

Ocean Pines Golf Advisory Committee

November 2022 Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2022

OP Golf Clubhouse, 2:00pm

Agenda:

Call to order: Chair Frank Brown called the meeting to order.

Members present: Bill Bavis, Bob Beckelman, Frank Brown, John Ferinde, Justin Hartshorn, Walt Lipshack, Bob Long, Don McMullen, Susan Morris, Bob Moulden, Ann Shockley

- I. **Sand Dawg Update**-Nelson Fenwick Frank B. relayed that Nelson thanks all the Sand dawgs for their hard work and feels that the course is in great shape. Nelson will be scheduling a Spring clean-up day in 2023.
- II. **Course conditions Update** -Justin Hartshorn, Course Superintendent, relayed that the course's color is green and in good shape. He is catching up with leaf work (mulching leaves). His crew redid the sod on the side of the Pro Shop and also repaired the sod along #18 cart path, as well as, irrigation repair along the cart path on #4. There are still trees that Justin is planning to have removed. In the Spring, the memorial plaques will be moved from #10 to left of the tee box on #16. Don McMullen has volunteered to keep that area maintained. Susan Morris asked if the logs in the ditch on #12 could be removed. Justin answered in the affirmative.

- III. **Golf Management Report**-Bob Beckelman, OP Golf Pro, has targeted the shelter on the far end of the driving range for clean-up in order to have it ready for use this Spring. He foresees the golf members being able to use it in inclement weather, as well as, the kids during golf camps. He would like to have it ready by March/April. He will also place signs near the driving range to alert people to avoid hitting the shelter and maintenance building while using the driving range.

February is the target date for delivery of the new golf carts, replacing the current ones. When asked about Pro Shop credits earned through OPMGA and OPLGA events expiring, Bob said that he had checked and had not found anything referring to an expiration date. Mr. Beckelman has decided to extend the date credits can be used until the end of April 2023 at this time. He is also looking to update the merchandise in the Pro Shop by bringing in new lines of clothing and equipment. (some of this is in response to surveys Bob had made available to golf patrons as to what they would like to see in the Pro Shop). As a result, the Pro Shop will have a Holiday Sale (everything except golf clubs and balls) to reduce the present inventory and make way for Spring merchandise. Bob would also like to establish drop boxes for the OPLGA and OPMGA leagues to help increase information availability.

IV. **Golf Group Reports**

- a. OP Golf Members Council- Bill Bavis noted and applauded the different groups that contributed to the success of the Taylor Bank Tournament held in July 2022. This tournament is held to raise money for golf scholarships for area high school seniors. He also reported that the Council's end of the year Banquet was a big success and that a large amount of toys were collected for the Toys for Tots Charity.

- V. **OPMGA**-John Ferinde reported that the OPMGA has set their 2023 schedule and has given it to Bob Beckelman for approval and scheduling.

- VI. **OPLGA** – Ann Shockley reported that the OPLGA has set their 2023 schedule and has given it to Bob Beckelman for approval and scheduling. They have also received three new member applications

already, resulting from the Pink Lady event held in October. She noted that the OPLGA is also hosting a WDGA (Women's Delmarva Golf Association) mixer in August.

Old Business

Bob Long

- a. Communications – Bob Long asked if the Golf Advisory committee could be informed about budget decisions made during the Ocean Pines Board deliberations that affect the golfing community. He stated that the purpose of the advisory committee is to advise, yet it is difficult to do so if the committee is not informed of the budget factors. He would like to see the OP board and the Golf Advisory committee work together in the budget process.
- b. Golf Rates and Membership Options – Different membership packages and ideas were discussed to meet the needs of the golfing community, desired play times and to target different populations such as working people that might only play 9-holes after work. Bob Long would like to be informed of the different membership facts. Bob Long commented on the 9-hole rate. Ann Shockley also commented that she would like to see the 9-hole rate posted and to be better related to the 18-hole rates, especially for OP residents.
The Ocean Pines Golf Membership package was discussed as to relate better to the golf season. If a resident wanted to purchase a membership, but it was during the winter months, perhaps those months (December, January, February, etc.) would be gratis until the annual time (Spring) that amenity memberships are usual bought/renewed. This way people purchasing the membership can make better use of the golf playing season. Bill Bavis noted that it would be a good promotion to entice people to join. Bob Beckelman also was favorable to the idea.
- c. Distribution of Membership Materials- Bob Beckelman expressed the desire to have membership information available in the Pro Shop as well as membership information for the different leagues that play at Ocean Pines. He will work on this initiative and have information/brochures to hand to people when asked what options were available at the OP Golf Course.

New Business

- I. Open to all Committee Members – Bob Beckleman offered to hold clinics, not only for beginners but for advanced practice both for ladies and men.

Adjourn-The meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,
Ann Shockley