

LLCC Greens Committee Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday, June 4, 2024 (1:30 PM – Pro Shop Café)

(NO Motions for Board action)

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

Vern called the meeting to order at 1:36 PM. Vern introduced LLCC's new General Manager Shannon Ramos.

Minutes: Gayle Wilcox said last meeting's minutes showed she was present, but she was actually excused. Gayle Wilcox moved to: **APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 7, 2024 GREENS COMMITTEE MEETING, WITH THE ONE CORRECTION.** Lance Levine seconded, and the motion **PASSED.**

Greens Report: Javier reported it's June, and good to see the sunshine arriving.

Things accomplished in May: Javier reported he is still keeping an eye out for any diseases or fungus that may appear on the course ... crews fertilized the course "wall-to-wall" (tees, fairways, etc.) ... they put up ropes to allow people to practice chipping in the practice area ... completed construction of the Silver tee-box on #1 ... punched some weak areas on the course, putting down seed (roping off so grass can grow) ... following strong winds, have been maintaining the course free from debris. Javier said Victor (Pave-X) reached out to him about **PAVING cart-paths**; he is planning to do it on **Monday, July 8th.**

Things to accomplish in June: Javier is still awaiting three more irrigation faceplates to install on the course ... crews are seeding weak areas on the course ... focusing on building the rest of the Silver tee-boxes ... preparing the course for the Ladies Shamrock Tournament ... and will be removing cart-path roots on #6 hill, prior to paving.

Topics to discuss: Javier said most customers that use the eco-bags simply change them out periodically but don't go through the expensive process of testing them every time. Javier will replace two bags of Phosphor in the ditch on #9.

Javier said he is currently looking to hire a mechanic, since we lost ours (Jeff no longer works at Lake Limerick).

Lance Levine asked if we know all the areas that Pave-X will be paving? Javier said there is a list (#3 to St. Andrews, fix hole on #4, fix sink hole on #5, #6 going down the hill, #8 where roots were removed, and #8 to St. Andrews. Lance asked about #5 by the bathrooms? Javier said no, because that section covers the water line, and may need to be dug up again. Lance also asked about the area on #3 by the new tee-box that was filled with recycled asphalt? No, it's believed that section is ok.)

Crews are working today on the stairs up to the #2/11 tee-box. Also, the #5 Bathroom door & locks are being replaced.

Joe Long asked about stairs to the practice area? Mark said yes, those are in and they will be installing a handrail.

Pro Shop Report: Mark Hendricks said with the bad weather in May, revenue was \$35,000 (vs. \$36,000 last year)

Dave Morgan will be returning from vacation Saturday. Volunteers have done a great job helping when they could, but it has been a long two weeks for Mark with some OT. He said Elen is doing a fantastic job.

The golf calendar continues to fill. Next up is the **Ladies Shamrock Tournament** (Wed, June 12th) followed by **Glow Ball** on Sat, June 15th). The **Wake-Up Espresso Scramble** will be held on Sat, June 22nd (4th Sat), so it does not interfere with Glow Ball.

Play continues to pick up (of course, depends on weather). We had a good revenue weekend over Memorial Day, even with the iffy weather.

Welcome to **Shannon Ramos**, Lake Limerick's new General Manager (who is also a golfer). Shannon agreed to fill a spot in the Ladies Shamrock Tournament next week, making even foursomes.

A **Fundraising Tournament** (for our golf course improvements) will be held **Fri, July 12th.** Everyone on the Greens Committee is asked to donate money, donate items for an auction, sign up to play, bring friends, and/or be a sponsor. The event is just 5½ short weeks away, so please let Mark know how you can help.

Volunteer of the Month in April was **Fishing Derby Committee members**, and for the month of May it's board member **Tamra Ingwaldson**. Let's recognize those individuals for doing great things for our community. (If you have suggestions for names, or want to be part of this program, please let Mark know. Barbara Carmichael will be doing a lot of the technical aspects of this program.)

Comments from the Chair: Vern Duggan welcomed back our golf pro **Joe Long**, who is a great addition to this community. Joe will go to work this Friday offering lessons, and is a resource for any rules questions.

Gayle Wilcox questioned people bringing babies on the course. Mark said they do so at their own risk.

General Manager Report: Shannon Ramos said she's really excited to be here at Lake Limerick. Everyone has been very welcoming. For the past 20 years, she's been working on Army & Navy projects in private housing. She brings a wealth of experience. It's her 6th day and she said the team is great and really dedicated. There's a lot of opportunity to build on this. This morning she was given a tour of the golf course by Javier, and was impressed.

Marketing: In Nancy's absence, Mark reported the *Journal* has begun running our ad (\$45 for 18 holes, w/cart & breakfast or lunch, on Wednesdays or Thursdays). The Journal also printed a large, ½ page ad for us at no charge! Mark said these ads bring in a lot of repeat business on days that aren't normally filled. People watch for the coupon.

Mark reminded everyone to start sending in your photos taken in the community, for next year's calendar. Joel has offered to assist in preparation of the calendar.

It was noted that the Marketing Committee does a great job on behalf of Greens & Inn Committee, helping increase revenue for Lake Limerick.

Cart Path Paving: Victor has told Javier he plans to pave the cart-paths, as agreed, on **Monday, July 8th**.

Golf Carts: Our request went to the Executive Board, for consideration in their budget planning, to purchase the last five golf carts to replace our aging fleet. The Board did not discuss it at their last meeting.

Budget: Instead of proposing increases to our golf fees, Mark Hendricks is proposing he be allowed to try to increase revenue by attracting additional business. Increasing fees could turn current customers away. It's important we keep rates at an amount that won't drive away business (both members and public). It was mentioned Lake Cushman recently raised their rates by a substantial amount, which might work in our favor shifting golfers to our course.

Vern asked what are the deadlines for budget input? We'll wait to hear from the new General Manager.

John Ingemi thought we might want to have a back-up proposal on increasing fees, just in case.

Capital Projects: Vern said the main thing we are working on right now is fixing drainage issues throughout the course.

Local Rules: Lance Levine asked about changes to our Local Rules? Shouldn't Greens Committee be involved? Joe Long, golf pro, said that the practice is for representatives of the Men's club, representatives of the Ladies' club, and Pro Shop staff to approve any changes to Local Rules. That's how it's done at other courses.

A local rule was recently removed – since crews aren't putting large wood chips around trees any more. (The rule had given free relief in such instances, when your ball landed in the wood chips. But that is no longer applicable.) All parties agreed to the change.

Adjournment: At 2:37 PM, Gayle Wilcox moved to: **ADJOURN**. Lance Levine seconded, and the motion PASSED.

NOTES BY ROBBIE

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