

VILLAGE OF NORTH PALM BEACH
GOLF ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of March 13, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Rich Pizzolato 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	X	
Lenore Dingle, Membership Coordinator		
C. <u>Council Members:</u>		
Darryl Aubrey		
Susan Bickel		
Mark Mullinix		
David Norris	X	

Deborah Searcy

D. Public Present:

Several members of the public attended.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the January 16, 2023 GAB Meeting were approved 6-0.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

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

We have found a copy of the Club logo from a 1948 score card. We will use the logo in future print materials.

A letter is going out to our membership regarding the availability of tee times and specifically a problem that arose regarding times for March 24th and 25th. The Club is supposed to hold two tee times per hour for public access but we have members playing more rounds so there is a demand for more member tee times.

Our revenue is up; golf by 15%, dining room by 16%, and merchandise sales by 15%.

We have seen an increase of 4% in rounds played.

At our January meeting we discussed upcoming projects. Since that meeting, revenue is up. The environmental center, part of our budget, will go forward.

Allan is going to the Village Council this Thursday, seeking an amendment to our budget, to return the surplus to the Club for \$200,000 in projects this summer:

We will expand the 5th and 7th tee areas.

We will build a new white tee box on 14.

The area to the left of the 13th green will be raised and re-graded.

The pond bank between holes 10 and 15 will be reinforced. Reinforcement of the pond bank between holes 9 and 18 was previously approved and budgeted and will go forward.

We have completed the biannual pruning of our oak trees.

We are adding oak and palms between the driving range and hole 10 for protection of the 10th hole.

In the next year, we will extend and connect the sections of cart path on hole 6.

Lastly, we have added irrigation on the course and we are planting grass on the mounds along the left side of hole 10.

V. DISCUSSION TOPICS

We are beginning to prepare a 2023-2024 budget. Some changes being considered are:

An increase in the cost of membership for non-residents of the Village. Rich Pizzolato suggested that we determine the needed revenue and then look at the sources of revenue, in order to determine the best options.

We have many Village residents on our waiting list. Should the method of allowing new members be reviewed?

Should we review the number of non-resident members that are allowed?

Public Comments:

Russ Beverstein addressed the pace of play. Allan reminded us that our expected pace of play is 4:05 hours.

Jackie O'Meara spoke. She is a resident who has been on the membership waiting list since 2019.

Karen O'Connell also spoke.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

The next meeting will be April 10, 2023.

Minutes by Curtis L. Witters, Secretary.