

VILLAGE OF NORTH PALM BEACH

GOLF ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES of July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. The meeting 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

David Talley – Member

Jeff Irish – Member

Jeff Egizio – Member

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Landon Wells - Member

B. Staff Members Present:

Allan Bowman, Director of Golf

Lenore Dingle, Membership

C. Council Members Present:

Mark Mullinix

D. Public Present:

Jerry Pierman

Cathy Graham, Shawn Woods, Patty Sullivan, and Phyllis Wiesner, of the Friends of the Library.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. Minutes of the June 17, 2019 GAB Meeting were approved 5-0.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

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

Representatives of Nicklaus Design have visited the course to consult concerning the problems we are experiencing with water runoff into the bunkers and on lake edges. We are considering the contouring of some mounds to help keep the water near in or near the catch basins on the course. The short root system of the Latitude 36 grass is a factor and we are experimenting with other 419 Bermuda (as we had in the past) grass in these problem areas. We may install additional retention areas to deter runoff.

A dead oak tree on the 6<sup>th</sup> hole was removed, and we are cutting back the sea grapes on the 14<sup>th</sup> hole. We are considering the removal of a tree on the 4<sup>th</sup> hole to allow more light to reach the troubled area of the fairway, short of the green.

Work on the driving range will include releveling of the top tee and killing the grass on the tee areas. The top tee will be sodded with Celebration Bermuda grass and we will re-sprig the lower tee and fairways with Celebration Bermuda grass. The range and the adjacent part of the 10<sup>th</sup> hole will be treated for mole crickets. In addition, the teaching tee on the south end of the range will be reoriented away from US Highway 1 and we will also re-sprig this area.

The course is currently experiencing approximately 85% of the average number of rounds played over the last few years. The Director and staff are studying the number of rounds played and the revenue generated per round, to both protect the course and to produce sufficient income to support the club.

Signage has been placed on US Highway 1 for the temporary entrance to parking.

The course will close for aeration on July 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Opening will be delayed on July 31<sup>st</sup>.

We are experiencing problems with some homeowners adjacent to the course. Pets are being allowed to roam the course without supervision or cleanup and children are playing on the course or fishing in the lakes while golfers are still completing rounds. In addition, some residents are driving private carts onto the course, potentially causing damage. The Director is exploring how to best address these issues and hopes to have an action plan at the next meeting.

The irrigation system of the course continues to be evaluated and adjusted. A pump motor was replaced, and the unit removed will be rebuilt to keep in reserve as a spare.

#### V. DISCUSSION TOPICS

The Board unanimously approved the draft revision of the Rules and Regulations for the club. The draft will be reviewed by the Village Attorney and the new General Manager of the club before submission to the Village Council.

The Friends of the Library are undertaking a program to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the library which will be on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of October. Friday night the 18<sup>th</sup> will be a program for adults and Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> will be designed for the entire family. One part of the program will be a mini golf course in the library and the Friends are asking for help from the Golf Advisory Board with that project.

Sponsorships for the design of the mini golf holes and other aspects of the event are also being sought.

Shawn Woods can be contacted at [smkwoods@gmail.com](mailto:smkwoods@gmail.com) or 561.569.0812.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

The next meeting will be August 19<sup>th</sup>

Minutes by Curtis L. Witters, Secretary.