

BBVCC Golf Committee Minutes

May 5, 2017

Attendance:

Present: Don Gardner (Chairperson), Rob Goodman, Ernie Hutchins, Bill Duncan, Rich Semenik, Joan Tape, Dorothy Hoffman, Herb Beitel

Absent: none

Visiting: Steve Brand (Greenskeeper), Al Koch (Pro Shop Manager), Ken Hoffer (General Manager)

Call to Order: 2:00 PM

Approval of the Agenda:

Bill Duncan requested to add discussion of Out of Bounds rule change that was suggested at a golf club meeting. Chair added item to Miscellaneous Items.

It was moved by: Rick Semenik, Seconded by Bill Duncan, Carried to approve the agenda as modified.

Membership on the Golf Committee and appointment of 2017 Officers

Don Gardner reviewed the current committee members and officers for 2017 and noted that we have 2 positions vacant for 2017. We should be on the lookout for candidates.

Approval of Minutes: April 7, 2016

Don Gardner notes two changes required to the Apr. 7th minutes:

- date of meeting should be 2017, not 2016
- Al Hawks is no longer a committee member but was indicated as absent

It was: Moved by: Joan Tape, Seconded by Rich Semenik, Carried to adopt the minutes of April 7th, 2017 as modified.

Greenskeeper Report: Steve Brand

Greens and tees have been aerated. Course improvement project has experienced delays due to the weather. It is difficult to estimate when it might be completed but estimated to be about 10 days once we have dry ground. Drainage is being started but, once again, it is difficult to get a truck in with the materials (gravel, sand) with the wet ground. Don Gardner asked about budget for everything, including contractors for the concrete work and Steve thought it would be fine. Rob Goodman asked and Ken Hoffer confirmed that the current budget money could be utilized in that way. Steve also indicated that he plans to aerate the fairways as soon as the course dries out a bit. Dorothy asked if the sand traps are currently Ground-under-repair and it was confirmed that the men's club has been playing them that way. Bill Duncan mentioned there will be a work day on Tuesday, May 16th and the bunkers can be a focus of that work as it was last year. Steve indicated that he's been spraying for weeds, etc. so it should be quite as bad as last year. We'd like to have the bunkers in good shape for the Joe Holdridge Memorial Tournament and the Whatcom Seniors play.

Golf Shop Manager Report: Al Koch

April Rounds Played Summary

Item	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Member 9 Hole Rds	200	303	305	306	190	481
Member 18 Hole Rds	168	244	241	212	184	94
Guest 9 Hole Rds	58	76	33	35	37	93
Guest 18 Hole Rds	14	37	38	53	46	28
Total 18 Equivalent Rds	311	471	448	436	344	409
9 Hole Fees Collected (no tax)	\$748.46	\$1032.05	\$406.38	\$455.21	\$588.00	\$1197.00
18 Hole Fees Collected	\$258.00	\$681.91	\$683.78	\$899.96	\$659.00	\$500.00
Punch Card Fees Collected*	\$156.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$801.84	
Total Fees Collected	\$1163.14	\$1713.96	\$1090.16	\$1475.17	\$2048.84	\$1697.00
*data from BBVCC March						
Member 9 Hole Rds YTD	308	550	425	4416	4276	5140
Member 18 Hole Rds YTD	351	548	271	2885	2284	2515
Guest 9 Hole Rds YTD	86	175	44	1237	1260	1409
Guest 18 Hold Rds YTD	14	37	47	595	529	698

Punch cards YTD**	5	13	7	39	34
Golf Membership YTD	92	117	140	222	209
Sponsored Memberships YTD	14	11	N/A	N/A	15

**data from BBVCC

Al reviewed the numbers for 2017 and indicated that there is a downward trend continuing, some probably due to the poor weather we've been having. Bill Duncan asked why the numbers have dollars and cents and Al clarified that the numbers are before tax. Don Gardner asked about the membership number accuracy and Al clarified that the number was to May 1st. Rob Goodman asked about the YTD numbers for 2012 - 2014 being large but 2015 - 2017 being small. Al clarified that those large numbers were for the calendar year, not YTD to end of April.

The Pro Shop and the Golf Club are working on the details of their processes to make things run smoothly for the various events that are held. Things are beginning to work quite well but still a few things to iron out. The Pro Shop is now using new software to manage tournaments/GHIN, etc. Bill Duncan asked if the data for that system is backed up. Since the new system is web-based, it is assumed that they have good backups.

Gazebo project was a great success. Kudos to everyone for following all of the processes required by the village and completing the project (start-to-finish) in 45 days.

Al mentioned that the Pickle Ball club wanted to store some "stuff" in the Pro Shop. Some discussion was held and the general feeling was that we did not want to do this.

The electrical system in the Pro Shop needs to be addressed; breakers are popping when two microwaves are used at once, some sockets are not working, etc. The golf club also wants wiring to be added to service the patio since they have been considering adding infrared heating units to the gazebos. Recommend that the village bring in an electrician to assess the issues and the new requirements and determine how best to make that happen.

The golf club would also like to have new tables to replace the older, bad repair tables with narrower tables so more can fit under the gazebos.

Rick Semenik asked about the Trail Fees (\$80/yr) and if the funds go into Steve's budget for course maintenance. Ken Hoffer stated that he thought the original cost for the cart paths had not yet been completely reimbursed to the village and the \$80 trail fee is not separated out into its own item; it's just part of the overall budget.

Manager's Report: Ken Hoffer

Ken indicated that the weather/wetness was not the worst we've seen but probably in the top 10. Standing water on the course is much less that it used to be so kudos to Steve for the work being done by on the course - it is definitely making a difference.

Each new home owner in the village receives 4 free golf passes. There used to be 40-45 properties sold each year and now there is 80-95 sold/year. This means we could be getting lots of new potential golfers into the village every year but it depends on if they are golfers or not. We have been losing a number of Canadians that have moved back to Canada.

Ken suggested that Ernie talk to him about the new tables we'd like to see under the gazebos. The village could help with this larger purchase from their reserve fund that is set aside for this kind of periodic expenditure.

Ken confirmed that the board accepted the new gazebos into inventory.

The yacht club and pickle ball club both wanted awnings and Ken has arranged for the pickle ball club to purchase the awning from the golf club in addition to the couple of awnings that he ordered for them.

Don Gardner indicated that the new Rules and Regulations that were approved by the golf committee have not been published yet. The changes were too late to be included into the home owners package in June. New rules are not enforceable until every owner has seen them.

Board Member Report: Ken Davidson (not present taking over from Don Hubert)

Ken Hoffer will ensure that Don Gardner gets Ken Davidson's email address so he can attend the meeting the 1st Friday of June.

New board assignments will be done in June so we will follow up later regarding the new board liaison assigned to the golf committee.

Financial Business

The 5-year plan will be updated, moving everything up one year. The updated plan needs to be to the board for their fall budget/planning meetings. Don Gardner will complete this update and send to the golf committee for review.

Some discussion was held regarding the limited cart parking areas and that the old parking area towards the tennis courts will still need to be used until the Phase III work is completed.

Miscellaneous

Many of the miscellaneous items were discussed in earlier agenda items.

Storage for the Pro Shop needs to be improved. It was suggested to get some Rubbermaid storage bins but Ken Hoffer wasn't sure about it.

The tree on #7 is falling over and it is very unlikely that we'll be able to save it. Al Kock mentioned that there is a tree on #8 teebox that is dead and should be removed.

Don Gardner brought up the idea of memorial trees that he has seen down in Arizona. This would help to get trees added to the golf course via donation. Don volunteered to put together a document to present to the committee for review and approval. Note that ACC approval will be required for any tree over 6 ft. Steve will need to be involved in this process to help determine the type of trees that will work best. Removal of trees will probably require an arborist to determine if the tree is actually dead. We have lost a lot of trees and anything we can do to help this will be a benefit to the golf club.

Recycling has become a recent topic of discussion around the pro shop. We should ensure that we have good recycling containers to facilitate these efforts.

Regarding the "Out-of-bounds" rule change to play it like a lateral hazard, some people were of the belief that the USGA was going to make such a change but Rob Goodman insisted that this was not true; in fact, they have refused to do it. Whatcom Seniors play an O/B as a lateral hazard to speed up play. After some discussion, Don Gardner called for a motion. Since a motion was not forthcoming, it was decided to table this until next meeting.

Ernie Hutchins began a discussion of a sign on #1 to provide notices of private property, attire, speed of play, etc. After some discussion, it was agreed that we should prioritize getting the bulletin reinstalled and put these notices there.

Date and Time of next meeting:

1st Friday of the month: June 2nd, 2017 at 2PM

Adjourn

Moved by Bill Duncan, Seconded by Rich Semenik and Carried to adjourn.