

BBV Golf Committee

Minutes May 22, 2014

Attendance:

- a. **Present:** Bill Begue, Rob Goodman (Chairperson), Jim MacMillan, Ueli Nussbaum, Bill Quick, John Schaefer, Jim Smolik, Jim Toomey
- b. **Absent:** : Al Hawks, Ron Bogen,
- c. **Visiting:** Ken Hoffer, Joe Holdridge, Harry Shearer

1. Call to Order: 2:00 pm

2. Approval of the Agenda:

- a) It was:
 - i) **Moved** by Jim Toomey
 - ii) **Seconded** by Bill Begue
 - iii) **Carried to** approve the agenda as written.
- b) John Schaefer commented that it is important and necessary to always have an agenda in advance of any meeting.
- c) Ken Hoffer reminded the Committee that the Bylaws of the BBVCC require that an agenda must be posted at least 48 hours in advance of any Committee meeting.

3. Membership on the Golf Committee and appointment of 2014 Officers

- a) The following officers for 2014 were unanimously approved:
 - i) **Chairperson:** Rob Goodman
 - ii) **Board Liaison:** Jim Smolik
 - iii) **Recording Secretary:** Rob Goodman
 - iv) **Vice Chairperson:** John Schaefer
 - v) **Greens keeper Liaison:** Bill Quick
- b) It was moved, seconded and approved to formally thank Jim Toomey and Bill Quick for their role as Chairperson and Vice Chairperson during 2013.
- c) The Committee unanimously recommends that Al Hawks and Bill Begue be appointed to a second term on the Committee.
- d) The Committee recommends that a representative from the Ladies Club, and a representative from Couples Golf become a member of the Golf Committee.

4. Approval of Minutes

- a) It was:
 - i) **Moved** by Jim MacMillan

- ii) **Seconded** by Bill Begue
- iii) **Carried to** adopt the minutes of October 10, 2013 as written.

5. Treasurer Report: Jim MacMillan

- a) Jim Macmillan presented a letter from Ron Bogen, 2013 Treasurer, indicating that in November 2013, a total of \$14,075.39 was transferred from the Birch Bay Village Golf Committee to the recently formed Birch Bay Golf Club.

Having made this transfer, there is no longer a need for a treasurer on the Committee.

- b) The Committee thanked Ron Bogen for his many years of acting as treasurer.

6. Greens Keeper Report: Bill Quick

- a) New ball washers have been purchased with funds from the Golf Committee and have started to be installed on the course.
- b) Bill Quick and Steve Brand were requested to arrange for signs to be made up with their preferred wording, that make it clear that maintenance staff have the right of way on the course, and that golfers should not hit balls in their direction.
- c) A new bunker on hole 5 was recently completed.
- d) Committee comments included:
 - i) The course is in good condition;
 - ii) It would be nice if the greens were faster;
 - iii) It was requested that the large tree on the left side of number 9 tee box be trimmed;
 - iv) It was requested that the dead trees on the course be removed. This was not unanimous, as it was also thought by some that the dead trees are attractive and look artistic.

7. Golf Shop Manager's Report: Joe Holdridge

- a) There were no numbers available. Joe was requested to bring numbers to the next meeting which compared 2012 to 2013, in addition to his regular monthly and year-to-date numbers.
- b) Joe indicated that in general, if the weather is good, there are lots of golfers on the course.
- c) The Thursday men's club, Thursday ladies' club, and Friday night couples golf are all underway. Clinics have started.
- d) Joe was asked about his stated intention to present an information session on the rules of golf and the handicap system. Joe said he would like to do this. Jim MacMillan stated it would be nice to do this as part of a Golf Club meeting, and stated that he would speak to Bob Simpson about this.

8. BBV Manager's Report: Ken Hoffer

- a) As a follow up from the last meeting, Ken stated that it was approved by the Village to hire somebody to work approximately 2 days a week on the golf course during the growing season. They haven't started to work on the golf course yet, but may start as early as next week.

- b) The Village has purchased and placed an ash tray outside the pro shop.
- c) The Village purchased garbage cans to be used for plastic and glass recycling. The Committee indicated that this was inadequate if we really wanted to recycle, because it was thought that the garbage containers would be filled with garbage. Ken was asked if he would try to secure some proper blue recycling containers.
- d) Ken and Harry indicated that it is not the Village's policy to hire someone on a short term basis to replace a staff member who is off for the short term.
- e) Many thanks to Bill Quick who worked many, many hours on the Golf Course while one of the staff members was away.

9. BBV Board Member Report: Harry Shearer

- a) The budget process is in place and the initial budget planning meeting by the Board of Directors will take place in early June.
- b) The Committee indicated that the dues for golf have increased a lot in the last few years.
- c) The Committee recognized the need to be pro active, and prepare a 5 year plan and provide some proposals to the Board for their budget planning as it relates to the Golf Course, perhaps even make recommendations to the Board on green fees as they have done in the past.
- d) Harry and Ken stated that no documentation on previous pond water testing was located in the office.
- e) Ken indicated that it was not considered feasible to supplement the water we buy for irrigation with ground water or pond water.
- f) Harry indicated that the Board's position on hiring a full time mechanic has not changed. It was considered by the Board to be more appropriate to farm mechanic work to an outside agency as there was not enough mechanic work in the village to justify a full time position.

10. New Business

a) 5 year Plan and Budget Recommendations for the Board

It was agreed that it was important for the Committee to update the 5 year plan and to prepare some specific budget recommendations for the Board.

John Schaefer volunteered to champion this issue and to use his background as a certified facilitator to help with this project.

The following people agreed to participate on a committee to update the 5 year plan and to prepare some specific budget recommendations for the Board.

- i) Bill Quick
- ii) Jim MacMillan
- iii) Steve Brand (to be asked if he will participate)
- iv) Bob Simpson (to be asked if he will participate)
- v) Anne Brown (to be asked if she will participate).

Rob Goodman agreed to send an electronic copy of the last 5 year plan (a draft 2012 version) to the Committee.

11. Old Business

a) BBVCC Golf Course Rules and Regulations (the “Golf R&Rs”):

Rob Goodman reviewed the background information relating to one section of the Golf R&R’s that was adopted by the Golf Committee in October 2013, but not accepted by the Board.

Section III.A.7 currently reads:

“7. Property Damage: Golfers are responsible for any property damage they may inflict on the course or adjoining properties.”

The Committee recommended that it be changed to read:

“7. Property Damage: Golfers are responsible for any property damage they may inflict to the course.”

The attorney recommended the following wording:

“7. Damage: Golfers are responsible for any damage they may inflict on the course or related BBVCC improvements. BBVCC has no responsibility for any property damage on adjoining property.”

After discussion by the Committee and with Ken Hoffer, it was

- i) **Moved** by John Schaefer
- ii) **Seconded** by Jim MacMillan
- iii) **Carried to** adopt the following wording for Section III.A.7.:

“7. Damage: Golfers are responsible for any damage they may inflict to the course or to related BBVCC improvements. BBVCC has no responsibility for any property damage on adjoining property.”

Rob Goodman agreed to arrange to have the BBVCC Golf Course Rules and Regulations as adopted, sent to Ken Hoffer so that he may distribute them to the BBVCC Board of Directors for approval at their meeting scheduled in June, 2013.

Concurrent with the changes to the Golf R&Rs, the golf scorecard and the signs on the course should be reviewed after the Board adopts the changes, to ensure that they do not conflict with the Golf R&Rs.

12. Date of next meeting:

The date of the next meeting of the Golf Committee was scheduled for Thursday June 12, 2014 at 2:00 pm in the pro shop.

Jim MacMillan indicated that he has received requests to have the Golf Committee meeting in the evening to accommodate people who work during the day. While not unanimous, it was suggested that we should have the July meeting at 7:00 pm.

13. Other

- a) Jim MacMillan stated that someone has requested that we close the course during the next open house to allow people to walk around the course for a few hours. Ken Hoffer says he gets requests each year requesting that people be allowed to walk the course at 6:00 am or 7:00 am for an hour or two.

The Committee discussed the merits of these requests, and considered that at some open houses, almost no one shows up. They also considered the damage that might occur to the course, and safety issues since the greens keepers will still need to run machinery on the course.

Given the fact that complimentary golf cart rides are given to those who attend the open house, it was unanimously decided not to close the course during the open house or at any other time.

14. Meeting Adjourned: 3:15 pm

Minutes Approved: _____ Date: _____

Rob Goodman, Chairperson