, dependent on weather and tournaments. Those with necessary equipment are currently being contacted, logistics will be determined by Javier, and volunteers are being lined up by Joel Gray.

Ball Washers: Gary Yando mentioned some of the ball-washers on the course are damaged and not working. The Men's Club is willing to use funds from their LL Daze "Hole-In-One contest" to pay for repairs? Please let Gary know.

Entrance Monument: Lance has proposed a brick wall be built behind the #8 Blue tee-box, presenting a nice entrance to Lake Limerick. Maybe a round turret using bricks similar to Hole #6, with a sign "Welcome to Lake Limerick". He thought it would take ~\$900 @ \$5/brick. Vern asked if Lance could write up a proposal (PAR), including a sketch of the monument, for discussion & review at our next meeting.

Speed Limit signs: We could use several more speed limit signs between the fire station & the railroad tracks. Too many people are speeding; the signs they currently have aren't doing the job. Do we need to contact the county?

Fundraiser: If we want to hold a fundraiser, we need a committee of volunteers to coordinate it and help make it happen. It was suggested we hold something different, like a Silver Tees Scramble? Should we wait until major league events are over? If anyone wants to volunteer, please contact Mark. Funds would be used to enhance the course (e.g., continue to rebuild tee-boxes, etc.)

NEW BUSINESS

A suggestion was made that, similar to what is currently done for Marshalls, we offer as a courtesy free golf membership to our Men's & Ladies Club presidents. They do a lot to bring in revenue. There was some discussion about singling out these two positions, when there are others who also make a huge contribution to our community. It was decided to table this discussion for now.

Sheila Nokes said our Ladies Club is hosting Alderbrook & Lake Cushman golfers at our Tri-Mixer Friday. She asked for volunteers to help out that morning, loading guests clubs onto our carts?

Sheila also asked, now that we have a contract in place with the Navy, can we do some **upkeep to the path** that runs between #4 tee-boxes and Penzance Road? There are areas in need of work, and possible removal of some trees. There was a question whether Greens Committee is the right spot to discuss this, or should a proposal be presented to the Greenbelts & Trails Committee? Dean said that committee meets this Thursday at 6 PM.

Adjourn: At 2:45 PM, Gayle Wilcox moved to: **ADJOURN**. Sheila Nokes seconded, and the motion PASSED.

NOTES BY ROBBIE

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