

VILLAGE OF NORTH PALM BEACH
GOLF ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of September 20, 2021

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	X	
C. <u>Council Members:</u>		
Darryl Aubrey		
Susan Bickel		
Mark Mullinix		
David Norris	X	
Deborah Searcy		

D. Public Present:

Numerous members of the public attended.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the August 16, 2021 GAB Meeting were approved 6-0.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Golf Report. Allan Bowman, Director of Golf, delivered his report and made a recommendation regarding a group play policy.

Allan reported that since our last meeting representatives of the groups advocating for group play have met regarding our tee time issues. The groups have all shown flexibility in resolving this problem. Allan shared the Tuesday tee sheet via Zoom to illustrate how some of the groups have agreed to move their times to the afternoon.

Allan pointed out that 40% of our golf course play is our members. The new proposal for group play will make more tee times available for member, nongroup play. The new policy will be used on a trial basis for the 2021-2022 winter season. Allan emphasized that the policy is on a trial basis and he can throw a “red flag” if, in his opinion, it is not working.

No new groups with allowed to apply for recognition in the 2021-2022 year.

The MGA and WGA will both have tee times on Wednesday. Two existing groups with 28 combined members have committed to play in the MGA, to support that organization.

The numbers reflect that 160 of our members play in one or more of the existing groups.

Rich Pizzolato asked whether the GAB should be involved in establishing the tee

time policy involving groups. He pointed out that the new proposal is inequitable to some members, in that groups are allocated tee times without making reservations.

Steve Mathison made a motion that the GAB approve the recommendations of the professional staff, led by the Director of Golf. He said the MGA should serve as an umbrella for the various groups.

Rich Pizzolato said that he has often asked the existing groups to be part of the MGA and they have declined.

The Board then asked for public comment.

Harry Kravit spoke on behalf of his group "Harry's Hackers".

Council Member David Norris reminded the Board that the Council has specifically asked for the GAB recommendations on the issue of group play.

Karen O'Connell spoke on behalf of the "Par Tee Girls".

Rich Pizzolato made a motion that all members should be allowed to book two tee times per day, rather than one.

It was pointed out that approval of this motion would defeat the recommendations made by Allan Bowman.

A parliamentary point was raised that the motion of Rich Pizzolato must be voted upon before the Board can consider the motion of Mr. Mathison. A vote was taken upon the motion of Mr. Pizzolato that each member should be allowed to book two tee times per day. The motion failed by a vote of 6-1.

A vote was then taken on the motion of Mr. Mathison to endorse the recommendations of Allan Bowman. The motion was passed by a vote of 6-0-1.

Allan Bowman then spoke concerning his report on current golf course operations.

The club is on pace for 54,000 rounds for 2020-2021.

Renovations of the bathrooms on the course are beginning.

The clock for the staging area and first tee is to be installed in November.

New golf carts are scheduled to be delivered in late November.

Our new software program should be up and running by October 1st.

V. DISCUSSION TOPICS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be October 25, 2021.

Minutes by Curtis L. Witters, Secretary.