

BBVCC Golf Committee

Minutes May 14, 2015

Attendance:

- a) **Present:** Herb Beitel, Ron Bogen, Don Gardner, Rob Goodman (Chairperson), Al Hawks, John Schaefer (Vice Chairperson), Jim Smolik (Board Liaison)
- b) **Absent:** Bill Begue, Joan Tape
- c) **Visiting:** Ken Hoffer, Jim Lockie, Steve Brand, Zac Rector, Bill Quick (Greens Keeper Liaison), Joe Holdridge

1. Call to Order: 2:00 pm

2. Approval of the Agenda:

- a) There were 2 items added to the agenda under item 11. Other:
 - i) consideration of additional local rule; and
 - ii) consideration of email conversation.
- b) It was:
 - i) **Moved** by John Schaefer
 - ii) **Seconded** by Herb Beitel
 - iii) **Carried** to approve the agenda as written subject to the addition of 2 items.

3. Membership on the Golf Committee and appointment of 2015 Officers

a) Membership

New members Herb Beitel and Don Gardner were welcomed by the Golf Committee.

b) Officers

The following people volunteered, and it was

- i) **Moved**
- ii) **Seconded**
- iii) **Carried** to appoint the following people to the following positions for 2015

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| • Board Liaison | Jim Smolik |
| • Vice Chairperson | John Schaefer |
| • Golf Club Liaison | John Schaefer |

4. Approval of Minutes

- a) It was:
 - i) **Moved** by Al Hawks
 - ii) **Seconded** by John Schaefer
 - iii) **Carried** to adopt the minutes of April 9, 2015 as written.

5. Greens Keeper Report: Steve Brand

- a) Steve introduced Zac Rector as the new Assistant Greenskeeper.
- b) Steve advised the Committee that upcoming projects include punching the tees, the creation a new bunker on hole 5, and top dressing.
- c) It was noted that volunteers will be coming to the course on Monday May 18, 2015 to help clean up the course in preparation for the Whatcom Seniors tournament scheduled for Tuesday May 19.

Steve was excused from the meeting at this time.

- d) Jim Smolik asked what the status of the big hole/mound to the right of the 4th green is. It was stated that there used to be a ground under repair sign there, and Bill Quick was asked to arrange with Steve to place a ground under repair sign there. This area has been in disrepair for a very long time.
- e) Jim Smolik asked about a hedge on the left side on the 7th hole that is on private property, but overhanging the golf course. The thought was that the Greenskeeper should trim the hedge. Zac was asked to bring this issue up with Steve.

6. Golf Shop Manager's Report:

- a) Joe briefly mentioned some statistical figures for the start of the 2015 season. These included the following;

2015 Men's Club Accounting

Men's Club	43 @ \$22.00	\$946.00
Last season balance		\$69.00
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		\$1,015.00

4-1-14 Coffee for the season <\$300.00>
 4-2-15 Men's Club < - 0 - >
 4-9-15 Men's Club < - 0 - >

4-16-15 Men's Club < - 0 - >
 4-23-15 Men's Club < \$25.00 >
 4-30-15 Men's Club < \$29.00 >
 5-7-15 Men's Club < \$37.00 >
 5-14-15 Men's Club < \$41.00 >

Current Balance \$584.00

2015 Ladies Club Accounting

Ladies Club fee 20 @ \$17.00 = \$340.00
 Last season balance = \$18.00
 =====
 \$358.00

4-30-15 Ladies Club < \$9.00 >
 5-7-15 Ladies Club < \$10.00 >
 5-14-15 Ladies Club < \$11.00 >

Balance 5-14-15 \$328.00

2015 Couples Accounting

Beginning Balance <\$37.00>

5-1-15 Year long entry fee \$5.00/couple 29 X \$5.00 = \$145.00

	Entry	Raffle	Balls Out	Balance
Weekly entry 5/1/14	32 X \$.50 \$16.00 +	\$13.00 = \$29.00	<\$30.00>	\$107.00
& Raffle 5/8/15	54 X \$.50 \$27.00 +	\$19.00 = \$46.00	<\$40.00>	\$113.00

7. BBV Manager's Report: Ken Hoffer

- a) Ken stated that 50 new chairs have been ordered for the golf patio. He was told they are in transit, and hoped that they would arrive prior to the Whatcom Seniors tournament scheduled for Tuesday May 19, 2015.

8. BBV Board Liaison Report: Jim Lockie

- a) Jim stated that he was sitting in for Peter Winterfeld, and didn't have anything to report, but was looking forward to the discussion on the proposed redesign of the area around the pro shop.

9. Financial Business

- a) **5 year Plan** - no discussion.

10. Miscellaneous

a) Proposed redesign of area around Pro Shop

Rob reviewed the proposed redesign of the area around the pro shop by highlighting the following:

i) Subcommittee

Rob thanked the following 6 people who formed a subcommittee who met several times with the architect to help formulate the proposal:

Ron Bogen (Golf Committee member)
Steve Brand (Head Greenskeeper)
Rob Goodman (Golf Committee member)
Joe Holdridge (Golf Pro)
Jim Macmillan (Golf Club President)
Bill Quick (Greenskeeper liaison)

ii) Process to date

- The process to date included an initial meeting with the architect, Ted Locke, last summer to discuss the general scope and possible outcomes of the project.
- In 2014, the Golf Committee requested and was granted a budget amount of up to \$5,000 from the 2015 BBVCC budget to hire an architect to prepare a plan and help with the implementation.

- The subcommittee met with the architect in February 2015 to discuss our main goals (safety, beautification, and redevelopment of the practice area), our needs, our wants, and phasing of work.
- The architect prepared 2 proposed plans. He referred to these plans as a minimum impact scheme and a maximum impact scheme.
- The subcommittee met with the architect in April 2015 to review and discuss the two proposed plans. The subcommittee unanimously endorsed and adopted the maximum impact scheme subject to a few revisions.
- The architect then prepared a final proposed design (dated May 4/15) which incorporated the subcommittees' revisions.
- The proposed design was shown to a general meeting of the Golf Club on Friday May 8, 2015.

iii) Process in the future

- It is hoped that the Golf Committee will adopt the proposed design at their meeting today.
- Rob Goodman and Jim Macmillan hope to present the proposed design to the Board of Directors at their meeting scheduled for May 21, 2015.
- It is then hoped that the Board of Directors will adopt and approve the proposed design at their meeting scheduled for May 21, 2015.
- The architect suggested that the work be completed in 4 phases, summarized as follows:
 - 1) Grassing over the area along approach path to proshop;
 - 2) Redevelopment of patio area and new path around proshop;
 - 3) Creation of new chipping and bunker practice green and surrounding area;
 - 4) Relocation of practice putting green and new cart paths.

iv) Highlights of proposed redesign

- **Safety is the main focus.** The main traffic flow and parking of power carts will be moved from the east side of the proshop to the west side of the proshop. This means that the entire area between the proshop and Clubhouse will become much more pedestrian friendly. Power carts will not be permitted on the proshop patio area.
- **Beautification.** Improving the look of the area around the proshop so that it is indeed something that all members of BBVCC can be proud of. This will include grass between the proshop and parking lot, new plant beds around the patio, trees to screen the tennis courts, new concrete patio and walkway.
- **Redevelopment of practice area.** Moving the practice putting green to accommodate the new traffic flow, and the creation of a proper chipping and bunker practice green and surrounding area.

After discussion, it was:

- i) **Moved** by John Schaefer
- ii) **Seconded** by Al Hawks
- iii) **Carried** to adopt and approve the proposed redesign and make a recommendation to the Board of Directors that they also adopt and approve the proposed redesign.

11. Other

a) Consideration of additional local rule

Rob Goodman mentioned that the rules of golf do not permit a golfer to play a provisional ball if they think their ball may be in a water hazard.

However, the rules of golf allow the committee to make a local rule to permit a golfer to play a provisional ball if they think their ball may be in a water hazard. Such a local rule is allowed if it would otherwise unduly delay play to look for their ball first, and if it is then determined that their ball is in fact in a water hazard, go back to the spot of the last shot, or the drop zone or the area where it last crossed the margin of the hazard.

The Golf Committee and our Golf Pro all agreed that we should make a local rule, as allowed under the rules of golf, to allow the play of a provisional ball if someone thinks their ball may be in a water hazard. The purpose of this local rule would be to speed up play.

The rules of Golf provide a specimen rule for a committee to adopt in this circumstance (Reference Appendix I, Part B Specimen Local Rules, 1. Water Hazards; Ball Played Provisionally).

It was:

- i) **Moved** by Al Hawks
- ii) **Seconded** by John Schaefer
- iii) **Carried** to adopt as a local rule the specimen rule as provided by the rules of golf, as follows:

"If there is doubt whether a ball is in a water hazard, the player may play another ball provisionally.

If the original ball is found outside the water hazard, the player must continue play with the original ball.

If the original ball is found in the water hazard, the player may either play the original ball as it lies or continue with the ball played provisionally.

If the original ball is not found or identified within the five-minute search period, the player must continue with the ball played provisionally.”

b) Consideration of email conversation between Rob Goodman and Leanne Keel

The noted email conversation was briefly mentioned and it was recognized that while the committee tried to reach out and be accommodating, you can't please everybody all of the time, and that no further action would be taken by the committee at this time.

c) Drop zone

Joe stated that he would like to see a new drop zone on hole 2 for balls that go in the water hazard up near the right side of the green. Rob stated that he didn't want to see more drop zones on the course (there's already a drop zone on hole 2). It was stated that something should be done so there is a reasonable place to drop a ball.

12. Date and time of next meeting

The regular scheduled meeting time of the Golf Committee is the second Thursday of each month at 2:00 pm. This time conflicts with the Ladies Club golf, so it was:

- i) **Moved** by Don Gardner
- ii) **Seconded** by Herb Beitel
- iii) **Carried** to schedule the regular meeting time of the Golf Committee on the second Friday of each month at 3:00 pm.

The next meeting will be on Friday June 12, 2015 at 3:00 pm in the pro shop.

13. Meeting Adjourned: 3:10 pm

Minutes Approved: _____ Date: _____

Rob Goodman, Chairperson

BIRCH BAY VILLAGE GOLF CLUB

RULES OF PLAY

GENERAL:

- a. Maintain a steady pace of play - target 90 minutes per nine holes.
- b. Please do not trespass on private property without owner's permission.
- c. United States Golf Association Rules govern except where modified by local rules All Play.
- d. Players whose age plus their course handicap add up to 100 or more may play from the next forward tee. Example: a person with a course handicap of 22 who is 81 years old may play from next forward tee. If playing white then red, if playing blue then white.
- e. Waste Bunkers (left of #3 green and between #4 and #9 fairways) and all mounds are in play whether maintained or not, unless marked as Ground Under Repair (GUR). Areas marked GUR, relief without penalty - one club length from nearest point of relief, no closer to the hole.

LOCAL RULES OF PLAY:

1. LATERAL WATER HAZARDS:

All water hazards are considered lateral water hazards. USGA rules for lateral hazards apply.

2. STAKED TREES and TREE ROOTS:

If a staked tree or tree roots interfere with a player's stance or the area of intended swing, the player may take relief without penalty - one club length from nearest point of relief, no closer to the hole.

3. PROTECTIVE FENCES and PROTECTIVE SHRUBS:

If the protective fence on #1 tee box, or the protective shrubs on either side of #6 tee box interfere with a player's stance or area of intended swing, the player may take relief without penalty - one club length from nearest point of relief, no closer to the hole.

Player may take free relief from the protective shrubs on either side of #6 tee box even if the ball is not found, as long as it is virtually certain that the ball is in the protective shrubs.

It is not considered interference if the fence or protective shrubs are on the intended line of play. Therefore, there is NO free relief just because the fence or protective shrubs are between the player's ball and the pin.

4. WRONG CUP ON GREEN:

If a player's ball is on the green and the wrong cup interferes with a player's stance or area of intended swing, or if the wrong cup is on the intended line of putt, the player may take relief without penalty and place the ball at the nearest point of relief, no closer to hole.

5. DROP ZONES: (ALL ONE STROKE PENALTY)

Hole #2, 3, 9: Ball in any water hazard from red or white tee - player may use drop area forward of red tee, no tee up.

All holes: Ball in any water hazard from blue tee - player may use red tee as drop area, no tee up.

Hole #11, 12, 18: Ball in any water hazard from red drop area - player may use drop area forward of red tee, no tee up.

6. WATER HAZARDS; BALL PLAYED PROVISIONALLY

If there is doubt whether a ball is in a water hazard, the player may play another ball provisionally.

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If the original ball is found in the water hazard, the player may either play the original ball as it lies or continue with the ball played provisionally.

If the original ball is not found or identified within the five-minute search period, the player must continue with the ball played provisionally.