

LLCC Greens Committee Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday, July 9, 2024 (1:30 PM – Pro Shop Café)

(NO Motions this meeting for Board action)

ATTENDEES: Vern Duggan, Robbi Alberts, Gail Gagner, Joel Gray, Ed Irvin, Steve Saylor, Gayle Wilcox
[Excused: Kirk Crowell, Lance Levine, Tim Magee, Sheila Nokes, Nancy & Roger Milliman]

GUESTS: Dean Dyson, John Ingemi

STAFF: Mark Hendricks

Vern called the meeting to order at 1:34 PM.

Minutes: Gayle Wilcox moved to: **APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 4, 2024 GREENS COMMITTEE MEETING..** Steve Saylor seconded, and the motion **PASSED.**

Greens Report: Javier was not in attendance, but provided a written report:

Things accomplished in June: Javier reported he is still keeping an eye out for any diseases or fungus that may appear on the course ... Crews seeded weak areas on the course ... Removed all roots from #6 & #3 for cart-path paving project ... Added a sprinkler on Hole #7 ... Needle-tined and put True Lime treatment on all greens ... Removed a dead tree on #2 fairway ... and Completed construction of two silver tee-boxes, on Holes #1 & #4.

Things to accomplish in July: Javier is still awaiting three more irrigation faceplates to install on the course. Crews continue construction of silver tee boxes when time and weather allow. Victor will be here July 8th to begin the cart-path paving; everything is prepared and ready for him. In June, crews began managing the irrigation system for the golf course; this will continue through the summer ... Added one sprinkler on Hole #1 ... Put drains on #6 and #2 ... and prepared the course and the Inn for Lake Limerick Daze (last Saturday).

Topics to discuss: Jacob is still waiting for the information about the two bags of Phosphor for ditch #9. He will let Javier know right away when he has the information. Joel Gray felt that we should pin Jacob down and try to get that.

We are still searching to hire a mechanic.

Javier asks that golfers keep in mind that workers will be watering at various times throughout the day during the summer, depending on the heat. They appreciate everyone's patience and understanding.

John Ingemi asked about the outcome of the PAR project on "**weeding the pond on Holes #6 & #7**"? Joel noted that the PAR, as written, was not completed because once we started (with a volunteer & his equipment), it became a much bigger project than we expected. When we got 60 feet in, we realized we needed different equipment to go any further, and the project was discontinued to prevent safety issues. We only spent \$200 on the project, for saw blades.

And we did meet our goal of better drainage. Mark mentioned another goal was to remove some of the trees in the pond that golfers tended to avoid, thus hitting their balls towards people's homes. Those trees were removed, and the drainage is better, so that was successful. Golfers can feel better about aiming over the pond.

John said some are asking to see an "after-project report". Vern Duggan said that **the Board should put in writing what they'd like to see in this regard, for all PARs**, so all committees are aware of the request. He agreed a project manager needs to come up with details and be accountable to LLCC: Once we receive in writing what the Board is looking for, we can put it on a future agenda to work on.

Gail Gagner asked what is the best way to **communicate with Javier** on, for instance, course set-up for Guest Day? Vern suggested she put it in writing for Mark Hendricks to pass along to Javier.

Gail also asked about status of missing and broken **out-of-bound markers**? Mark said he'd talk to Javier.

Gayle Wilcox noted that some public golfers are going out very early right now, to beat the heat. But maybe they should be reminded that the maintenance crews are out early and need to get their work done in a timely manner, so golfers should try to work around that. Sometimes crews are too polite, and stop working – maybe encourage them to continue doing their work, or skip those holes all-together.

Pro Shop Report: Mark Hendricks said we need to give special thanks to **Joe Long**, our resident Pro who gives private and group lessons three days a week, without getting paid. He has a great relationship with everyone and is a true asset to Lake Limerick. Special thanks also go to **Barb Carmichael** and **Russ Preuit** who support the lessons program when extra help is needed – as well as coaches **Tim Magee, Dean Dyson, Lyle Biesanz, Gussy Hampson & Janelle Lovgren**. The youth program exploded, and everyone pitched in to help. The new chipping area is a HUGE asset, getting these people helping to get golf lessons off the course for lessons (*the only problem is sometimes itthe area isn't big enough!*)

Pro Shop **revenues** this past month were \$47,110.64, which is **30% higher** than June a year ago (\$36,239.77). Cart rentals for the month increased from 430 (in June 2023) to 596 (in June 2024). Tournaments continue on a regular basis. The Minihan & St. Andrews Tournaments are coming up soon.

Regarding **fundraising**, Mark asked if anyone wanted to run a fundraising tournament? He noted holding these tournaments this time of year tends to take away the club's income from public golfers. Perhaps a better option is to have Pro Shop Staff ask customers to "Tip for the Course", i.e., add tips to their purchases with 100% of the tips going toward course improvements. Maybe Greens Committee members could match some of those tips? What will the money be spent on? Fixing drainage is at the top of the list. [NOTE: We still have ~\$800 of fundraising monies left over.]

In the past, Greens has raised money for projects and sometimes asked the Board to fund the difference.

Vern asked how much the Board wants us to raise revenues? A request was made to find out how much Pro Shop revenue came in since the beginning of the current fiscal year (Oct. 1, 2023). [Answer: \$283,153.34.]

John said the Board is holding a budget discussion meeting tonight where there should be a presentation on actuals. Dean said he's only heard about how much we've taken in; we also need to be aware of how much we're spending. John said the Board will need to approve the 2024-25 fiscal year budget by August.

General Manager Report: No report; Shannon Ramos is at another meeting.

Marketing: Mark said that the high school can no longer hang banners on the fence, so we won't be doing that marketing project this year (can we get back our banner, and hang it on our own fence?) The high school has offered a chance to buy an ad in their program, various sizes & prices.

Comments from the Chair: Vern said he golfed today, and it was HOT! But the course is in great shape! This committee has done an outstanding job over the years. We are currently finishing the paving of cart-paths, and this year's budget will finish the replacement of old green golf carts. We are getting things done. We need to begin discussions this Fall on where we are going and what more we want to do – e.g., a 3-5 Year Plan? Mark noted Javier has some ideas on fixing drainage problems around the course.

OLD BUSINESS

Cart-paths: As noted, they are being paved as we speak.

Golf carts: We've asked for five more carts to be budgeted, which will finish replacing our old green carts. Do we have enough carts? We should track when they are all being used, and when we are unable to supply carts upon request.

2024 Budget: Javier and Mark met with Shannon, but there were no expense "actuals" to review. As Golf Operations Manager, Mark asked Shannon to challenge him to raise an additional 5% in revenues so deficits don't go down the wrong track. He proposed this instead of raising our fees next year. It was noted that Lake Cushman recently raised their fees by quite a bit, and it will be interesting to see how that will affect them. Some of our members have chosen not to golf there due to the increase.

Vern told John we reviewed a **comparison of fees at other 9-hole courses** recently (see **Attachment**). Several of those courses have driving ranges, which makes them more attractive.

The Greens Committee has agreed we should allow Mark to try to increase revenues in the coming year, in lieu of increasing our fees for 2025.

Capital Projects for 2024-25: We aren't proposing additional capital projects for the coming year. However, we would like to keep on our list for the future possible **expansion of the pro shop** and offering a **golf simulator** ("*Deferred Project?*") Steve Saylor noted, a few years back, we were going to pay an architect \$10K to design such an expansion? But instead, we used that money to improve #7 Green and build a rain garden.

#5 Bathroom: Ed Irvin, who lives across the fairway, said that the door to the men's restroom is being propped open by a rock, day and night. Weren't we going to install doors that will lock and keep people out overnight? Mark will check with Javier.

Adjourn: At 2:38 PM, Gayle Wilcox moved to: **ADJOURN**. Tim Magee seconded, and the motion PASSED.

NOTES BY ROBBIE

ATTACHMENT: Comparison of 9-hole Courses

No motions this meeting for Board action.

[NOTE: Did request the Board put in writing exactly what they may want in an "After Project Report" so that all committees are aware.]

COMPARISON of neighboring 9-Hole Golf Course Fees (May 2024)

	Lake Limerick	Lake Cushman (driving range)	Surfside (Ocean Park) (driving range)	Delphi (Olympia)	SkyRidge (Sequim) (driving range)
Daily Greens PUBLIC M-F Sat-Sun	9=\$23.5/18=\$32 9=\$25.5/18=\$34	9=\$29/18=\$42 9=\$35/18=\$45	9-holes=\$25 18-holes=\$45 Juniors: 9-holes=\$10	M-F: 9=\$18/18=\$20 S/S: 9=\$25/18=\$27 Seniors/Juniors/Military M-F: 9=\$16/18=\$18 S/S: 9=\$21/18=\$23	Daily 9=\$22; 18=\$32 Sr: 9=\$29; 18=\$30 Jr: 9=\$10; 18=\$15
Daily Greens HOA member M-F Sat-Sun	9=\$19.5/18=\$26 9=\$20.5/18=\$28	9=\$25/18=\$38 9=\$30/18=\$40	n/a	n/a	n/a
Twilight HOA Public Junior (all day)	\$16 \$18 \$10	9-holes: \$20 18-holes: \$25	M-F \$15 Sa-Su: \$17	Public: M-F: \$15 Sa-Su: \$17 Jr: \$10	4pm: \$28 6pm: \$17 Golf & cart: \$40
Cart Rental 9-holes/pp 18-holes/pp	\$12 \$17	\$15 \$22	\$16/cart (\$8pp) \$32/cart (\$16pp)	\$10 \$15	\$13 \$20
Trail Fees Annual Public Daily	\$100 \$100 \$5	\$150 \$150 -0-	\$300	Public: \$55.05 \$5.41	Daily 18: \$20 9: \$15
Annual Fees HOA member Public Junior	\$650 \$790 \$130	\$900 \$1075	Public: Couples=\$1650 Singles=\$1100	Public: Couple=\$843.18 Singles=\$648.60 Family (2Ad;3Kids)=\$908.04	Couples=\$300 Single=\$190 Single w/cart=\$250
Cart Sheds HOA member Public	G/\$290;E/\$335 G/\$360;E/\$400	G/\$350;E/\$400 G/\$350;E/\$400	Gas: \$450 Elec: \$500	n/a	n/a