

LLCC Greens Committee Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday, April 2, 2024 (1:30 PM – Pro Shop Café)

[NO items requiring Board action]

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

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

Minutes: Gayle Wilcox moved to: **APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 5, 2024 GREENS COMMITTEE MEETING**. Lance Levine seconded, and the motion **PASSED**.

Greens Report: In Javier's absence, Mark reported Spring has arrived and golfers are coming out to enjoy the course.

Things accomplished in March: Javier is still keeping an eye out for any diseases or fungus that may appear on the course. Crews finished aerification of the greens, and they are looking good. They completed building the new tee-boxes on #4 (red, gold, blue) and #8 (gold & blue). They have been cleaning up debris on the course. And, now that the weather is dryer, they have been mowing fairways and tees, preparing for Spring season.

Things to accomplish in April: Plan is to open the new tee boxes on #4 & #8 this month. Crews will be punching fairways and sanding all tee boxes. They will be installing three more irrigation faceplates on the golf course. And if the weather stays dry, Javier will begin turning on the pumps for the irrigation system.

Topics to discuss: Javier reports a new employee has come on board. His name is Ramiro, and he's doing great. Maintenance crews are ready for the sun and the mowing season.

Joel Gray asked when Javier plans to pull the ecological silt bags from the ditch by #9 Green, to measure the amount of any chemicals captured from the community? Vern & Mark said they'll have to check with Javier.

Pro Shop Report: Mark reported that Elen is back to work, on Mondays & Tuesdays. Dave will work Wednesdays & Thursdays. And Mark will work Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays.

The **Masters Partnership** is scheduled for Saturday, April 13th. Four-person teams (Men, Women & Mixed) can schedule their own tee-time, playing 18 holes. Entry fee is \$10pp (excludes golf & cart fees). Each team will also "purchase a PRO" to be on their team as the 5th player in scoring (prices will be set by the Pro Shop staff). Regular tees apply (Women=red/gold; Men=white/blue; ages 15 & under and 80 & over=Silver tees). Prizes will be awarded on credit account (100% of entry fees go towards payouts). If you don't have a team, sign up & staff will pair you up. Sunday scores from the Final Round of the MASTERS will be added to your team's scorecard (for whichever PRO you purchase to be on your team – hole by hole). To sign up, call the Pro Shop at (360) 426-6290.

The 2nd in series "**Wake-up Espresso**" **Tournament** will be held on Saturday, April 20, with a 4-person "Lone Ranger Scramble" format. Again, sign up at the Pro Shop.

Mark reported revenue for the Pro Shop in March exceeded budgeted income by 34% (\$25K vs. \$18K). Good job!!

Mark shared a draft flyer to hand out regarding "**Cart Rules with Handicap Flags**". He said we need to accommodate those who are handicapped. The flyer says: "*All carts with Handicap flags are allowed more leeway than other carts are allowed on any given day.*" It also states: "*Carts with Handicap flags do not have the privilege of going into areas that are wet and cause damage to the course. If your cart is leaving tire ruts, that is damaging the course. Causing damage to the course will result in not being able to operate any cart at Lake Limerick Golf Course.*"

There was some discussion about trying to make sure the regular public doesn't think they can drive everywhere that the handicap golfers drive. It's important to educate our league members. And we should report any course damage to the Pro Shop staff.

Mark said maintenance crews are attempting to get rid of "wet spots" on the course where damage can be caused by carts. All golfers should avoid any roped off areas. And golfers should check to see what the "cart-path rules" are.

Marketing: Mark said they will soon begin running the "burger & golf" coupon in the *Journal*, good on Wednesdays & Thursdays only, mid-day.

Brian will be opening the Café on Wednesdays starting tomorrow, for the golf season. It is open 7:30 AM to 3 PM. Joel asked if it could stay open longer, for golfers use – maybe until 4 PM, when the Lounge opens across the street?

April hours for the Pro Shop are 7 AM to 7 PM.

Comments from the Chair: Vern said that he will need to resign his position, per HOA requirements, the end of this month. If anyone wishes to be considered by the Board to replace him, please step forward.

He noted the course is in good shape. The sanded greens are healing really well.

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Cart Paths: Cart paths are being prepared for new asphalt (in places missed the last time). Crews have already prepared the path on #8 fairway where tree-roots were intruding. They will be doing the same in other areas that require the work (e.g., #3 & #6). As soon as weather allows for asphalt to start being made, Pave-X will come pave our cart paths.

Golf Carts: We have only three of the old green carts left (we sold two this past year). In our budget request, we'll be asking the Board to approve purchasing five more golf carts, rounding out our fleet.

2024 Budget Requests: Vern asked when we should have our budget requests finalized for Board review? It was suggested we begin finalizing our requests in **May**. Requests will be reviewed, and the Board will be finalizing their budget proposal at their August meeting. HOA members will vote on the budget in September and it will take effect on October 1st, the beginning of our fiscal year. [NOTE: The HOA ballot that is now out, for electing Board members, also includes a vote on moving our Annual meeting, from October to September.]

Practice area yardage signs: Yardage figures were provided to Mark. Mark said he will look into getting those yardage signs made & posted. Question: Will the flags stay the same, or will they be changed? The yardage is to front/center/back of green, so it doesn't really matter if the flags move.

Sand your divots! Gayle suggested any groups conducting a "scramble" should make sure they take sand with them, to sand all the divots left behind. Mark said that Ambassadors are now working, and their #1 role will be to sand divots. (Everyone should help by sanding their own divots, as well.)

John Ingemi reminded everyone that it's election time. The "*Meet your Candidates*" event will take place at 3:30 PM this Saturday (live at the Inn, or via ZOOM). Participants will be able to ask questions of Board & Water Committee candidates. John encouraged everyone to make an informed decision, and VOTE!

Adjourn: At 1:59 PM, Gayle Wilcox moved to: **ADJOURN**. Lance Levine seconded, and the motion PASSED.

Notes by ROBBIE

[NO motions requiring Board Action]