

BBVCC
GOLF COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2025 at 1:00PM

Committee Members Present		
Steve Franklin	✓ David Wilbrecht – Liaison	✓ Darrell Cowan
✓ Elizabeth Wilbrecht	✓ Don Shank	✓ Laura Bailey, Chair
✓ Dave Schwab	Craig McCallum	
Guest Members		
	Bill Duncan	Dori O'Dell
Patricia Nitta		
Staff Present		
	David Franklin	Steve Brand
Justine Brooks		

I. CALL TO ORDER: at 1:00 pm by Laura Bailey

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion to: Approve agenda.

Motioned by: Elizabeth Wilbrecht **Seconded by:** Dave Schwab **Approved.**

III. RATIFY MINUTES:

Motion to: Accept June 10, 2025.

Motion by: Elizabeth Wilbrecht **Seconded by:** Darrell Cowan **Approved.**

IV. NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER APPLICATION

The Committee discussed that this is Elizabeth Wilbrecht's last Golf meeting. The committee thanked Elizabeth for the time that she has put in on the committee.

The Committee discussed the addition of Patricia Nitta to the committee. Patricia introduced herself and spoke as to why she wants to be on the committee.

Motion to: recommend Patricia Nitta as a Golf Committee member to the Board

Motion by: Dave Schwab **Seconded by:** Darrell Cowan **Approved Unanimously**

V. BETA PROGRAM

The Committee discussed the BETA program and how to make the interest in it better. The committee discussed how to get members of the neighboring HOA's Sealinks, Horizon and Semiahmoo the information to participate in Birch Bay Village Golf Course. The group discussed strategies for marketing to attract non-member golfers, ideas included hosting a barbecue or an open house, leveraging real estate agents, and showcasing the golf course. They considered adjusting sponsored membership fees, noting tax implications for non-member income. The conversation also touched on the timing of the golf season and potential prorated rates to encourage early sign-ups, with suggestions for discounts for purchases made before or after the season starts.

The committee discussed strategies to increase membership and facility usage, acknowledging a shortfall in meeting revenue goals. They agreed to form a subcommittee to develop marketing and promotional ideas, focusing on attracting neighboring residents while balancing the needs of current homeowners. The group considered offering reduced fees for new members and explored the potential of advertising amenities to attract more users. They also discussed the importance of maintaining a balance between revenue generation and community satisfaction, emphasizing the need for strategic marketing efforts to improve awareness of the amenities.

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VI. MARSHALING PROGRAM

The committee discussed the challenges with the marshaling program, including issues with enforcement and the need for compensation for marshals. Don suggested exploring options like offering free golf as compensation and creating a citation form for marshals to use when encountering rule violations. The group discussed the need for a clear communication system between marshals and compliance officers, as well as the importance of educating the community about golf course rules

VII. HOST PROGRAM

The committee also addressed the host program, outlining plans for weekend shifts and training volunteers.. Krista and Laura will follow up with a clear training pla, support and schedule outline for volunteer hosts.

VIII. GREENSKEEPER REPORT

Steve discussed ongoing irrigation repairs and plans to upgrade the sprinkler system, emphasizing the need to keep the golf course open year-round through aeration and sand dumping. He addressed concerns about overgrown vegetation near ponds and lakes, noting that any maintenance or volunteer efforts should follow established guidelines to avoid conflicts with property owners. David F mentioned that Bobby is treating duckweed with a phosphorus-locking compound to improve water quality. The discussion touched on the need for better communication between committees and the importance of adhering to regulations when maintaining golf course ponds and lakes.

IX. GOLF AND PRO SHOP REPORT

Krista reported on the incidents and that only 5 were reportable offences and the others were just where members needed to be educated. Education to the members regarding the rules of the golf course is more of a need with all the new residents that have come in, in the last year. Krista also reported that Dymond Nikon requested to transfer his membership to his son as he has been having some medical problems and can't utilize the membership. His son has been active with the golf community and would like to golf more.

Motion to: Transfer Dymond's membership to his son.

Motion by: Don Shank

Seconded by: Darrell Cowan

Approved Unanimously

X. BUDGET REVIEW

They also reviewed the golf course budget, with the committee and Dave agreeing that while the golf course will never be profitable, they should maintain it as part of the resort community amenities. The discussion touched on the need to combine the golf and recreation center budgets for better transparency, as well as future planning for capital improvements and potential dues increases to fund facility maintenance and improvements.

At this time it was noted that the committee no longer had a quorum and could not make any further decisions. The committee continued to discuss the budget and things that needed to be changed. The committee also stated that they should have another short meeting to go over the budget before the Finance Committee would like to have the draft of the committee budgets to them.

XI. Course handicap calculation and possible par change – GHIN Subcommittee –

The committee discussed changes to golf course handicap calculations, explaining that a 2024 update by the World Handicap Association now includes course par in the calculations, which affects different tee ratings at their course. They reviewed the addition of new tee options (white/white and blue/blue) for ladies, though the blue/blue option was not approved due to missing front 9 data. The committee also discussed updating their scorecard, which is currently in use for two years. This discussion also included the additions to GHIN and other issues.

XII. Request for additions to GHIN and other Issues

XIII. ADJOURNMENT 3:17 pm