

GOLF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 19

The golf committee in convened at 2 o'clock on November 19, all were in attendance except Kathie Kirk, who resigned citing a conflict with Niners golf. For the administration Matt Hoyte, Stewart Birch and Joe Furlow were in attendance along with Craig Zemke as the liaison for the board.

Chair Sherman Fairbairn shared with committee members about the nature of advisory committees. Craig Zemke volunteered a draft copy of the charter for the golf committee and a query was made to Joe to provide an up dated board-approved version to all members of the committee. Introductions of both the new and existing members were made.

Review and approval of the October minutes was deferred for later to accommodate administrative issues.

Administrative Reports and ensuing questions:

Joe Furlow shared that this year upcoming was the 30th anniversary of Heritage Palms, and he proposed that we set up an event celebrating this milestone by having a golf tournament to take place in a few months or at the beginning of next year. Joe also showed a flag that celebrated the 20th anniversary that was used for the holes. Joe is purchasing 30th anniversary flags for course pins and a large flag for the front entrance near the US flag pole.

Stuart Birch shared about the success of opening day and the impending date for opening of the course to handicapped golfers as well as for golfers in general. It was revealed that Nov 20 would be the first day that handicap golfers could drive up to their ball and Thanksgiving cart path only would end. New teaching pro Shannon Sweeney who is currently giving private lessons, will be introducing clinics after Thanksgiving. Stuart said that the golf shop has already reached their revenue projection of \$1.67 million for the year. Outside play has resulted in no revenue currently.

Sandie Ford (who is a USGA official) brought up the mis-interpretation by members of what and where the blue tipped water hazard stakes on various holes required and questioned their use at all given the pre-assigned drop areas on holes. In response Stuart proposed that a group of members be selected to go on the course and discuss / share how they take the drops etc. and what options would be best.

Lyle Shearer brought up several questions concerning outside memberships, the moving of hole 16 in the cart staging area, Highlander cost allocation, divot patrol, and podium location.

Sherman discussed placing gate entrances and exits away from mounding lawn areas.

The committee all shared their concerns about podium location, and Stuart agreed to move it further north to avoid congestion.

Matt Hoyt shared about the condition of the course and the fact that and some of the difficulties are having with how fast the grass was growing. All commented on the exceptional conditions of the course and thanked him for his efforts. The crew is short 4 workers which

creates issues (as an aside Joe shared with the Chair that federal ICE concerns have resulted in workers reluctance to even show up for interviews),

Sandie Ford, speaking for all women golfers, suggested placing a sand box near the restrooms on the north side of the course. Stuart agreed that this would be a good plan, and would do it.

Other Agenda Items:

Chair Sherman handed out copies to committee members of the following:

1. e-mail correspondence with Steve Forrest from Hills, Forrest, Smith course designers relating to Arthur Hills original course design plans.
2. a report sent previously to Joe by Sherman of the cost analysis of Commercial golf-simulator buildouts,
3. News Letter article for December to the committee.

New Member Kevin Turman agreed to do the minutes for the December meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm