

## **Birch Bay Village Golf Committee Minutes**

**September 5, 2023**

**Golf Committee members and others present:** Steve Franklin (Chair 1-24), Jennifer Hendry (Co-Chair 1-25), Leslie Feaster (Secretary 1-25), Dori O'Dell (1-24), Don Shank (1-25), Elizabeth Wilbrecht (1-25), Darrell Cowan (1-25), Dave Schwab (1-25), Rod O'Dell (Golf Club Liaison), Dave Wilbrecht (BBV Board Liaison), Krista Templeton (Rec-Center Manager), Steve Brand (Greenskeeper). Betsy Just – visitor and member of Lakes and Drainage Committee

**Call to Order:** Steve Franklin Called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

**Approval of Agenda:** Moved by Darrell Cowan, seconded by Don Shank, passed unanimously

**Approval of Minutes from July 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting:** Moved by Dori O'Dell, seconded by Jen Hendry, passed unanimously

**Greenskeeper Report:** Steve said that he has started sanding and punching the golf course. The course will be closed Tuesday until 4 and then will reopen and he will continue on Wednesday and Thursday. There are a few more irrigation issues he needs to contend with. He is focusing on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> green and will also start work on the bunkers.

**Rec-Center Report:** Krista passed out the August incident reports. She recently sat down and talked to her staff about the need for everyone (staff and golfers) to be respectful of people's property. Lowell has addressed all incidents that needed to be addressed except for one and that one will be completed shortly. The majority of the incidents are after hours and most by people who live on the course. Krista was asked what the "perks" are for employees of the rec center. Krista said that golf is free as well as cart rentals. Employees are allowed to "comp" one person and their family members are automatically comped. There are no limitations on the number of times they can use their "comp". If it's a busy day they are expected to not use a golf cart. These rules were set up by Jen (the general manager prior to Rick Tanner). Dorie said that she believes there is an employee handbook but doesn't think "perks" are covered. It was mentioned that the golf carts are getting old and that maintenance costs may be more than what we receive for rental. Krista said this may be true. Steve Brand said the maintenance on carts is done during the winter. Krista said winter hours start in October. Rec Center is going to sell a punch card where you can buy 5 games and get 2 for free. Greenskeeper Revenge is scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> of September and end of year tournament is scheduled for the 30<sup>th</sup>.

**BBV Board Liaison Report:** Dave Wilbrecht said he appreciated the Golf Committee's presentation at the budget workshop. He said our suggestions have been included but not sure they will stay in budget but wanted to thank us for providing the numbers and our effort in providing them. The BBV Board will discuss the limited range golf ball driving range. Golf Simulator needs BBV Board approval in order to be sold as it now belongs to the HOA. Steve Brand says he knows someone that is interested in buying it. Dave said that he thinks that needs to be a discussion item at their next board workshop and he will put it on the agenda. Dave Wilbrecht asked what goes along with operation and running of driving range? Steve Franklin said that step 1 is how does it work, i.e., how far do the balls go, if that goes well then due

diligence on what needs to be done. Steve Brand said that we need to figure out if we can do it and then figure the finer points out.

**Lake Irrigation Pump:** Steve Franklin said he was approached by someone who knows people that can build pump filtration systems we could use to water the greens. We need to know yes or no if we can do this. Our water costs are very high now and will likely become more costly. People have heard different opinions on the likelihood of being able to do this. We need to research this. Dave Wilbrecht said that there are many houses being built on the hills and their water falls down to us. There will be a massive amount of water coming down the hill. Could we store water here in order to use for irrigation? Dave will put this question on his "to do" list. Betsy Just announced that there will be a *Birch Bay Watershed and Aquatic Resources Management (BBWARM)* meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup> here in Birch Bay Village.

**Landscaping Update:** Jennifer Hendry announced that they have 2 new planters on hole #2. Dorie O'Dell asked Dave W if we would lose money we were given if it wasn't spent by the end of the year. Dave said it would go into reserve but not necessarily back to us. Dorie announced we would have a work party on Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, starting at 10 am. Sandwiches will be provided by the golf club and anyone is welcome to attend the work party and stay for lunch. She needs a count for sandwiches so please contact her if you are attending so she can order ahead of time.

**Rec Center:** Steve Franklin asked Dave W. if the Buildings and Grounds Committee had any plans for the rec center. Dave W. advised that it would be a good idea to have a joint meeting with Buildings and Grounds Committee to discuss plans. The next Building and Grounds Committee meeting is on October 8 at 5 pm. Dave Schwab asked if the committee had done a survey. Dorie O'Dell believed that Buildings and Grounds did a survey but hasn't seen it.

Elizabeth Wilbrecht made a motion that we walk to the rec center, take a look around and see what we would like to see done with it and then walk over to the area we would like a short driving range to be and hit the sponge/foam balls so we all have experience with them. Elizabeth Wilbrecht moved that we adjourn, Darrell Cowan seconded, motion passed unanimously.