

**Date:** 1/19/2023

**Time:** 2:00pm

**Location:** Ocean Pines Golf Clubhouse

**Agenda:**

- I. **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 Long, Bob Moulden, Susan Morris, Ann Shockley
- II. **Public Comments** – there were no public comments.
- III. **Approve Minutes from December Meeting-**Bob Long approved the minutes, Fritz
- IV. **Course Conditions Update-** Justin Hartshorne – Justin was not in attendance, however members related that tree removal is in full force along with limbing up certain trees. Trees being removed are either rotten, hollow or give too much shade. Frank Brown requested that the large tree on the left knoll of #17, not be removed and it was limbed up instead. Bob Long remarked that he didn't want to see the course make-up change because of trees being removed. He put forth the idea of replacing some of the trees with new ones. Possibly people/organizations donating the replacement trees.
- V. **Golf Management Report-** Bob Beckelman, Golf Pro shared that there is some off-season play at present, not a lot of comments on operations at the present time.

Bob B. asked about how the Junior Golf Funds were managed. He said that many organizations had asked about donating money for that purpose and Bob was not comfortable with the money going directly to him. Bill Bavis said that money came through the council and that Debbie Donahue, OP Parks & Rec Director, would identify need kids needing a scholarship to attend the Jr. Golf camp. Bill was not aware that other funds were coming in. The Golf Council has money-usually for scholarships for HS seniors with golf connections, but has asked Debbie in the past, how the council can help. Bob Beckelman indicated that his need, as of now, is equipment and would like an account set up from which Bob B. could request funds for the Junior Golf Program. A comment was made, that as part of the OP Golf Members Council's treasury, Junior Golf funds that are generated by fundraising tournaments, etc. are kept separate from the general funds. This was thought of a solution to the problem.

Bob also updated committee members on the status of the Club Championship plaques that are/will be displayed in the front lobby of the Clubhouse. At present, the OPMGA's plaque is displayed and the OPLGA's plaques are being ordered. The cost of the large plaque is \$1,600 (one for the OPMGA and one for the OPLGA's present 9-hole league) and the smaller plaque (needed for the OPLGA's past 18-hole league) is \$1,300. Bob's question was could the OPLGA help to pay for the plaques since two are required for them. Ann Shockley replied that the OPLGA would explore ways to raise money to help pay for the smaller plaque. However, she felt that Ocean Pines should put forth the same amount of money that paid for the OPMGA's plaque and asked how much money, in all, would Ocean Pines be willing to donate to the project.

Bob Beckelman is also looking into rehabbing the old plaques that were removed when the old clubhouse was torn down to make way for the present clubhouse. Bob said he was committed to "replacing the history of Ocean Pine Golf" at the Clubhouse and is looking for space to display things.
- VI. **Golf Group Reports**
  - a. **Golf Members Council-**Bill Bavis shared that although the Council had scheduled a social get together in January (a pizza party), the decision had been made to cancel because of the increase of covid cases.
- VII. **OPMGA-** John Ferinde- no report

- VIII. **OPLGA-** Ann Shockley- reported that their Putters Club met for the first time, Tuesday, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>. It was a great success with 13 golfers showing up to putt on the practice putting green located at the rear of the driving range. Bob B. joined the ladies, greeted all, and everyone had a great time. The ladies adjourned to the Golf Clubhouse for snacks and a social time. Barbara Lischak took first place with Tammy Banachowski and Cheryl Florin tying for second, and were awarded with golf hats donated by the Pro Shop. The next meeting time is Tuesday, Jan. 24. At this time, 18 golfers are signed up, many of which are new to OPLGA or returning members and/or guests.

## Old Business

- I. **Bob Long, update on clubhouse information-**Bob discussed a larger bulletin board to replace the one that is now in place in the front lobby of the clubhouse. Bob Beckelman said that he is working on getting space for members. Ann Shockley asked about a second easel with bulletin board, but will wait to see what Bob. B. is able to come up with. Bob L. asked if the two leagues are able to place materials on the lobby table and Bob B. said yes. Also, Bob Long inquired if mail could be sent to the Golf Clubhouse, 1100 Clubhouse Drive, in care of the OPMGA for events, registration, etc. Bob B. said that would be fine. At the present, he has mail slots located in his office directly to the right of the door and that the door is not locked. Also, an envelope could be kept behind the check-in desk to store event applications (with checks only, no cash).
- II. **Frank Brown**
- a. **update on lifetime member locker situation-** Bob Beckelman reported that Linda Martin, Senior Office Executive Manager, sent the copies of the Lifetime Member contracts to Bob. He said that after May 1, 2023, each Lifetime member would have \$100 credit added to their account for the 2023-24 fiscal year. It was noted that the \$100 credit for the 2022-2023 had not been received. Bob B. said he would look into that. Also, Bob Long thought the contracts read that the member could opt for the credit or a one-time payment of \$400. Bob Beckelman said he would look into that, as well.
- b. **# of people on Golf Advisory Committee-** Seven people can serve on the committee. The chair can submit a special request for up to nine members
- III. **Design possible course beautification around #1 tee and #7 green-**Frank Brown passed out drawings he made of #7 and possible locations of shrubs or ornamental grasses. Ann Shockley contributed pictures of shrubs that would work for that area, that were deer resistant. She said that after visiting the site, there is plenty of room for shrubs. Frank said he talked with John Novack who designed the plantings around the clubhouse and he also offered his expertise.
- Ann also shared what she had found out for the area between the cart path, drainage ditch and the residential property adjacent to this on #12. The home owner of that property (who has been sited by ARC) engaged Ann in conversation about the problem of his junk stored in plain sight of the #12 tee box and our efforts to screen it. There is room on the opposite side of the drainage ditch that is OP property or a narrow strip between the ditch and the cart path. The planning will continue.

## New Business

- I. **#13 hole gazebo-**Several members remembered that John Viola, OP GM, had stated in the past, that he would authorize OP Public Works to repair the gazebo. This will be followed upon.
- II. **Select representative from GAC to speak with Gary Miller about proposed Ocean Pines Spring Informational Event-**This event will highlight and promote the various amenities, as well as organizations that benefit the residents in Ocean Pines. Bob Beckelman and Fritz Lahner will meet with Gary Miller to see what his ideas are and what needs to be done. Susan Morris talked to a friend in the Womens Demarva Golf Association whose community held a similar event and it was very successful. Bob B. is already considering two dates for this event- Easter, April 9 or Mother's Day, May 14.

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