

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE GOLF COMMITTEE CORONADO CENTER

Thursday September 21, 2017

Committee Members

Rhonda Haynes – Chairman
Phil Belt – Vice Chairman
Marge Harvey – Secretary
Grover Scarborough - Absent
Jim Oswald
Jamin Townsan
Joe Johnson - Absent
Jack Barry - Absent
Ralph Turpin

Staff Liaison:

Tom Heffer – Director of Golf

Staff:

Matt Lewarn
Gary Myers
Mike Socha

Board Liaison

Mike Medica – POA Director and Past President

Press

Sandy Johansen – Village Voice

Guests:

Bob Cunningham
Jack Slattery

Call to Order

Rhonda Haynes called the regular golf committee meeting to order at 4:00 pm

Approval of Order of Business

The Agenda was accepted.

Minutes

Minutes of the August 17, 2017 meeting were approved.

Chairman's Remarks:

Rhonda informed the Committee that Jack Barry has decided to resign. He will come to meetings every so often for updates on the junior golf program.

Rhonda has started attending other committee meetings to compare how they are run. She did sit in on the recreation committee.

She thinks it is critical that we make recommendations to the master plan. She thinks that plan is taking the village forward. We need to use our creative minds to come up with ideas and recommendations as part of the Comprehensive Master Plan. She would like to set up working meetings with focus on changes we would like to see implemented.

Director of Golf Report:

We had a very nice August weather wise. Rounds were up for the month with 4,053 and we are 6,706 rounds ahead of 2016 year to date. We hosted the Nine and Dine which was a successful event with a full field. Congratulations to the club champions at all 8 courses. They have qualified for the State Club Champions Tournament that will be hosted at Isabella in October.

We will be hosting the Executive Women's Golf Association tournament October 5-7. There will be 340 players using Ponce, Granada, and Desoto. October 6-7 we will be hosting the ASGA four ball tournament.

They have begun testing 3rd party bookings on TotalE.

Ralph questioned the seat covers that had been ordered for carts at Balboa. Yamaha had agreed to replace 120 cart seats as part of the warranty but they haven't provided them yet. We may have to purchase them.

Ralph also mentioned that they need radios at Isabella. Mike said they are working on it.

Rhonda questioned the budget. The total number of workers went down in the budget. We are now nine fulltime people short.

Agronomist Report:

We have a good budget for golf course maintenance. Expenses are flat, increases are mostly for labor. They have finished aerifications. Next year there will be changes in the process. Maintenance staff is prepping for the two large tournaments which are back to back at three courses.

Gary considers himself a change agent, change is another opportunity to succeed. He thinks things will continue to get better and better. There will be more attention to detail and aesthetics.

Gary wants green speeds sent to him. Coming out of aerification they are keeping the greens longer. He said right now the stemp ranges from 8-9, he prefers 9-10. He also wants clipping yields sent to him weekly to see how much the greens are growing.

Rhonda received pictures from a member who played in Michigan of drains around bunkers. Gary didn't think it would work for us. After the big tournaments they will work on where to put drains.

Rhonda received an email about #12 at Granada. The trees in the ditch are starting to grow tall enough to block view of shots. The EPA might be involved with the creek but they will look into it. The weeds are also getting tall on #1 at Santa Maria.

The women drive to an elevated tee box on #16 at Ponce. It would be nice to put a cart path up to the tee box.

Unrepaired ball marks can damage greens when mowing. Unrepaired ball marks take two weeks to heal, repaired ball marks take two days to heal.

Board Liaison Comments:

Mike stated the last board meeting was mostly on the budget. He said they are disbanding the Public Safety Committee.

As far as the Comprehensive Master Plan, we need more housing availability. 412 resale homes have sold so far in 2017 and there are only 278 on the market at the end of August. He said we need more options and builders. He said people are moving to the Village from all over and that in five years, the infrastructure will be very different. He is very optimistic about Hot Springs Village but we have to have product to sell.

Newcomers:

Ralph said flyers are ready to hand out if needed. We need to find money to produce future flyers at about \$.40 each. He said one way is to put advertising on them. He mentioned that the courses can hand them out to visitors. The next Newcomers meeting is next Thursday evening and Rhonda will attend.

Committee Input/Suggestions:

Adopt-A-Hole – Jamin has a volunteer who wants to do more on his hole such as trim trees, work on bunkers, etc. Gary is okay with anything they want to do but doesn't know about liability. Tom will follow-up. Gary will get with superintendents and put together a list of things volunteers can do.

Gary thought a good discussion item next meeting would be whether rakes should be inside or outside bunkers.

Guest Comments:

None

Meeting Adjourned at 5:06 pm.

Next meeting October 19, 2017