

VILLAGE OF NORTH PALM BEACH

GOLF ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of April 25, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. The meeting was held in the Village Council Chambers and was called to order by Chairman Steve Mathison at 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

A. Present:

Absent:

Stephen Mathison – Chairman

Rich Pizzolato – Vice Chairman

Curtis Witters – Secretary

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Orlando Puyol – Member

Sandra Felis – Member

Jeff Egizio – Member

Landon Wells - Member

B. Staff Members Present:

Allan Bowman, Director of Golf

Beth Davis, General Manager

C. Council Members Present:

David Norris-Council member present.

D. Public Present:

Numerous residents from the public attended the meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A discussion was held regarding disposition of tee time allocation and responsibility of the Head of Golf as to a consensus as to what should have been included in the minutes for the March GAB meeting. After input from the GAB members, it was agreed upon that the following excerpt from the NPBCC Rules and Regulation for Membership Year 2021-2022, be part of the GAB record. Ref. page 7, Section IV, para. C.: *The Head Golf Professional has sole authority over all tee times and is responsible to ensure the following:*

- a. *That enough tee times are available to allow for an adequate number of non-member rounds (recommended minimum of 2 per hour and maximum of 3).*
- b. *Tee time allocation is equitable to all members and the unrestricted times are on a first come first serve basis.*

After it was agreed upon that this verbiage was the consensus of the GAB the Minutes of the November 16, 2020 GAB Meeting were then approved 5-0.

#### IV. BOARD BUSINESS MATTERS

1. Financial Report – Head of Golf Allan Bowman delivered the financial reports for the past month. The course once again experienced a record month in both rounds played and revenue generated. Forecasted almost 55,000 this was compared to past years where we were doing rounds in the low 40,000. The increase in rounds put a tremendous amount of pressure on the tee sheet. The budget for this coming year will be in June. It was pointed out that tee sheet management drives our revenue and that some shifting or non-member rounds can positively effect our ability to fund course improvements.
2. Golf Course Project Update-Estimated almost \$400,000 for improvements in next years budget.
3. Driving range update and improvement specifically around where the mats to improve the visual improvements and improved range maintenance.
4. Pump house improvements were discussed. The scope of the project is still in in development with the goal to add sprinklers and improve overall course irrigation.

5. Clock – Has arrived and is scheduled to be installed on 4/28.
6. Aeration schedule is published. Member will be given priority. Alternative play location will be available during course closures.
7. Pond stabilization – schedule to begin in June of this year
8. Golf Maintenance Building
9. Looking at expanding some tee boxes (#5 and #7) to relieve where divots are concentrated.
10. Parking was brought up as an on going problem. Beth indicated that the water aerobics hours will be modified to an earlier time to relieve some of the parking pressure. Staff parking continues to be an issue. Beth is looking into some additional parking in the tennis course area.
11. A discussion was had about a branding nickname for our last 3 to 4 holes. An approach similar to the Bear Trap at PGA. The overall idea seemed to have appeal and it was decided that further investigation was warranted.

## COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The comments from the public centered on the group play as defined by our Head professional. It was stated that only certain groups of at least 16 members will be given reserved times. Groups that get reserved times need to have a minimum of 88% must be members. A number of groups that received reserved tee times this past year will be eliminated as being eligible from getting reserved time going forward. Additionally looking at fitting in non-member NPB residents into reserve time before the general public.

Eric Talbott- resident stated that the policy on groups as stated was unfair to those groups that while meeting the defined criteria as a group will be denied group status. He felt it was discriminatory since only certain groups are allowed and membership with those groups is restricted. The result is some members will have to make tee times while other will not. He went on to suggest that all reserved group tee times should be eliminated so that all time are on a first come serve basis.

Colleen Kohler-Part of groups that will have reserved tee times, thought that the need for 4 tee time to be a group was too much to ask. Suggest that Allan consider to allow members to lower the group threshold to two times or 8 players.

Allan stated that last year's group policy was a test and failed due to demand. The policy going forward is also a test and may be changed as it's deemed necessary.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

The next meeting will be May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Minutes by Rich Pizzolato, Vice Chairman.