

BBV Golf Committee

Minutes May 9, 2013

Pro shop

- **Call to Order:** 2:02 pm
- **Attendance:**
 - Present: Ueili Nussbaum, Bill Begue, Jim MacMillan, Ron Bogen, Al Hawks, Rob Goodman, Bill Quick, John Schaefer
 - Absent: Jim Toomey, Jim Smolik
 - Visiting: Steve Brand, Joe Holdridge, Harry Shearer, Deon Wiechmann, Bob Simpson
- **Greens Keeper Report:** Steve Brand
 - Steve expressed thanks to Ueili Nussbaum and Bill Quick for all their work in cleaning up the bunkers.
 - A new bunker rake has been ordered and should arrive soon which will help improve the condition of the bunkers.
 - Many bunkers will be enlarged
 - Tee hole markers are in the process of being installed
 - Weeds were sprayed recently, and expect to spray again in a few weeks
 - There are plans to improve the areas near the benches at the tee boxes
 - All fairways were punched this spring which has improved their condition; punching to be done again in the fall
 - Safety is a priority, and concern was expressed about players who tee off from the blue tee box on hole 18 towards the number 4 green.
- **Golf Shop Manager Report:** Joe Holdridge
 - Numbers for April are not available, but the sense is that the numbers are comparable to last year.
 - There was a record turnout to the Duffers Scramble last weekend (about 40 players)
 - There have been approximately 16 or 17 "sponsored golf passes" sold so far this year (last year only 4)

- Due in part to the large number of members who purchased sponsored golf passes, the attendance at men's club seems to be higher than last year

- **Managers Report:**

None

- **Board Member Report:** Harry Shearer

- The Board is pleased with additional activity on the golf course and the additional revenue
- Bob Simpson stated that each year the Golf Committee has been requested to prepare a set of recommendations to assist the Board of Directors prepare a budget. These recommendations are prescreened and only a partial set of recommendations reaches the Board of Directors. The Golf Committee spends a lot of time and effort preparing these recommendations, and considers it appropriate that its recommendations as a whole be submitted to the Board of Directors for consideration before receiving a draft budget prepared by the Manager. Harry Shearer stated that he will discuss the issue with the Board of Directors at their next meeting.
- Bob Simpson indicated that some members have expressed concern to him about the increase in golf fees for 2013. He indicated that the golf committee made no recommendation to increase the fees, and stated that when last reviewed, the golf committee thought that we were reasonably priced compared to other golf courses.

- **Treasures Report:** Ron Bogen

- Ron Bogen stated that there are some funds available for course improvements or the like. Various possible improvements were mentioned including a covered patio, a walkway from the proshop to the covered patio at the village clubhouse, concrete blocks and retaining wall on the 7th tee, replace the concrete patio outside the proshop, junior golf (\$2,700.00 spent last year), buy large mature trees to replace some trees that have recently died, equipment (Bill Quick to discuss with Steve Brand).
- It was:
 - o **Moved by** Jim MacMillan
 - o **Seconded by** Al Hawks
 - o **Carried to** allocate up to \$3,000.00 towards the Junior Golf program. It was agreed that the golf committee would have discussions with Joe Holdridge to determine the exact allocation of such funds.

- **Event Planning/Organizing:**

- Bob Simpson presented an extensive set of documents to help in organizing the Fundraising tournament scheduled for July 20, 21, 2013. Everything from sandwich board advertising, letters to organizations requesting donations, various activities done in the past, checklists of things to do, etc. etc.

- Bob reinforced the notion that someone needs to be in charge, not necessarily to do everything, but to secure volunteers, delegate, lead, and make sure things get done.
- Various individuals indicated their willingness to help out.
- Deon Wiechmann stated that he will handle the cooking of the fish again this year.
- The pricing of the event was discussed and
It was:
 - o **Moved by** Jim MacMillan
 - o **Seconded by** Rob Goodman
 - o **Carried to** keep the prices the same as last year.

- **Other Business**

1. **Golf Club** – Jim MacMillan mentioned that he and Bob Simpson have worked on documentation for a Golf Club, similar in nature to the Birch Bay Village Yacht Club. Several copies of the by-laws for the Lake Padden Senior Men’s Golf Club were presented for review. The Golf Committee would continue to report to the Board of Directors of Birch Bay Village, whereas the proposed Golf Club would be more involved in activities such as fund raising, tournaments, handicaps, local rules, etc. Upon creation of the Golf Club, the assets currently available to the Committee would then be handed over to the Golf Club.

It was agreed that Jim MacMillan will try to arrange a meeting in June, to invite those who may be interested, and to present some proposed by-laws for a Birch Bay Village Golf Club.

2. **Bulletin Articles** - Bob Simpson volunteered to do the monthly write ups to be submitted for inclusion in the Birch Bay Village Bulletin.
3. **Rules** – The current local rule states that if a ball goes in the water when teeing off from the blue tee on holes 11, 12, 14 and 18, the current drop zone is the white tee box.

During men’s club today, the club decided to try changing the drop zone from the white tee box to the red tee box. This change was considered to be an improvement to local rules, making play quicker, safer, and more enjoyable.

It was:

- o **Moved by** Al Hawks
- o **Seconded by** Bill Quick
- o **Carried to** change the drop zone from the white tee to the red tee for any ball that goes in the water from the blue tee on holes 11, 12, 14 and 18.

- **Meeting Adjourned:** 3:30 pm

Minutes Approved: _____ Date: _____

Bill Quick, Vice-Chair