

**Date:** 2/16/2023

**Time:** 2:00pm

**Location:** Ocean Pines Golf Clubhouse

**Agenda:**

**Call to Order:** Chair Frank Brown called the meeting to order at 2:10pm. Members present: Bill Bavis, Bob Beckelman, Frank Brown, Fritz Lahner, Bob Moulden, Susan Morris, Cindy Hoffman (MD Gazette – guest)

- I. **Public Comments** – there were no public comments.
- II. **Approve Minutes from December Meeting-** Don McMullen approved the minutes, Frank Brown seconded
- III. **Course Conditions Update-** Justin Hartshorne was not in attendance. Frank Brown updated the committee that the tree trimming project was moving forward with no concerns.
- IV. **Golf Management Report-** Bob Beckelman, Golf Pro
  - a. Meeting setup with Bob Beckelman, Justin Hartshorne and committee members in regards to planting program
  - b. New Assistant Pro, Matt Ruggiere coming soon
  - c. Improvements planned are to create new office at the Driving Range and potentially obtain new carts in June.
  - d. Renewed focus on membership with key initiatives to be implemented to encourage residents to join the club.
    - i. Looking to host a Member/Guest tournament later next year
    - ii. Outside play will be more friendly to members, allowing members to obtain earlier tee times as much as possible.
  - e. Plan to create plaque wall in club house using Tom Cronin old plaques
  - f. New merchandise is arriving at the shop now.
  - g. Multiple new hires both inside the clubhouse and outside.
- V. **Golf Group Reports**
  - a. **Golf Members Council-**Bill Bavis, Nothing new to report
  - b. **OPMGA-** John Ferinde- no report provided
  - c. **OPLGA-** Ann Shockley- no report provided

**Old Business**

- I. **Design possible course beautification around #1 tee and #7 green-**We will be scheduling a meeting to finalize plans for the 7<sup>th</sup> hole beautification project and the 1<sup>st</sup> hole tee planting modification. The meeting will include representatives from the GAC, Bob Beckelman, Justin Hartshorne and Eddie Wells. At that meeting we will decide what plants to use and the best location for planting as based on recommendations by committee members.

**New Business**

- I. **Fritz Lahner** – met with Gary Miller along with 22 other representatives from various OP Amenities. They will host an event at an OP Property, most likely White Horse Park or the Veterans Memorial with three main goals: Promote, Showcase & Show Pride in OP. This event will most likely be held in the Fall or next

Spring. As a Golf Advisory Committee, we will be expected to send representatives to this even to explain the benefits of membership in OP Golf. We are looking for volunteers to represent us in this endeavor.

- II. **Don McMullen** – provided information about changes in course ratings. It was discussed that the USGA had visited the course last summer and created a detailed report on the handicapping system of the various holes. The USGA will recommend changes in slope and ratings of the various holes. The handicaps for each hole will not change for this year as the new score cards have already been purchased.

**Adjourn**-The meeting was adjourned by Fritz Lahner, seconded by Frank Brown.