

# Ocean Pines Golf Advisory Committee

## October Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** November 16, 2023

**Time:** 2:00pm

**Location:** OP Golf Clubhouse, Large Meeting Room

**Members Present:** Frank Brown, Bill Bavis, Bob Beckelman, Justin Hartshorne, Bob Long, Don McMullen, Susan Morris, Fritz Lahner, Ann Shockley and Steve Jacobs- OP Board liaison.

### Agenda:

- I. Call to Order, Frank Brown- the meeting was called to order at 2:02pm
- II. Public Comments-there were no public comments
- III. Approved Minutes-
  - a. The October minutes were emailed to the members. Motion to approve- Frank Brown, seconded by Don McMullen, the minutes were unanimously approved.
- IV. Course Conditions Update, Justin Hartshorne, Course Superintendent, reported that approximately 50 trees will be tagged for removal after Thanksgiving. Irrigation repair continues with a problem with #4 satellite boxes (controls sprinkler heads) and power issues. #12 & #15 have water main leaks. The course continues to be aerated. Attention to grasses on #9 hill and #11. Justin is hoping to start the new irrigation replacement by Winter 2024. The process will continue through the following years. When it is in place, many of the rough areas can then be addressed. It will be replaced. Also, redoing the tees on several holes is being considered since the red and gold tees are receiving a great use in the past years. It was mentioned that the bottom of the flag staff on #18 was shattered
- V. Golf Management Report, Bob Beckelman, OP Golf Pro, reported that the season is winding down, although still busy. Staff is being reduced at this time for the Winter season. He was glad to report that sales for every month, except for September, were up this year over the same time last year. Bob is in the process of redoing the score cards and is in touch with the scorecard company. He would like the course layout to be included, names of holes and changing the colors of the tees. This would eliminate certain tees being labeled "ladies" or "seniors" and rather be the tees that suits the golfer's handicap.

Don McMullen asked about when the PGA visited our course last year and if they had reported any changes. Bob replied that they had not, but he will verify the ratings/slopes on each hole before printing new score cards.
- VI. Golf Group Reports
  - a. Members Council, Bill Bavis reported that the End of Year Banquet, held on November 6<sup>th</sup> at the Club House was a big success. 2024 plans include a Pizza Party in January and a Valentines' Party in February. It was mentioned that although it would be nice to hold these events at the Clubhouse, outside food cannot be brought in and that the clubhouse grille is not open on Monday - Wednesday and that it is usually closed for the month of January. The event will be held at the OP Community Center in the Assateague Room.
  - b. OPMGA, John Ferinde – no report

- c. OPLGA, Ann Shockley – The Pink Lady Tournament successful, raising \$5,674 for the AGH Foundation. At the OPLGA Fall meeting, new officers for 2024 were elected. Chair-Tammy Banachowski, Vice-Chair – Denise Stevens, Treasurer-Colette Horn and Secretary-Donna Monaco. Per by-laws, Ann Shockley, Past Chair stays on the Board.

### Old Business

- I. OP Day Workgroup Committee Meeting – the committee meet October 11 and discussed making a detailed presentation to the OP BOD at the January 20, 2024 meeting for their final approval of the event. Different dates for the event were discussed – April 20 as opposed to a date in May. The committee will develop a “Sponsor Informational Packet”. It was decided not to have extra games for children as the playground is right there and can be used by children in attendance. Many plans are still up in the air as the committee continues to focus on their objective for the event.
- II. **Membership options -2024** Bob Beckelman discussed options for changes for membership packages. He suggested that the annual membership rate for the different packages be raised \$50 each year, rather than waiting a couple of years and then jumping the rate. The raise would support the irrigation project costs in the next several years. He compared our rates (\$1600-individual golfer) to \$1800 for River Run Golf Course and \$1900 for Ocean City Golf Course. The idea is to keep up with inflation. He also would like to lower the Associate and PM memberships by \$50 to make them more desirable and to do some marketing associated with these Membership Packages. Bob stated that his goal of 200 OP Golf Club members would be good and would enable him to “take care of the member”. It was mentioned that the Golf Course Opening Day, April 6, 2024 could be used for marketing the different membership packages.

**Adjourn** - Fritz Lahner made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Don McMullen seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:03.