

LLCC Greens Committee Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday, March 5, 2024 (1:30 PM – Pro Shop Café)
(One PAR for the Board – already approved & budgeted)

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

Vern called the meeting to order at 1:33 PM.

Minutes: Lance Levine moved to: **APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 6, 2024 GREENS COMMITTEE MEETING.** Gayle Wilcox seconded, and the motion **PASSED.**

Greens Report: Javier reported they are still seeing some snow, it's not ready to stay away for the winter. Crews are keeping the course winter-ready and hoping spring weather comes soon.

Things accomplished in February: Javier is keeping an eye out on our greens due to high-disease pressure. Unlike many other courses, we've been able to keep most of the disease at bay. Crews finished rebuilding and laying grass on #8 tee (Blue/Gold) ... helped plant twenty trees in the greenbelt ... sold our old tractor to Olympia Country Club ... ordered supplies for greens aerification ... have been cleaning out the dump pile on #3 ... have been mowing tees and greens when possible ... have been keeping drains clear & in good working condition ... and have been cleaning up debris around the course, maintaining it in top condition for the winter.

Things to accomplish in March: Crews will be building three silver tee boxes (*locations have been scouted*) ... if weather permits, aerification of greens will take place on March 18th (if not, then March 25th) ... will continue to remove debris from the course ... will work with drainage and tees as weather permits ... and continue to help with Maintenance and Water Departments, as needed.

Topics to discuss: Javier said this time, when he does the aerification of the greens, he plans to use a ¾" hole (vs. ½" hole). Other courses have had good luck with this. It uses a little more sand, but creates a good putting surface once it grows in. Mark and Javier have scouted the course to see where drainage could be improved. Javier said they will be working on #2 & #6 drainage issues in the coming weeks.

Roger asked about the disease on the greens? Javier said he applied treatment about a month ago, and then again today (while other courses have had to apply it several times a month). Our #7 green has a couple small patches, but overall our course is looking pretty good.

Gayle Wilcox asked if something could be done to prevent golfers from climbing the rock wall (vs. going up the steps or walking around to the top) on #2 tee-box? Someone is going to slip and get hurt. Javier said he'd take a look at it.

Vern thanked Javier for his efforts keeping the greens disease at bay.

Pro Shop Report: Mark Hendricks reported he got 2nd place in the club's ping-pong tournament (Ed Irwin took 1st). The Pro Shop brought in \$80,000 in revenues in February! And ambassadors saved ~\$640 in staff wages this past month.

Mark said he sold one of our old green carts, and he is helping two retiring members sell their carts (contact Mark if you know someone who might be interested).

We've sold 115 Annuals already (we sold 132 total last year). Not all the snowbirds have purchased theirs. We lost 11 members who have moved away, are injured, or not playing enough rounds to justify membership. And we added 16 new members (the good news is the new members are younger and should be around awhile!)

Upcoming events include: Saturday, March 16th (*Wake-Up Espresso Series*, 1st tourney, Super Scramble format) ... Sunday, March 17th (*St. Paddy's Day* – free hot dog for everyone that plays a round at Limerick that day) ... Saturday, April 13th (*Masters Partnership Tournament*) ... Saturday, April 20 (*Wake-Up Espresso Series*, 2nd tourney, 4-person Lone Ranger Scramble format).

Mark said the Shelton High School Girls golf team will practice after school on Wednesdays, starting tomorrow, at Lake Limerick.

And congratulations to DEAN DYSON who was named February's Volunteer-of-the-Month!

Marketing: Nancy asked Mark if we should begin running our golf coupon in the *Journal*? Mark suggested waiting for better weather.

Nancy mentioned the Inn Committee is looking at replacing chairs in the Pro Shop Café.

The Mason County Journal's annual "**Best of**" awards came out this week, and Lake Limerick stood out!

- **Best Golf Course:** #1 Lake Limerick Golf Club – Shelton AND Belfair
- **Best Salesperson:** #2 Mark Hendricks – Shelton
- **Best Restaurant:** #1 Lake Limerick Inn – Belfair ... #3 Lake Limerick Cafe – Shelton
- **Best Breakfast Place:** #3 Lake Limerick Cafe – Shelton AND Belfair
- **Best Lunch Place:** #1 Lake Limerick Cafe – Shelton AND Belfair
- **Best Dinner Place:** #2 Lake Limerick Inn – Belfair
- **Best Chef/Cook:** #1 Brian Marx – Shelton, #3 Brian Marx – Belfair ... #2 John Haus – Shelton
- **Best Waitress:** #1 Holly Johnson-Babaie – Shelton, #3 Holly Johnson-Babaie – Belfair ...
#2 Nikki Sprague – Shelton

Comments from the Chair: Vern thanked the people on the Board who supported sale of our old tractor, after much discussion. Vern also mentioned, when he played Gold Mountain, their temporary greens had BIG cups. Maybe we can consider that when we need to use temporary greens?

John thanked Vern for attending the Board meeting and speaking in support of the Greens Committee items, keeping discussion on track.

John said there's been a lot of discussion on Short-Term Rentals at LLCC, and tenants' use of our amenities. There are "Guests", "Members", "Renters" – how do we resolve these issues? Should there be an "Associate Membership"? Right now, if the Public purchases an Annual Golf Membership, they are allowed as Public Members to frequent our Restaurant & Lounge. Should they also be able to use the parks, etc.? John said he'll be asking for a representative from the various committees (Parks, Lake-Dam, Inn and Greens) to serve on a subcommittee of the Board to review this issue. Do we need to change our By-Laws? Or just a resolution for a Special Associate Membership? The subcommittee will develop something to present to the Board.

John also raised the issue of timing of our Annual Membership meeting. Our By-Laws state it will be in October. The Budget is approved by the Board in August; sent to the membership for a vote (in September); to become effective October 1st. The last couple years, we have held a meeting in September so that the vote on our budget can occur prior to the start of the fiscal year, Oct. 1st. John said the By-Laws Committee is asking the Board to approve the following change to the By-Laws: *"Article II, section D.1, 2nd sentence: Change the Annual Membership Meeting from October to September of each year, to address the Association's budget. This action would align both the Membership meeting and the budget approval process with the fiscal year, which starts on October 1st."* If the Board authorizes this, it could be included on the upcoming Board election ballot (thus saving the cost of conducting a separate ballot).

Cart-Path Paving: Funds (\$41,800) for paving necessary sections of the cart-path were already approved by the Board (per our request in the June 2023 Greens meeting minutes), and voted on by the members in the 2023-24 Budget. Vern said we need to get this on the calendar to complete the project. We have contacted Pave-X and they have confirmed they will complete the project within their original price bid, and can do the work as soon as the asphalt is warm enough to work on (within the next four weeks).

Steve Saylor mentioned he was asked to take a look at the Board's PAR Policy, but now Pat Paradise is collecting input on that from a number of sources. Do we need a separate PAR, since this was already submitted and approved?

Budget: Vern said so far, the list of Greens Committee capital project requests for next fiscal year include:
five more golf carts, and expansion of the practice green.

Yardage for Practice Green: It had been suggested we post yardage for the practice green, so golfers know how far they should be hitting. Lance said that it is 75 yards from the middle of the practice tee areas to the flag; and it is 67 yards from the middle of the old blue tee-box area to the flag.

Lance wondered if we could do something with the wet areas on #2, and on #9 between the trees along the cart-path? Perhaps install a drain? Mark said he and Javier are looking at each area around the course with standing water, to try to take care of those issues.

Adjourn: At 2:18 PM, Gayle Wilcox moved to: **ADJOURN**. Lance Levine seconded, and the motion PASSED.

Notes by ROBBIE

ATTACHMENT (not requiring Board Action)

- **PAR – Finish Paving Golf Cart Paths (PAVE-X Estimate)**

Attachment 1 – 3/5/2024 Greens Minutes

Project Approval Request
(Already Approved, and Budgeted)

FINISH PAVING GOLF CART PATHS

**(Areas on Navy Property not paved the first time,
plus some areas affected by tree-roots)**

FROM: GREENS COMMITTEE (Original request 6/6/2023)

PURCHASE: PAVING OF LLCC GOLF CART PATHS*

REASON: Nearly six years ago, we paved 80% of our cart path. Because the rest of the cart path was on Navy Property, without a lease for the property, we did not pave the entire cart path. When we paved the path originally, it would have cost \$15,000 to finish these sections. When the path was originally paved, we received the asphalt locally – the truck rate for the delivery was \$100/hr. Now the asphalt is brought in from the Nisqually area, and the cost for the truck is \$190/hour.

The areas that were not paved are full of potholes, so it is rough, a safety hazard and tough on our rental carts (as well as members' carts). We have kept the Board informed every year at budget time of the need to finish this paving (while waiting on the Navy); the cost of the paving has gone up.

*Most of the paving involves the path along Fairway #3, by the railroad tracks. There are also portions at the end of Hole #8, by the railroad tracks; and going down the hill on Hole #6 (portions affected by tree roots).

COST: \$41,800 (already approved)

FUNDING: The Board already approved including this \$41,800 in the LLCC Budget for 2023-24, and was voted by the LLCC Community in the last vote on the budget.

NOTE: Money collected as Golf Cart Trail Fees (paid by golfers who use their own carts, annually or daily) was intended to be used to help maintain our cart paths.

VENDOR: PAVE-X, LLC submitted their bid 10/3/2022.

We have contacted Pave-X, and they have agreed to finish paving the cart paths at the price submitted in June 2023. They will be out in the next four weeks.

PROJECT MANAGERS: Javier Martinez, Mark Hendricks.
