



Birch Bay Village Community Club (BBVCC) Golf Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 1:00 P.M.

BBV Conference Room and Zoom

Committee Members in Attendance:

Steve Franklin	Leslie Feaster	David Schwab
Darrell Cowan	Dori O'Dell	Craig McCallum
Dave Wilbrecht – BOD Liaison	Rod O'Dell – Golf Club Liaison	David Franklin – GM
Krista Tempelton – Staff	Justine Brooks – Staff	

ABSENT: Elizabeth Wilbrecht and Don Shank

Called to Order: Meeting called to order at 1:01 pm. A quorum was met.

Adoption of Agenda: It was asked to have Mission Statement added to the agenda.

Mission Statement: There was a lengthy discussion regarding what the specific role and direction of the committee is and what or if that direction needs to come from the board. Each of the committees has specific roles and responsibilities that need to come from what the need is of the community. The committee needs this information to move forward with putting together a Mission Statement. Dave Wilbrecht, the Board liaison spoke regarding what the committees do, what the overlap is, and what the board needs to define. The Grounds and Buildings Committee has projects they want to complete and are trying to move forward with the budgeting for it when it could also affect the Golf Committee. David Franklin, GM, will be sending out a spreadsheet on budgeting to all of the Committees. This will help the committees to get the things that they would like to accomplish done within the budgeting process for the next year.

Rec Center:

The Building and Grounds Committee are suggesting building a shed where the golf carts are currently parked and would like to put in hardwood flooring. The Golf Club should be consulted because something like hardwood flooring would not work for golf shoes. This is where it would be a good idea to get the Committee Chairs and a Board liaison together to meet and discuss these considerations. There have been electrical issues in the Rec Center in the last few weeks. The current questions are what is the rec center to be used for? A Pro shop, meeting room, etc.?

Golf Course Rating:

The golf course will be rated on August 7th by Washington Golf. We will need 5-7 golf carts available in the morning for them to complete the measuring of the course and 3-5 carts



available in the afternoon. Having Washington Golf come out to do the measuring will not need the course to be closed that day. Once the rating is completed the committee will get the score cards redone.

Rec-Center Report:

Krista reported on the incidents that have happened since April. All of the incidents have been addressed. There has been an increase in incidents related to the golf course, more people coming out during off hours and on weekends. This is also discussed later in the meeting with marshaling.

Krista provided the Committee with a revenue year to date report for this year and last year (attached). This report shows an increase in the majority of areas. It was discussed on creating a JR Executive Pass for College students that would be approximately \$300.

Approval for the North Bay Tournament to happen in July with the stipulation that the Village is the responsible party for any trouble or damage. It will be a 9-hole scramble on the same day as the annual garage sale.

Motion to approve the North Bay Tournament in July by Dori O'Dell. Seconded by Leslie Fester. Motion approved.

The youth golf camp is happening next month.

Golf Club:

Rod O'Dell gave the report for the Golf Club. They had their spring budget meeting, and they are going to get the gold tees and flags, not poles, that have the BBVCC logo on them. It has been found out that there is electricity throughout the golf course. There has been discussion about putting a fountain in on the lake between 6 & 7, this would be to help to keep the algae levels down. If the fountain works the way we want it to we could possibly add fountains to all the lakes/ponds. The Golf Club is awaiting approval of the BOD for installing a fountain in one of the golf course ponds. This is something the Golf Club is working on with the Lakes & Drainage Committee.

The Golf simulator was discussed. It was recently set up for chip lessons. The Committee discussed how nice it would be to have the simulator set up on a more permanent basis to get new golfers started and more people down in the area during the off season. This would help with getting more people to utilize the Rec Center area.

It was also discussed about setting up a driving range area behind the maintenance area in the field for people to do some practice swinging. The question would be ball retrieval, what are the options and/or what would be best for our community. Putting in a driving range would also



require a ball retrieval machine, balls, mats, staffing, and location. David Frankling suggested using Almost golf balls for the driving range. It was finally suggested that we simply sell the “Almost” golf balls in the Rec Center and have everyone retrieve their own balls.

Youth golf club was discussed, and the Golf Club is purchasing new clubs, including left-handed clubs. There is still a need for volunteers to help with the golf club.

Golf Marshals:

There is a need for golf marshals on weekends, Holidays (long weekends American and Canadian), and after staff working hours as people wait until they see the Rec Center closed and then go golfing without paying. Currently the staff is doing all of the marshaling and it would be nice for volunteers to assist during the busy times. Krista has marshal vests and signs. Krista will send out a notice of marshaling of the golf course.

Promoting Golf Play:

The committee discussed ideas for promoting the use of the golf course to more of the people in the Village. The work parties that were successful last year and would like to continue to have those this year. There were 2 other ideas discussed. One was having “putting golf” where members can get tee times and pay a nominal fee (just like we do for golf rounds) and simply walk from each tee box to the green and only Putt, then go the next hole etc. We would supply putters in the Rec Center that can be checked out when they check in for their tee times. The second idea was to have “Football Golf” where a larger hole is installed off the current greens and a larger ball is used. The players sign up for a tee time, pay a fee, and they play golf by kicking the ball along the fairway into the hole, just as we do hitting a golf ball. In both instances, the players sign up, pay, and move around the course with the same pace as golfers which makes it possible to be there at the same time. It would be after 6 pm and 1 night per week. We would need to put this in the bulletin or in a weekly email.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:32 pm by Darrell Cowen. Seconded by Leslie Fester

Action Items:

David Franklin to get Committees a Budgeting worksheet.

Krista Tempelton to get a notice out to Members that live on the golf course that will link them to the incidents form on the website.

David **Franklin** after hours phone.



David and Justine to edit the Employee Handbook to change the use of the golf course and have something solid in place for the benefits of the Staff.

Steve Franklin will investigate a ball retrieval system – possibly something that we can drag behind a golf cart or a piece of equipment that we already have.