

VILLAGE OF NORTH PALM BEACH
GOLF ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of February 21, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Mathison at 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

A. <u>Board:</u>	Present	Absent
Stephen Mathison – Chairman	x	
Rich Pizzolato – Vice Chairman	x	
Curtis Witters – Secretary	x	
Jeff Egizio – Member	x	
Landon Wells – Member	x	
Orlando Puyol – Member	x	
Sandra Felis – Member	x	
B. <u>Staff Members:</u>		
Allan Bowman, Director of Golf	x	
Beth Davis, General Manager		
Lenore Dingle, Membership Coordinator		
C. <u>Council Members:</u>		
Darryl Aubrey		
Susan Bickel		
Mark Mullinix		
David Norris		
Deborah Searcy		

D. Public Present:

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. Minutes of the January 17, 2022 GAB Meeting were approved 7-0.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Golf Report. Allan Bowman, Director of Golf, delivered his report.

The new ball machine at the driving range is in place and working well. A sign with directions on use has been posted. Members will have a key fob in place of the old cards.

In January, total rounds on the course were down by 477 as a function of several days of inclement weather.

We are experiencing 42% member play, consistent with our projections.

We continue to work on our tee sheet and scheduling issues. The MGA has failed due to a lack of participation. In the interim, the club will stage one MGA event per month to beginning in November to try to get traction. Rich Pizzolato pointed out that the MGA failed because we don't have enough male golfers who are not playing in one or more of the existing groups.

Some of the groups booking times under our current policy have failed to fill all of the requested slots (Allan reviewed the challenges at PGA Golf Club who are also experiencing challenges with tee times and group play)

Allan plans to discuss group play at our March meeting so that a suggested policy can be circulated for public comment and future decision-making purposes. We are receiving some complaints from members that the group policy we have utilized for the past several months makes it too difficult for other members to reserve a tee time.

We expect a financial report in March regarding the accumulated shortfall from operations while the golf course was closed for regressing and the Board will discuss a plan to resolve that obligation.

Our tower clock in the staging area is to be installed in March.

Proposals for a starters hut at the 1st tee are on the Village Council agenda on March 10th.

We are continuing to adjust the geofencing on the new golf carts to properly protect the tees, bunkers, and greenside areas of the course.

We have scheduled course aeration for the week of June 20th, closing the course Monday through Thursday (June 20-24). We will reopen on the 24th and allow only member play through June 30th.

We will also resume our program of stabilization of the pond banks the week of June 20th.

Long Term Capital Improvement

Golf Maintenance Building.

The Village Council approved the repair of the roof of the structure and repair of the floor is on the Council agenda for February 24th.

Our long-term capital plan includes improvements to the maintenance building and equipment storage area. We need to construct a wash plant to clean equipment and contain the water runoff to prevent environmental issues. As a first step, we will remove non-native and invasive species of vegetation to create additional space for the wash plant, as well as fertilizer and fuel storage.

V. DISCUSSION TOPICS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

The next meeting will be March 21, 2022.

Minutes by Curtis L. Witters, Secretary.