

September Golf Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: 9/19/2024
Time: 2:00pm
Location: Ocean Pines Golf Clubhouse

Attendees:

Member	Present
Frank Brown	X
Ann Shockley	
Bob Beckelman	X
Bob Long	X
Bob Moulden	X
Dave McGregor	X
Don McMullen	
Fred Ellis	
Fritz Lahner	X

Member	Present
John Ferinde	X
John O'Connor	
Justin Hartshorne	
Rufus Johnson	
Steve Howse	
Steve Jacobs	
Susan Morris	X
Tammy Banachowski	X
Walt Lischak	

Agenda:

1. Call to Order, Frank Brown – 2:00pm
2. Public Comments-none
3. Approve Minutes: None to approve from August Meeting.
4. Course Conditions Update, Justin Hartshorne-absent
 - a. Update from Bob Beckelman provided current updates on Golf Course Conditions
 - b. Improvements still needed in Sand Traps although weed killer has been placed on invading grass and new sand has been added to several traps with the others to be worked on shortly.
 - c. We were informed that a few sand traps were being eliminated to reduce necessary maintenance.
 - i. Traps involved are:
 1. Hole 5: Small left hand trap
 2. Hole 13: Back trap
 - ii. The grassy plot in the middle of the fairway bunker on hole 4 has been removed.
 - d. The installation of the new irrigation system is underway with major feedlines being installed on holes 1 and 9 and the driving range. Interruption of play will be minimal and in cases where a hole may be closed for the day, hole 19 will be utilized.
 - e. Several leaks in the old irrigation system have been repaired with minimal impact on the course.
 - f. As a committee we would like to congratulate Justin on the Fall aeration. We have all noticed that the greens have come back in a very short time and they are in fantastic condition.
5. Golf Management Report, Bob Beckelman
 - i. Beckelman informed the group that the impact from outside play will be minimal. Although there are a large number of bookings, Bob has assured the membership that he will do his best to get as many members on the course as possible.
6. Golf Group Reports
 - a. Members Council, Dave McGregor
 - i. Dave informed the group that the Taylor Bank tournament made between \$10,000-\$11,000 for next year's scholarships.

- ii. The Bavarian Hops tournament raised close to \$3,000 for donations to the ASPCA and the Diakonia Foundation.
 - iii. The Barbeque following the Ryder Cup event was a great success and enjoyed by all.
 - iv. Bob Long noted that this year's Fall Banquet and Dance will be held on Monday, November 11th at the Yacht Club.
- b. OPMGA, John Ferinde
- i. John reported that we are wrapping up the tournament schedule for the year with the four club tournament yet to be played.
- c. OPLGA, Tammy Banachowski
- i. Tammy reported the Pink Lady Tournament to be held in October will have as many as 80 players.

Old Business

1. There was some discussion of progress made concerning the unsightly conditions of the condos on holes # 9 & 18.
2. Conditions have improved and we anticipate further improvements as the new owners move forward with an exterior siding project.

New Business

1. The committee discussed recommendations for course and club improvements. Suggestions included a redo of the bag drop area, additional nets for repair on the driving range area, new decking and railings on the canal bridge on hole 4; and major improvements to the pond on hole 16.
2. Once our discussions are complete, the OPGAC will make final recommendations to the Board via Steve Jacobs.

The meeting was adjourned at 2.40pm. Fritz Lahner made the motion and it was unanimously.