

Greens

Committee Minutes

LLCC Greens Committee Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday, November 5, 2024 (1:30 PM – Pro Shop Café)

(NO Motions this meeting for Board action)

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

GUESTS: Mike Berni, Dean Dyson, John Ingemi, Keith Smith

STAFF: Mark Hendricks, Javier Martinez, Shannon Ramos

Vern called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM.

Minutes: Gayle Wilcox moved to: **APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 1, 2024 GREENS COMMITTEE MEETING with two corrections** (Pro Shop raised \$9,000, not \$6,000; and course rating was from "Golf Pass", not Golf Advisor – where Lake Limerick Golf Course was rated number 19 in the country for courses less than 6,000 yards.). Lance Levine seconded, and the motion **PASSED**.

GM Report: Shannon explained a Welcome Letter will soon be sent to all HOA homeowners announcing the new "Resident Center" (online portal) and asking that they sign up. The portal will provide access to water & HOA billing, payment & charge history, any notices or communication received, and contact information. Members will be able to make one-time payments, or establish recurring payments. Water & HOA will now be one account, not separate accounts requiring separate payment.

Shannon reported the recently hired Operations Manager had to resign for personal reasons. And a new chef (Sabrina) has been hired for the Pro Shop Café and will work three days a week.

Greens Report: Javier reported November has arrived with its changing weather. His team is ready to keep the course looking good and playable.

Things accomplished in October: The drains were completed on #2 fairway and are working well ...lime treatment was applied to all the greens ... all fairways were punched (aerated) ... 275 tons of sand were spread on all fairways ... all the tee-boxes have been fertilized ... a new practice net was installed by the Pro Shop ... and crews have been adjusting the height-cuts to "high" on the mowers for the winter.

Things to accomplish in November: Limbing trees as needed ... Cleaning all the drain boxes as needed per weather ... Goal is to work on #6 fairway drainage, weather dependent ... continue spraying greens due to high pressure and weather fluctuation ... clean up any debris from the weather to keep the course clean. Javier said his team has been attempting to work together, as they are able, to keep machinery in decent working order.

Topics to Discuss: Javier will be working with his greenskeepers to schedule their vacation time that has built up this past year. As in the past, they will schedule time off while maintaining the golf course for the winter season.

Steve, Lance & Vern said they've been out playing the course and it looks great! The drainage on #2 is working fine. Even with our rain, the course is very playable except for the usual wet areas. We'll be monitoring for when to begin enforcing "Cart-Path Only" for golf carts.

Roger asked about crews being able to sharpen the mower blades before spring? Keith suggested maybe they should send one of their workers to school to learn how to sharpen blades.

Pro Shop Report: Mark Hendricks suggested the following **improvements** for Lake Limerick Golf Course in the coming years (2024, 2025, 2026):

- 1) Install **new practice net** in warm up area by Pro Shop, and add one more **hitting mat** on concrete base. (2024/2025 funded by course improvements tournament).
- 2) **Purchase 20 bare-root trees** in February 2025. Place in containers in Maintenance area for one year, then plant them strategically on the golf course. Top priorities:
 - a) Protect houses from being hit with golf balls (which also has the added benefit of keeping balls from going out-of-bounds and saving golfers' strokes, and speeding up play.
 - b) Place new trees where other trees must be removed due to disease, or where trees are blocking the sun in the winter, and allowing frost which keeps the course closed for longer periods of time and causes disease on the greens.
- 3) Complete construction of permanent **Silver Tee Boxes** on all holes appropriate for beginners and our older golfers (2024-2025).
- 4) Address **rocky areas** with soil, seed and irrigation improvements.
- 5) Continue **repairing greens** that have built up a ridge preventing water from running off (#1, #5, and #8).
- 6) Continue **improving any areas** where **drainage** is an issue. [Holes #2 and #6 were improved in 2024; a great start with more to be done.]

We just started the new fiscal year. Revenues are up, and expenses are lower than budgeted. **2025 budget plan** is to increase Pro Shop revenues by \$40,000.

The LLCC **Calendar** is in the final stages. The plan is to have them ready to sell by end of November.

Mark said he heard from the LPGA golf pro at Riviera Golf Course on Anderson Island who had been reading our Greens minutes on-line. She said it is interesting to read what problems we have, and how we solve them. Mark said he also heard from someone at Lake Cushman who has been reading our on-line minutes, too. He had nice conversations with both.

Finally, Mark said that Lake Limerick has sold it's first "**FLING GOLF**" membership. The game is golf using a "lacrosse-like" stick, and **NO** divots! Instead of hitting a golf ball with a club, you use a single "FlingStick" thrower to hurl the ball and shape every shot from tee to hole. It's so seamless with traditional golf that you can even play in the same foursome. They pay greens fees, so this might be a **new source of revenue** for our course.

Marketing: Nancy said there won't be any more advertising coupons until Spring, and there was no budget for an ad in the current *Fjord Magazine*.

Elen, Mark and Nancy are still working on the "12 Days of Christmas" specials that will be coming soon.

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Golf Carts: Vern said he is working with the Board regarding purchase of more golf carts, as approved in the budget.

Mechanic: Shannon said the Mechanic job position has been posted; however, it is not a budgeted position(?).

Planting trees: Mark, Vern and Javier are working on getting some new trees planted. They have three different varieties in mind.

At 2:10 PM, Gayle Wilcox moved to: **ADJOURN.** Lance Levine seconded, and the motion PASSED.

NOTES BY GAYLE WILCOX (*Thank you, Gayle!*)

NO motions this meeting for Board action.

**[NOTE: Still waiting for action on motion to hire a Mechanic,
and motion to purchase FIVE more golf carts.]**

