

VILLAGE OF NORTH PALM BEACH
GOLF ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of March 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	X	
Lenore Dingle, Membership Coordinator		
C. <u>Council Members:</u>		
Darryl Aubrey		
Susan Bickel		
Mark Mullinix	X	
David Norris	X	
Deborah Searcy		

D. Public Present:

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. Minutes of the February 21, 2022 GAB Meeting were approved 6-0.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

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

Rounds for February were down slightly from 2021 but play for March is equal to or ahead of last year's numbers.

Beth Davis reported that the financial audit for FY 2021 is to be final on Thursday the 24th, for the Village Council meeting. Revenue for the Club from operations is \$300,000 ahead of last year through January, primarily because of golf.

We are considering a revision of the current budget to adjust the amounts for Renewal or Replacement and Debt Service.

Allan told us we need to budget \$1.5 million over three years for planned improvements, including improvements to the maintenance building, renovation of the pump house, and pond bank stabilization.

The \$597,000 surplus from 2021 will be applied to the operational debt from 2020-2021.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Allan talked to the Board regarding the tee sheet. We continue to experience a shortage of tee times for our members not participating in a group. Openings for members are very limited from Monday through Friday.

Some individuals participate in more than one group and play several times a week. As a result, members not part of a group have difficulty finding a tee time.

We currently have twelve (12) groups seeking tee times.

Karen O'Connell has assisted Allan with the group play issue and made several proposals to address the equitable distribution of tee times to all members.

She suggested that we should define a group as sixteen or more players, consistently playing as a group, and seeking four tee times. Karen also suggested that any one individual should be limited to participating in three different groups.

Additionally, groups should register the names of players participating in the group play seven days of the scheduled tee time.

The group play issue continues to be under consideration as we work through the spring and summer.

Project Updates.

Clock. Our tower clock is to be installed in April. It is suggested that the clock be dedicated to Jack and Barbara Nicklaus.

Aeration. We are finding 3% organic material in our greens. This is a very healthy amount but will require larger holes during aeration; 5/8 inches. The aeration will require 3 weeks to recover. After aeration is complete, play will be open to members only for 10 days.

Budget. We are working on the budget for next year. We expect to see higher material costs, especially in fertilizer, and will adjust the proposed budget accordingly.

Communication to Members. A discussion was had about communication to members. It seems some members do not regularly see the bulletin board in the club house,

so it was suggested that we email or text members with notices, announcements, etc. There was no Board consensus on this topic.

MGA. Allan explained that the MGA collapsed this year due to the large number of members participating in group play and lack of interest. We will start the MGA again in November, with monthly events scheduled to draw participation.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

The next meeting will be April 25, 2022.

Minutes by Curtis L. Witters, Secretary.