

# BBV Golf Committee

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## Minutes August 8, 2013

1. **Call to Order:** 2:00 pm

2. **Attendance:**

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

3. **Agenda:**

- The agenda as presented was adopted.

4. **Minutes**

- It was:
  - a) **Moved**
  - b) **Seconded**
  - c) **Carried to** adopt the minutes of July 11, 2013 as written and presented.

5. **Greens Keeper Report:** Steve Brand

- The crew is very busy with regular maintenance and planned improvements, including:
  - a) Spraying and fertilizing will take place in the near future;
  - b) Aerating will also be done soon;
  - c) The greens will have topdressing applied;
  - d) Some of the bunkers will be enlarged and reshaped;
  - e) Improvements to the chipping area;
  - f) Some irrigation and drainage will be added.
- Steve stated there have been a few instances recently when golfers playing early in the morning have hit balls towards employees, and employees have been hit by golf balls. This usually happens when an employee is cutting a green and the golfer hits towards the green.

The committee's opinion on this is very clear. Employees have the right of way, and it is not safe for golfers to hit balls in the direction of employees. Golfers must either wait until the employee

has finished cutting the green and left the green, or golfers must skip that hole and go to the next hole. This applies to any area of the course not just the greens.

Golfers need to be reminded or educated in this regard. Steve requested that signs be made up and posted that state that maintenance staff have the right of way on the course. The committee unanimously endorsed Steve's request.

**6. Golf Shop Manager's Report: Joe Holdridge**

- Joe indicated that the numbers for July 2013 were similar to July 2012. The numbers presented were:

<b>Item</b>	<b>July 2013</b>	<b>July 2012</b>
Member 9 hole Rounds	1,012	1,047
Member 18 hole rounds	602	685
Guest 9 hole rounds	415	401
Guest 18 hole rounds	140	167
Total 18 hole Equivalent rounds	1,455.5	1,576
9 hole fees collected	\$5,236	\$5,068
18 hole fees collected	2,484	2,939
Punch cards fees collected	120	360
Total fees collected	\$7,840	\$8,007

**7. BBV Manager's Report: Ken Hoffer**

- Ken handed out a sheet which listed 3 sections of the BBVCC Golf Course Rules and Regulations that he thought should be clarified. In addition, a few other sections were discussed. These included:
  - a) Clarify who is allowed to use the golf course (more restriction on "guests");
  - b) Clarify who is allowed to purchase golf memberships;
  - c) Clarify how and who schedules tournaments;
  - d) Clarify that inappropriate behavior by anybody (not just golfers) on the golf course is not acceptable;

- e) Clarify that trespassing means that you should not step onto private property; (It was asked if it was considered stealing if you reached over onto private property to pick up your ball. The consensus was that this was not stealing because ownership of an item does not change just because the item is on private property.)
- f) Reinforce the notion that golfers are responsible for damage they cause to private property. This is very similar to the situation where a person hits a car in a parking lot. In both instances, proper etiquette is to advise the other party and admit to the damage caused.

Ken stated that he will review and revise the BBVCC Golf Course Rules and Regulations and return them to the Golf Committee for review.

## **8. BBV Board Member Report: Harry Shearer**

- Harry stated that main topic he wanted to discuss was the Sponsored Golf Pass program, and since this was on the agenda, he would defer discussion until that agenda item was discussed.

## **9. Treasures Report: Ron Bogen**

- Ron stated that after including money raised at the recent fundraising tournament, the golf committee has approximately \$18,000. Ron stated that if the funds earn more than \$10 in interest, then it must be reported to the IRS. In the past, the funds have never earned more than \$10 in interest. Ron proposed to move money from the savings account to the checking account, in increments of less than \$10,000, so that no reporting to the IRS will occur.
- It was:
  - a) **Moved** by Al
  - b) **Seconded** by Bill
  - c) **Carried** for Ron to transfer money as proposed.

## **10. Old Business**

### **A. Golf Club: Al Hawks**

- Al stated that there have been 2 meetings to date to discuss the formation of the Golf Club. The 1<sup>st</sup> discussed the structure of the club, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> reviewed some draft by-laws. Thanks to Anne Brown and Bob Simpson for all their help. The next meeting is scheduled in August, and it is then hoped to form the Golf Club in September. Planning is underway to have a golf event on Saturday September 28, 2013 followed by a meeting in the clubhouse to present the by-laws to the village at large. The Golf Club would then make a proposal to the Board for approval of the club. Once endorsed by the Board, the funds currently held by the golf committee would be transferred to the Golf Club.

### **B. Fund Raising Tournament: Jim Toomey**

- Jim stated that the fundraising tournament held in July was one of the best ever. The food was good, the games were fun, and the fundraising was successful. Many, many people deserve credit for helping to organize the food, the games, the golf, and the generous donations. The funds raised amounted to approximately:

Revenue	\$9,700
Expenses	500
Profit	\$9,200

**C. Sponsored Golf Pass (the “SGP”):**

- Ken handed out a copy of the draft minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on July 18, 2013 which summarized various comments by members of the Village relating to the SGP program. Ken also handed out a copy of a letter and several emails relating to the Sponsored Golf Pass.
- The draft minutes indicated that the Board wanted the Golf Committee to review the SGP program and give their recommendations to the Board. The Board has also asked for recommendations from the Marina and Security Committees as it relates to who enters the Village and the use of public amenities within the Village.
- There was a long discussion regarding the Sponsored Golf Pass program. Various thoughts and comments were expressed, including the following:
  - a) Ken mentioned that:
    - i. section 11.3 of the BBV by-laws state that “Members may allow their guests and/or tenants to use and enjoy the Common Areas...”; and
    - ii. Section 11.5 of the BBV General Rules & Regulations states that “Owners must accompany their guests when using the pool...” but that there is currently no requirement that members must accompany their guest on the golf course.
  - b) It was stated that some people who are on a member’s guest list come into the village and play golf without necessarily informing the member. Joe stated that when guests play golf without the member, approximately 95% of the time a member makes the tee time. Ken thought that the documentation should be revised so that guests are not permitted to make tee times and only a member of the village can make a tee time for guests.
  - c) As it relates to security, it was noted that an individual person (driver) who is on a member’s guest list could drive into the Village with a car load of other people and use the common areas of the Village without informing the member. This was considered to be a much larger security issue than having a SGP participant come to play golf. Since an SGP participant is not permitted to admit guests into Birch Bay Village they should be the only person in the car when they enter the Village. When a SGP participant enters the Village, they must show their SGP Identification Card to Security. By comparison, the 15 SGP participants are thought to be much less of a security risk than the thousands of individuals on member’s guest lists.
  - d) Harry mentioned that the Board has reviewed the SGP program in the past and that they have talked about having a maximum of 30 SGP participants in any one year.

- e) It was mentioned that on average, the 15 current SGP participants golf about 6 times a month. Many golf only in organized events held on Monday, Thursday, or Friday, so do not overcrowd the course during the weekends.
  - f) All of the 15 SGP participants are experienced golfers, are well known to several village residents, respectful of the course and Village, know proper golf etiquette, bring in revenue to the Village, are not a security risk, and help make golf events and tournaments more successful.
  - g) It is the opinion of the Golf Committee that the SGP program should be a model for all visitors who come into the Village. SGP participants are held to a much higher standard of behavior than any other guest of a member. SGP participants must be sponsored by a member of the Village, must be approved by the General Manager of the Village and approved by the Golf Shop Manager. SPG participants are required to sign an application form which contains:
    - i. their name, address and phone number;
    - ii. states that they must "...agree to abide by all the rules and conditions (which are determined by the Village) relating to the privilege of being a SGP holder."; and
    - iii. states that they are "...subject to all the rules and regulations applicable to all BBV residents."
- It was:
- a) **Moved** by Jim Toomey
  - b) **Seconded** by Al Hawks
  - c) **Unanimously carried** that the Golf Committee continues to endorse the Sponsored Golf Pass program in its current form with a maximum of 30 passes in any one year.

## **11. New Business**

### **A. BBV Club Championship: Jim Toomey**

- Jim stated that the Club Championship golf tournament and dinner is scheduled to take place in a few weeks on August 24 and 25. As in the past, it is expected that the prizes will be in the form of a cash payout, and that the prizes and dinner will be paid for by entry fees.
- It was agreed that the committee would meet on Thursday August 15, 2013 at 2:00 pm in the proshop to plan and organize this event.

### **B. Other:**

- a) Al Koch requested that the village provide additional blue barrels to be placed outside the proshop for material to be recycled. Specifically, barrels for cans, glass, and plastic bottles. Ken Hoffer suggested that he would arrange for additional blue barrels.
- b) Bill Quick requested that the Golf Committee provide new ball washers to be placed at each tee box. Steve Brand stated that he has a catalogue from which ball washers

could be purchased, and that they should be purchased but not installed until after next winter.

It was:

- i. **Moved** by Jim Toomey
- ii. **Seconded** by Bill Quick
- iii. **Carried** to purchase up to 15 new ball washers.

**12. Meeting Adjourned: 3:30 pm**

Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Jim Toomey, Chairperson