

December 2022 Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2022

OP Golf Clubhouse, 2:00pm

Agenda:

- I. **Call to order:** Chair, Frank Brown called the meeting to order.

Members present: Frank Brown, John Ferinde, Fritz Lahner, Bob Long, Don McMullen, Susan Morris, Ann Shockley, John Viola

- II. **Public Comments** – none

- III. **Approve minutes from November Meeting** – Approved

- IV. **Course conditions Update** -Justin Hartshorn, Course Superintendent, was not in attendance. Comments from committee members were submitted that the course is working on clearing out drainage ditches with backhoes and also that drainage ditches throughout the Ocean Pines community are also being cleared.

- V. **Golf Management Report**-Bob Beckelman, OP Golf Pro, was not in attendance.

- a. Questions/Discussions - The topic of trophy cases for the Golf Clubhouse was brought up. The old clubhouse had a case for the trophies won in major competitions but was not replaced in the new clubhouse. Tom Cronin approached Bob Beckelman about this issue. Frank Daly, Bob Beckelman and John Viola will talk about what is the procedure for the trophies to be displayed. Don McMullen mentioned permanent signs for the Club Championships for the Men and Women. The OPMGA's sign is up, but needs updated. The OPLGA's sign is in the process of being ordered.

- VI. **Golf Group Reports**

- a. **Golf Members Council- Bill Bavis**, was not in attendance.

- VII. **OPMGA, John Ferinde**- no report

- VIII. **OPLGA, Ann Shockley** –reported that the OPLGA is in the process of setting up a Putters Club that would meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday afternoons in January through March. The idea came from Norma Kessler. Golfers would meet to play on a pre-set up putting green. Justin Hartshorn, course superintendent, has agreed to set up the practice green (located between #1 and #2 holes) in a prescribed format. The idea is to get together, practice your putting and enjoy the company of others. At this time, the ladies would be the participants with the hope to extend the invitation to other golfers if the idea is successful.

Old Business

- I. **Bob Long, update on old business items**- Bob said he is asking the question “What is our purpose?” in the search to define the roll of the OPGAC committee. This question will continue to be pursued. Bob brought up the past problem that when the new OP golf clubhouse was built, Lifetime Members were promised lockers (as part of their agreement). Since that did not happen, compensation was promised. Is the compensation stalled or what is happening?

Bob L. also mentioned that Bob Beckelman is in the process of putting together packets that will contain information pamphlets. The question was also brought up about the OP budget Process

and that Bob thought that John Viola, OP General Manager, should come to our committee to gain input into the process where it concerns the golf course. Don McMullen and Frank Brown stated that the process is that the OPGAC should go to the Budget & Finance meetings to voice our opinions. Bob Long asked could Bob Beckelman share with us, what he is taking to the Budget & Finance meetings?

New Business

- I. **Design possible course beautification around single green as a pilot project**-the committee discussed which areas of the golf course would be good starting places for this project. Upgrades were discussed for tee boxes that would include plantings, etc. John Viola said that he would need a plan/drawings and a budget by March in order to implement the project. #12 hole was discussed because of the unsightly view adjacent to the tee box. Could shrubs that would provide screening between the tee box and the offending property be planted? Further investigation is required to see if there is room for shrubs. Ann promised to investigate.
Susan Morris suggested that azaleas were discussed in the past to be planted at #7 close to the woods as a background on the right side of the green and adjacent sand trap. The idea is to copy the azaleas at the 13 hole at the Masters tournament. This idea was also well received as the #7 is the signature hole of the OPGC. Both ideas will be discussed with Justin Hartshorn for his input and feasibility.
- II. **Discuss possible committee vacancies**- The first question was asked as to how many members are permitted on the OPGAC? Frank Brown will find this out. The number discussed was either seven or nine people. Also discussed, was the role of the OPLGA and OPMGA presidents as members of the committee. Also, how do volunteers go about applying for the committee?
It was brought up that applicants would fill out the OP Committee application (available on-line) and submit it to Linda Martin for vetting (possible CPI violations, etc.) The application would then be forwarded to the prospective Committee chair and that particular committee's board liaison for comments. The application is then submitted to the OP Board for their approval.

General Comments

Ideas were discussed for social opportunities for golfers and to grow the use of the OP Golf Clubhouse. Ideas suggested were Friday night dinners/specials-happy hour, similar to the Sunday night lite dinner menu being offered now. Fritz Lahner suggested gift cards for the Grille and said he would ask Judie, the Grille manager, about it.

Adjourn-motions for adjournment – Frank Brown 1st, Bob Long 2nd. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,
Ann Shockley