

BBVCC Golf Committee

Minutes September 11, 2014

Attendance:

- a. **Present:** Bill Begue, Rob Goodman (Chairperson), Jim MacMillan, John Schaefer (Vice Chairperson), Jim Smolik (Liaison to Board), Jim Toomey
- b. **Absent:** Ron Bogen, Al Hawks, Ueli Nussbaum, Bill Quick (Liaison to Greens Keeper)
- c. **Visiting:** Joe Holdridge, Peter Winterfeld (Board Liaison)

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

2. **Approval of the Agenda:**

- a) It was:
 - i) **Moved** by Jim MacMillan
 - ii) **Seconded** by John Schaefer
 - iii) **Carried to** approve the agenda as written.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

- a) It was:
 - i) **Moved** by John Schaefer
 - ii) **Seconded** by Jim Toomey
 - iii) **Carried to** adopt the minutes of August 14, 2014 as written.

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

- a) No discussion

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

- a) Joe stated that August was a good month due to good weather and increased participation. Joe provided the chair with numbers summarizing August figures and information regarding funds held by the three Clubs. The numbers provided are attached to the minutes.

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

- a) No discussion

7. **BBV Board Liaison Report:** Peter Winterfeld

- a) Peter commented that there are currently 4 different types of plastic chairs on the patio outside of the golf shop. He stated that they look cheap, and some need to be replaced. He stated that when the chairs are replaced, they should be replaced by a better quality chair, and should all be the same.

It was:

- i) **Moved** by John Schaefer
 - ii) **Seconded** by Jim Toomey
 - iii) **Carried to** request that the Board replace the plastic chairs on the patio with a better quality chair.
- b) Peter handed out a document headed up “IRS Section (501)(c)(3)”, and stated that this document states that our Village must be open to the general public.

8. **Financial Business**

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

9. **Updates**

- a) **Hole Rating (for handicap purposes)**

Joe stated that he looked at 8 sets of men’s club and ladies club results and calculated the average score, by hole, separate for men and women, to determine the relative ranks of the most difficult holes.

Rob Goodman stated that section 17 of the USGA handicap manual provides guidance for calculating hole ratings by setting forth two methods for determining hole handicaps (comparison method and regression method).

Rob paraphrased information on the USGA website, which essentially states that the purpose of hole ratings is not to determine which holes are the most difficult, but to determine which holes produce the largest spread in hole scores, and to determine where strokes are most needed by players with higher handicaps vs. their opposition.

Rob stated that he has a degree in mathematics and statistics, and offered to calculate hole ratings based upon both methods recommended by the USGA, and to provide the results of such calculations to the Golf Committee for their consideration.

b) Note 4 on scorecard

Note 4 on scorecard currently reads:

“All persons assume responsibility for their acts while on the course and agree to hold owners and operators of the course harmless from all claims resulting therefore from.”

The BBVGC Rules and Regulations were recently amended to read:

“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.

It was:

- i) **Moved** by Jim Smolik
- ii) **Seconded** by Bill Begue
- iii) **Carried to** change note 4 on the scorecard to be consistent with the BBVGC Rules and Regulations the next time the scorecards are printed. Note 4 on the scorecard will then read: “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.”

The Golf Committee recommended that we ask Bob Simpson, the author of golf news in the BBVCC Bulletin, that the section on Damage in the BBVGC Rules and Regulations be printed in the Bulletin so that the Village as a whole is aware of what the Rules and Regulations state.

Other changes to the scorecards that were considered and approved by the Golf Committee include:

- i) Have the slope and course ratings on the cards be consistent with those on the USGA database;
- ii) Add the slope/rating for the most common sets of tees played by men and women – white/blue for men, and red/white for women;
- iii) Change the logo to our round, “Birch Bay Village Golf Club” logo that is currently used on our hole markers and logo wear in the pro shop.

Joe stated that he has many samples of golf score cards and volunteered to redesign our score card, and bring a sample to the Golf Committee for review and approval.

c) Patio Furniture: Safety of new umbrellas, and state of other existing furniture

Jim Smolik arranged for benches to be made to cover the large feet on the new umbrellas so that people would not trip over the feet. These benches also provide additional seating.

The Golf Committee thanked Jim for having these benches made, and also thanked the Golf Club for paying for the benches.

Rob Goodman reviewed the email exchange between Ken Hoffer and himself regarding the replacement of plastic chairs on the patio.

Rob's email indicated that there are currently 34 chairs on the patio, that some had been thrown away this year, but was unsure how many chairs were there last year, and asked that the difference be replaced.

Rob had sought clarification of Ken's email which stated that there is a reserve replacement item to make sure we had available money to replace existing tables and chairs, but went on to say that there is no mechanism in place to get them replaced. The Committee agreed to carry this item over to the next meeting that Ken attends.

10. Miscellaneous

a) Course Handicap – USGA guidelines if playing from different tees

Rob Goodman stated that there had recently been some email discussion regarding the adjustment made to course handicaps if men are competing from different tees. Rob summarized the USGA guidelines, indicating that a golf club may not ignore the USGA handicap system, and stated that the adjustment that should be made to a man's course handicap when competing with men who play from the white/blue tees are:

- Red/white tee - 2 strokes;
- Red/red tee - 3 strokes.

Joe confirmed that he can make this adjustment, and will do so.

b) Posting of men's club scores

Earlier this year, the computer in the proshop did not allow a man to properly post a score played from the red tees. This has since been resolved, and a man can now post both 9 hole scores and 18 hole scores played from the red tee. This also means that when a man plays red/white tees, that their score can be properly posted to the red/white tees.

Joe confirmed that when he posts scores, he will now post scores from the actual tees that golfers play from.

c) Golf Committee – membership and terms of office

The Golf Committee was reminded of the conditions of membership on the Golf Committee as set out in the Bylaws of the BBVCC, which are:

- a) The size of the Golf Committee shall be seven (7) unless otherwise directed by a resolution of the Board;
- b) Terms will begin and end at the Regular November meeting;
- c) Members shall serve for a term of three (3) years;
- d) No Member shall be eligible for appointment for more than two (2) consecutive terms and shall not be eligible for appointment thereafter until the lapse of at least one (1) year;
- e) The Golf Committee shall have one member whose role shall be that of liaison to the Board;
- f) Committee members shall, at the first committee meeting held following each Regular November meeting, elect a chairperson to serve for a one (1) year term;
- g) A chairperson shall be eligible to serve as chairperson for not more than two (2) years.

The members of the Golf Committee and their terms of office are as follows:

Name	Term	Term Began	Term Expires
Bill Begue	2nd	Jan 2014	Nov 2016
Al Hawks	2nd	Jan 2014	Nov 2016
Jim MacMillan	2nd	Mar 2008	Nov 2014
Ueli Nussbaum	1st	Jun 2011	Nov 2014
Bill Quick	2nd	Nov 2008	Nov 2014
Jim Toomey	1st	Jul 2011	Nov 2014
Ron Bogen	2nd	Apr 2009	Nov 2015
Robert Goodman	1st	Jul 2012	Nov 2015
Jim Smolick	1st	Jul 2012	Nov 2015
John Schaefer	1st	Apr 2013	Nov 2015

Jim MacMillan and Bill Quick will not be eligible for membership on the Golf Committee next year.

Ueli Nussbaum and Jim Toomey's terms of office will expire at the end of this year.

It was stated, as it has been stated in the past, that we should try to recruit some ladies to participate on the Committee.

d) Golf Club information

Jim Macmillan stated that the executive of the Golf Club will propose to a general meeting of the Golf Club that funds be used to purchase a fairway aerator. The aerator would cost approximately \$3,000 for a used machine, and \$5,000 for a new machine. The purchase of an aerator, and gifting of it to the Village would be conditional on the Village accepting ownership of the machine, agreeing to maintain the machine, and agreeing to have it placed on its “depreciation list” so that the Village would replace it at the end of its useful lifetime. Jim stated that this is the same process followed in the past for a mower.

Peter Winterfeld expressed concern about the false economies of buying used equipment, and encouraged the Golf Committee and the Golf Club to consider new equipment.

It was:

- i) **Moved** by Jim Toomey
- ii) **Seconded** by Jim Smolik
- iii) **Carried to** recommend that the Golf Club purchase a new aerator to be gifted to the Village on the condition that the Village agrees to accept ownership of the machine, agrees to maintain the machine, and agrees to have it placed on its “depreciation list” so that the Village would replace it at the end of its useful lifetime.

e) Other

Jim Smolik suggested that a poster listing proper golf etiquette, such as keep all pull carts off of tee boxes, be created and posted in the proshop as a reminder to all golfers. There was general agreement that this was a good idea, but nobody volunteered to see it through.

11. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting of the Golf Committee was scheduled for Thursday October 9, 2014 at 2:00 pm in the pro shop.

12. Meeting Adjourned: 3:25 pm

Minutes Approved: _____ Date: _____

Rob Goodman, Chairperson

Attachments: August 2014, Men's, Ladies, and Couples accounting

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