

BBVCC
GOLF COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2026 at 1:00PM

Committee Members Present		
✓ Steve Franklin	✓ David Wilbrecht – Liaison	✓ Darrell Cowan
✓ Patricia Nitta	Don Shank	✓ Laura Bailey, Chair
Dave Schwab	✓ Craig McCallum	
Guest Members	Bill Duncan	Dori O'Dell
Ernie Hutchins	Dave Carpenter	Ron Snyder and Cathy Taggett
Staff Present		Steve Brand
Justine Brooks	David Franklin	Amy Ashby

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion to: Approve agenda with date change 2025 to 2026.

Motioned by: Patti Nitta **Seconded by:** Craig McCallum **Approved.**

RATIFY MINUTES:

Motion to: Accept March 10, 2026 minutes with date change 2025 to 2026.

Motion by: Craig McCallum **Seconded by:** Patti Nitta **Approved.**

2. MEMBERS OPEN FORUM

Ernie was approached by Parks and Recreation to conduct an adult golf lesson program in addition to the junior program. This will generate additional revenue and attract new neighbor members to the course. The committee discussed plans to expand golf programs for juniors to adults through Parks and Rec, proposing a 5-week program for adults. The program could include certification testing and skill assessments, with participants gaining access to a short course after completion. Ernie noted that the junior program has been running successfully and could model skills taught from that program into the adult program. The group discussed setting up practice facilities in the maintenance yard using mats and safe balls, with plans to create practice areas.

The group discussed expanding the junior golf program to include adults through Parks and Recreation, with potential for multi-week programs and sponsored golfers. Steve suggested considering future placement of golf practice mats to accommodate a potential limited-flight golf ball range, though there were concerns about current positioning due to house locations and maintenance yard proximity.

Motion to: present to the Board an extended Parks and Recreation program to include adults with potential for multi week programs and potential from them to become nonresident golfers at Birch Bay Village Golf Course.

Motion by: Craig McCallum **Seconded by:** Patti Nitta **Approved**

Ron Snyder and Cathy Taggett presented a proposal for a putting-only program at the golf course, which would allow non-golfers to use the facility at a reduced cost. The participants would need to follow established protocols and be supervised by adults. The program would be implemented as a one-year trial with various pricing options, including a punch card system or pay-per-round and

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proposed keeping the pricing accessible to all community members. The group discussed logistics such as tee times, course access, and potential events to launch the program, with agreement that board approval would be necessary. A subcommittee was proposed to finalize details like scorecards and hours and pricing.

The group discussed a proposal to allow non-golfers on the golf course by implementing a structured walking program on the golf course presented by Dori O'dell. The proposed details regarding times and fees followed later in the discussion.

Motion to: introduce putting only golf program as presented in the "draft 2" handout with a kick off tournament to the Board.

Motion by: Craig McCallum

Seconded by: Darrell Cowan

Approved

3. VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

It was discussed that the first session was well attended and Dean Herbert is organizing weekly volunteering early in the season. The volunteer program was successful in cleanup of cart path edging, raking pinecones and needles, weed whacking around trees and tee boxes and weeding flower beds.

4. GREENS KEEPER REPORT

The meeting covered updates on golf course maintenance and operations. Steve reported on ongoing work including cart path edging, raking, weed whacking, and plans for bunker edging and blackberry removal.

5. GOLF AND PROSHOP REVIEW

Laura presented information from Krista (unable to attend) positive monthly statistics showing increases in annual passes, punch cards, and various fees compared to the previous year. The committee approved an emeritus membership for Ron Bogan, who has been an active member for 25 years.

6. CART PATH CONDITION

Discussion included progress on asphalt repairs, with some areas needing heating to make the material workable and plans to extend asphalt to the path between holes 9 and 10.

7. SURVEY FOLLOW UP

The survey is up and committee members suggested everyone encourage their neighbors and community members to take the survey.

8. IDEAS PATH FORWARD FOR GOLF COURSE USE - ALL

Ideas presented earlier in the members comment section covered this agenda item prior. There was discussion regarding forming a sub committee to focus on communication and ways the committee can share the positive impacts and positive events regarding the use of the golf course. Committee members shared options such as posting on social media and the BBVCC newsletters.

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9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 2:43 pm

Motion by: Darrell Cowan **Seconded by:** Craig McCallum

Approved

The next meeting is scheduled for May 12th at 1:00pm.