

LLCC Greens Committee Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday, August 6, 2024 (1:30 PM – Pro Shop Café)

(NO Motions this meeting for Board action)

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

GUESTS: Dean Dyson, Sue Ingersoll (1st meeting)

STAFF: Mark Hendricks, Javier Martinez

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

Minutes: In last month's meeting, Tim Magee should have been listed as "present" and not "excused". Gayle Wilcox moved to: **APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 9, 2024 GREENS COMMITTEE MEETING, WITH THAT ONE CORRECTION.** Joel Gray seconded, and the motion **PASSED**.

Greens Report: Javier reported August's forecast calls for hot sunny days meaning more people will be golfing.

Things accomplished in July: Javier reported he is still keeping an eye out for any diseases or fungus that may appear on the course ... Crews installed a drain near #6 green ... cart path paving was completed (with help from Victor) ... Corey installed three faceplates ... Corey also did maintenance on all the satellite boxes ... Crews sprayed all tees and collars with soil surfactant ... they've been adjusting the high cuts on the rough & fairways. Javier received tips from Corey for adjusting the sprinklers so they provide better coverage. And our Kubota tractor for mowing the rough is not working right now, so they may have to skip rough until they get it fixed (Javier said we still don't have a mechanic).

Things to accomplish in August: Crews will be building the rest of the silver tees when time and weather allow ... they started managing the irrigation system for the golf course, which will continue through the summer ... they plan to add one sprinkler on #1, and add a drain on #2 ... finally, crews are getting the course ready for Saturday's St. Andrews Open tournament.

Topics to discuss: Jacob is still waiting for the information about the two bags of Phosphor for ditch #9. He will let Javier know as soon as he gets the information, hopefully soon.

Javier asked that golfers keep in mind workers will be watering at various times throughout the day this summer, depending on the heat. This may interfere with players, but they will do their best to accommodate. They appreciate our understanding and patience.

Javier said we need to hire a **mechanic**; we advertised for one, and a couple candidates are waiting to hear. We are currently using help from Olympia GC. Steve Saylor wondered if we should consider outsourcing our mechanic work? It was felt, in the long run, if we don't have a mechanic on staff, our equipment will suffer, eventually costing us more. Vern, Dean & Steve offered to talk to our new general manager and find out the status of hiring a mechanic.

Steve Saylor said the **sandboxes** (for filling containers with sand) are great; but there used to be one by #16 tee, and it's gone. Can we get one put back there? Vern said that the cost of these containers are pretty high, so perhaps we should consider buying 1-2 gallon containers for \$16 with a lid, and build a cedar box around it?

Gayle Wilcox asked Javier if he'd be marking the "**ground under repair**" spots for the St. Andrews tournament? The Women play their Fall Classic next week, then Club Championship the following week. They would sure like to see some of those spots identified. Javier said he'd do his best. White paint is pretty expensive.

Vern mentioned the **door on the men's restroom at #5 Green** stays open all day. Can we install something to make it close after each use?

Vern also mentioned that **Out-of-Bound markers** need updating and put back in working order. Javier said that's a winter project. Joel Gray mentioned we need an OB marker by the outhouse on #3, so it's clear when you are OB.

Gail Gagner said the Ladies League is looking for ways to **help fund improvements**, and welcomes any ideas.

Pro Shop Report: Mark reported July 2024 Pro Shop revenues were \$54,200, missing the record from last July by \$630.

We just finished the Minihan tournament this past weekend and everything went great. Special thank you to Elen for coming up on her day off to cover so Mark could attend a funeral; to Dave Morgan for helping set up the course; to Russ & Barb for covering in between Elen & Mark; to our outstanding ambassadors on the course (Dick Getchell, Gale Braaten, Randy, and Matt King). And a big shout-out to the Café crew (Holly, Eva & Brian). This tournament brought in over \$6,000 to the club. And we heard golfers in the Minihan tournament will be helping with our fundraising efforts, too.

This Saturday (Aug 10) is the St. Andrews Open with a full field of 72 golfers, followed by a banquet across the street.

Saturday, August 17th is the conclusion of our current fundraising month for course improvements, featuring a BBQ and Glow Ball Tournament. With only two weeks to go, it's time to reach out to your fellow golfers and see if they are going to join in the fundraising campaign for course improvements.

League championships are just around the corner, and Javier and his crew are doing an OUTSTANDING job on the course.

Finally, **Sheila Nokes** was selected as the July *"Volunteer of the Month"*. THANK YOU, Sheila, for your countless hours beautifying the patios at the Inn and Pro Shop!

Mark reported year to date (Oct-July) Pro Shop actuals are \$318,898. Projecting \$78K for the last two months, we hope to finish the year at \$396,898 (we budgeted \$348,220; so excess revenue would total \$46,678!) The Committee thanked Mark for his marketing skills which play a critical part in these figures! We also thanked the volunteer Ambassadors for saving LLCC tons on money.

General Manager: No report.

Marketing: A coupon special is running in the *Journal* -- \$45 for greens fees, cart & burger on Wednesdays & Thursdays when tee-times are available. This brings in a bit of money, as golfers usually sign up as a foursome.

OLD BUSINESS

Golf Carts: Assuming we get the five golf carts requested in the upcoming budget, we'll have finished replacing our aging fleet of green carts

2024 Budget: Mark is still proposing that golf fees NOT be increased for the next season, but that he be allowed to bring in extra business to cover the difference.

Capital Projects for 2024-25: It was noted that the golf carts aren't a capital project if we are just replacing our fleet. We'll go to the Board if we need more.

Javier said we could use five more faceplates for the irrigation system.

Fundraiser: Mark said there are 9 days left and we're half-way to our goal of \$6,000. Donors will be celebrated at a BBQ on Saturday, August 17th. We need everyone's help.

NEW BUSINESS

Mark said he'll be gone for the next Greens meeting (3 weeks in September). Elen also is not available in September. Mark has submitted a plan for **staffing** coverage that includes volunteers Barb & Russ, and Dave Morgan.

Joel said we have been **removing trees** from the course, but do we have a long-range policy or procedure to **replace** those trees?

Joel also noted, last year when they were digging the moat, Mark & he went back in and trimmed back trees encroaching on the willow tree. There are others that could use trimming; he suggested we (staff or volunteers) do it while it's dry?

Sue Ingersoll said she would like to join the Greens Committee. This is her first meeting.

Adjourn: At 2:40 PM, Gayle moved to: **ADJOURN**. Steve Saylor seconded, and the motion PASSED.

NOTES BY ROBBIE

No motions this meeting for Board action.