

BBV Golf Committee

Minutes October 8, 2015

Attendance:

- a) **Present:** Bill Begue, Herb Beitel, Don Gardner, Rob Goodman (Chairperson), Al Hawks Jim Smolik (Board Liaison), Joan Tape
- b) **Absent:** Ron Bogen, John Schaefer (Vice Chairperson)
- c) **Visiting:** Ernie Hutchins (Golf Club President), Al Koch, Jim MacMillan (Golf Club Vice President),

1. **Call to Order:** 3:30 pm

2. **Approval of the Agenda:**

- a) It was:
 - i) **Moved** John Schaefer
 - ii) **Seconded** by Don Gardner
 - iii) **Carried** to approve the agenda as written with the addition of item 9c) Junior Program.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

- a) It was:
 - i) **Moved** Herb Beitel
 - ii) **Seconded** Jim Smolik
 - iii) **Carried** to adopt the minutes of September 11, 2015 as written.

4. **Greens Keeper Report:**

- a) Greens Keeper not in attendance.

5. **Golf Shop Manager's Report: Al Koch**

- a) The numbers forwarded for inclusion in the minutes indicate that member rounds for September were down slightly from last year (most likely due to fewer members), but Guest rounds were up slightly, so that green fees collected were up slightly. The numbers are:

Item	Sept 2015	Sept 2014	Sept 2013	Sept 2012	Sept 2011
Member 9 Hole Rds	455	418	536	776	
Member 18 Hole Rds	317	347	314	438	
Guest 9 Hole Rds	125	104	127	317	
Guest 18 Hole Rds	60	57	56	84	
Total 18 Equivalent Rds	667	665	701.5	1068.5	
9 Hole Fees Collected	\$1,636	\$1,445	\$1,602	\$3,984	\$2,194
18 Hole Fees Collected	\$1,026	\$1,002	\$1,036	\$1,486	\$1,050
Total Fees Collected	\$2,662	\$2,447	\$2,638	\$5,470	\$3,244
Punch Cards YTD	14	39	34		
Golf Memberships YTD	187	222	209		
Sponsored Memberships YTD	14	????	15		
Member 9 Hole Rds YTD	3827	4416	4276	5140	
Member 18 Hole Rds YTD	2414	2885	2284	2515	
Guest 9 Hole Rds YTD	1007	1237	1260	1409	
Guest 18 Hole Rds YTD	592	595	529	698	
Total 18 Equivalent Rds YTD	5423	6306.5	5581	6487.5	
9 Hole Fees Collected YTD	\$12,839	\$16,087	\$12,042	\$14,275	\$10,825
18 Hole Fees Collected YTD	\$8,173	\$10,477	\$6,895	\$8,268	\$6,007
Punch Cards Fees YTD	\$820	\$820	\$840	\$840	
Total Fees Collected YTD	\$21,832	\$27,384	\$19,777	\$23,383	\$16,832

- b) Al stated he hopes to keep the Pro Shop open most of the Winter, and is waiting for Ken Hoffer to get back to him for further discussion and possible modification of his contract.
- c) Al stated that the Chill Out Cafe had a visit from the Health Department recently and advised him of some changes necessary. The main change was that raw meat cannot be cooked on the BBQ unless a wash station is immediately next to the BBQ. For now, that means that items such as Turkey burgers and Salmon burgers are off the menu.

6. BBV Manager's Report:

- a) Manager not in attendance.

7. BBV Board Liaison Report:

- a) Board Liaison not in attendance.

8. Financial Business - 5 year Plan

- a) No discussion

9. Other

a) Proposed redesign of area around pro shop – Royal Walkabout

Rob Goodman reviewed the drawing prepared by the architect highlighting the 4 separate phases to be completed. Rob stated that last week, he and Al Koch marked out the location for the new patio and new cart paths leading from the parking lot to the pro shop. These areas had been marked out with stakes or painted in fluorescent paint.

The entire Committee, along with the officers of the Golf Club that were in attendance walked around the pro shop. Rob pointed out where the new patio, walkways, cart path, etc would be, and described phase 1 of the proposed redesign in general.

If the budget gets passed, Steve Brand and Al Koch will start work on the project. While no timetable has yet been established, the perfect scenario would be that final specifications would be determined, quotes would be received, and work would commence in late winter or early spring of 2016.

Everyone in attendance was in agreement with the proposed redesign and proposed working arrangement.

b) Thanks to departing Committee members

Three members of the Golf Committee will be retiring at the end of this year. Those members are:

- Ron Bogen who served 2 terms;
- John Schaefer who served 1 term; and
- Jim Smolik who served 1 year.

The entire Committee expressed their thanks and appreciation for the volunteer work each of these members put in over the years.

c) Junior Program

Ernie Hutchins mentioned that he plans on starting an on-going Junior Golf Program. He hopes that this will start in the fall, and carry on throughout the year. Ernie stated that he recently met with some juniors and parents from the Village and was asked if friends from outside the Village could participate. It is anticipated that there will be between 5 and 10 juniors from the Village, and between 2 and 3 juniors from outside the Village (friends of Village juniors) who are interested in the Junior Golf Program.

There was a discussion about the annual golf membership paid by juniors from the Village (\$50 per year), but a sponsored golf pass for someone from outside the Village is \$500 per year. There is no golf membership category for a junior from outside the Village who is not a relative of a BBVCC member. Issues of liability and responsibility were discussed and mentioned as a concern should a junior from outside the Village have an annual golf membership.

Ernie mentioned that the Junior Golf Program charges \$5.00 per person, per session, and that sometimes the Juniors will play 2, 3, or 4 holes, and maybe there will be a 9 hole tournament at the end of the season. Each session is fully supervised by the teaching pro. Annual golf membership is not necessary to participate in the Junior Golf Program.

The Golf Committee understands that it's always more fun to participate in an activity with a friend, and fully supports and encourages a strong, active Junior Golf Program.

The Golf Committee unanimously endorses the creation of an on-going Junior Golf Program and recommended that the Junior Golf Program be organized such that each Junior from the Village who participates in the Junior Golf Program may invite a maximum of one friend from outside the Village to participate. Such participation by a friend from outside the Village would be subject to approval by the organizer of the Junior Golf Program. Entrance to the Village by the friend would be subject to all the normal regulations of the Birch Bay Village Community Club.

d) Follow up on Item 7 from the September 11, 2015 minutes

The Committee discussed item 7 from the September 11, 2015 minutes wherein it was stated that perhaps the Committee should reach out to the greater Birch Bay Community and have a non-members golf day or golf tournament, in the hopes of trying to foster better relations with the greater community.

The Committee felt that Village residents are considered friendly and are highly regarded in the greater community. Instances of friendly participation by non-Village residents in activities on our golf course that were cited include the Whatcom Seniors tournament, the annual member guest tournament, Raspberry Ridge tournament, Christ the King tournament, and participation in the Sponsored Golf Pass.

The Committee felt that there are already several activities on the golf course that invite participation of non-Village residents, and an additional event was not necessary or desirable.

e) Golf Committee membership

The Committee was reminded that after the retirement of 3 members, we will only have 6 members. The Village rules require us to have a minimum of 7 Committee members, and up to as many as 10. The Committee was asked to try to recruit some new members.

Rob Goodman stated that he is not eligible to serve as chairperson next year since he will have served as chairperson for 2 years, and that he has also served as recording secretary for 3 years, and hopes that 4 other Committee members will volunteer to fill all 4 executive positions next year.

The 4 executive positions to be filled are;

- Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Recording Secretary and Board Liaison.

Joan Tape volunteered to be Recording Secretary.

Al Hawks volunteered to be Vice Chairperson.

The positions of Chairperson and Board Liaison can be filled at our next meeting.

10. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled to be held on Friday April 8, 2016 at 2:00 pm in the pro shop.

11. Meeting Adjourned: 4:50 pm

Minutes Approved: _____ Date: _____

Rob Goodman, Chairperson