

July Golf Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: 7/18/2024

Time: 2:00pm

Location: Ocean Pines Golf Clubhouse

This month's meeting will be held in the large clubhouse meeting room.

Present: Frank Brown, John Ferinde, Fritz Lahner, Bob Long, Don McMullen, Bob Moulden, Susan Morris, John O'Connor, Ann Shockley and Steve Jacobs- OP Board liaison

Absent: Tammy Banachowski, Bill Bavis, Bob Beckelman, Fred Ellis, Justin Hartshorne, Steve Howse, Rufus Johnson, Walt Lischak

Agenda:

1. Call to Order, Frank Brown – 2:05pm
2. Public Comments-none
3. Approve Minutes from May and June Meeting. 1st motion by Don McMullen and seconded by Fritz Lahner.
4. Course Conditions Update, Justin Hartshorne-absent
 - a. Questions & Discussion
 - i. Sand trap improvements – Frank Brown voiced concern again about the condition of the sand traps. In some of them, grass is growing as well as more sand is needed, making it hard to hit out of them. The goal would be to bring up the conditions throughout all of the bunkers. John O'Connor felt that more rakes are needed for the bunkers.
 - ii. General course conditions- The bridge over the canal between #3 and #4 is in disrepair and needs attention. New decking and railings was suggested. Bob Long feels that the tee boxes are not up to par, #13 being the worst. Frank Brown suggested that the tee markers be moved more often. John O'Connor says they are moved about three times a week and he has seen the tee makers on #13 moved. Frank added that the tee markers need to match the cup on the green placement on each hole. It was mentioned that Justin Hartshorne's main concern during the very hot weather we are experiencing is: 1-the greens, 2-the fairways and3-the tee boxes.
It was also noted that more ball washers are needed on the course, specifically on #1.
5. Golf Management Report, Bob Beckelman-absent
 - a. Question & Discussion
 - i. Continued Tee Time availability- Apparently there have been complaints of calls to the pro shop and first no tee times available. Then with a second call, there are tee times available. John O'Connor has not heard of this problem, but will look into it.
 - ii. Other concerns from the clubhouse – none reported
6. Golf Group Reports
 - a. Members Council, Dave McGregor (Dave was voted to replace Bill Bavis, who was not able to continue to serve as Members Council President)
 - i. Update on Taylor Bank Tournament – Don McMullen said that it was a great event Several (7-8) scholarship recipients played. Steve Howse will follow up with the final report.
 - b. OPMGA, John Ferinde
 - i. Update on Match Play tournament

- ii. Schedule for upcoming events – everything is going as planned. Bavarian Hops tournament is coming in August.

John reported that all is going well. The OPMGA has 110 members. Tournaments are on schedule. The average number of players for Thursday morning play is 44.

- c. OPLGA, Tammy Banachowski-absent

Ann Shockley reported that all was going well. The league is up to 75 members. The Solheim Cup tournament is the following Tuesday, July 23. Governor's Cup (net tournament) is in August.

Old Business

1. Unsightly condo conditions on number 9 and number 18 Borderlink properties.

- I. Update on progress made since last meeting – Ann Shockley sent an email to Linda Martin, CPI manager. Linda responded that the two units were sent notices of the violations on 6/7. If not corrected, a reinspection would be conducted on 6/24 and a 2nd notice would be sent. These notices were sent. Apparently, the debris was shoved under the deck.

Ann stated that Katy Sostak, an OPLGA member, is also on the board at Borderlinks. Katy informed Ann that the condos would be getting new siding (slate blue with white trim) and that the residents were responsible for replacing the decks as they are not up to code (because of height).

- II. Open discussion on what can be done from the golf course side.

Dave mentioned that the longer (farther from the hole) tees were "tattoo-ing" some of the condos with balls. Residents were concerned. It was suggested that those residents should talk to Ocean Pines about the problem. John O'Connor said that this has been a problem in the past and that the question had been "who was liable?". A former Borderlinks board member sent an email to Steve Jacobs and he had forwarded it onto John Viola. Ann said she would email Katy and ask her if there was a concern with golf balls hitting the condos and did they have a plan and also ask if the newly constructed deck walls had to be uniform.

New Business

1. None at this time, pending open discussion.

Steve Jacobs mentioned the resolution (stating that the OPLGA president, OPMGA president and OP Golf Council president are members of the OP Golf Advisory). The resolution is to be reviewed every two years. Frank Brown will review the resolution.

The meeting was adjourned at 2.51pm. Don McMullen made the motion and it was seconded by Fritze Lahner.