

VILLAGE OF NORTH PALM BEACH
GOLF ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of January 13, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rich Pizzolato at 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

A. <u>Board:</u>	Present	Absent
Rich Pizzolato – Chairman	X	
David Norris – Vice Chairman	X	
Curtis Witters – Secretary	X	
Landon Wells – Member	X	
Sandra Felis – Member	X	
Karen O’Connell – Member	X	
Steve Mathison – Member		X
B. <u>Staff Members:</u>		
Allan Bowman, Director of Golf	X	
Beth Davis, General Manager	X	
Lenore Dingle, Membership Coordinator		

C. Council Members:

Orlando Puyol

D. Public Present:

A question was put forth from a member of the public regarding group play. Allan

Bowman responded that the Club is not doing away with group play but that no

tee times would be set aside for group play during February. The goal is to provide equal access to tee times for all members during that very busy month.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the October 14, 2024 GAB Meeting were approved 6-0.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

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

Golf revenue is up; we are off to a good year. We are ahead of budget projections.

Golf rounds are way up. November and December set records.

We are using 9-minute tee time intervals in the morning, 10-minute intervals at noon, and 11-minute intervals in the afternoon.

We now have 185 members and no new members will be added until April. Our member play most recently was 1,676 per month. With 185 members, this equates to 9.06 rounds per month, per member.

Rich Pizzolato asked Allan if the tee time interval should be longer in the morning to lessen congestion and speed play.

Current plan is to add 10 members in April; 8 will be Village residents and 2 will be nonresidents.

Maintenance.

The wash plant is going out for bid.

The cart path on Hole 6 is to be completed, connecting the existing sections, so that the path is continuous on that hole. This will assist with the cart traffic we are experiencing for the boat parade. We will have more lights on the course for the boat parade in future years. We had a cart flip on Hole 3 at the boat parade in December.

Our greens are currently too wet; too much organic material has accumulated. To alleviate the wetness, we will be taking cores from the greens using ¾” and ¼” holes. We will also use the wet jet procedure once or twice.

The fairway on Hole 2 is contaminated with common Bermuda grass. Beginning in April, we plan to re-grass the first one-half of the fairway to remove this grass. We will reconfigure the bunker on the right side of the fairway, reducing its size by one-half. We will also widen the fairway along the right-hand side of the hole, to give us more playing area. While this work is done, we will play the hole as a par three, placing a temporary tee just beyond the current right-hand bunker.

We continue to work reinforcing bunker faces. We will add more yellow stacks and rakes to encourage proper care of the bunkers.

The golf course has experienced vandalism by electric bikes being operated on the property at night. A private cart was driven across the 1st green one night.

Chuck Huff is meeting with the Village attorney to discuss a new ordinance closing the golf course property at night.

Beth Davis addressed the Board.

The 2024 year-end financial report is not yet ready.

The Village Council has considered at first reading an ordinance to create a Country Club Advisory Board. It is expected to pass on its second reading on February 13th.

This is the final meeting of the Golf Advisory Board.

Applications for the new Country Club Advisory Board will go out soon. The Board will be composed of seven members; 2 gold members, one WGA member, one pool member, one tennis member, and two community members at large.

The new restaurant operation is going well. We have five hundred dining members.

IV. DISCUSSION TOPICS

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes by Curtis L. Witters, Secretary.