

## GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

REGULAR MEETING  
FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2015, AT 9:00 A.M.

A regular meeting of the Golf Advisory Committee (GAC) was convened by the Chairman, John McDonnell, at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, April 10, 2015, in the Board Room at Gateway Complex.

Present, in addition to the Chairman, were Donald A. Terry, Vice Chairman, Lydia F. Bolinger, Michael J. Devlin, Mary Hufford, Stephen D. Roath, and Barbara S. Jordan, ex-officio member and GRF Board representative. Susan Williamson was excused. Also attending were Leslie Birdsall and Mary Lou Delpech, Directors, GRF; Mark K. Heptig, Director of Golf; Blake Swint, Golf Course Superintendent, Dickey Nitta, Chief Marshal; and one resident.

Attendance

The report of the Committee's regular meeting held on March 13, 2015, was approved with the following correction: the new Marshal is Joan Baggett.

Report  
Approved as  
Corrected/  
Chairman's  
Report/  
GRF Board  
Report

The Chairman gave his report, which is attached.

Ms. Jordan announced that progress is being made on the search for a replacement CEO.

All of the Clubs reported that the beginning season activities have started and that all Clubs have healthy membership numbers. Ms. Hufford, Women's 18-Hole Club representative, reported that there will be a first Team Play on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Bolinger, Women's 9-Hole Club representative, reported that regular Thursday play days have begun. Mr. Roath, President of the Rossmoor Men's Golf Club, reported that in a recent tournament, 40 of the 70 players were new members.

Club  
Reports

In Ms. Williamson's absence, Ms. Delpech, gave the report for the Happy Hackers Golf Club and reported the following: 1) the Club has a number of new players; and 2) the Club's golf clinics fill up fast.

Mr. Heptig presented the Golf Management Report, which is attached. He reported that there were 6,341 rounds of golf played in March, and the number of rounds played is 2,200 ahead of last year's total. In addition, the financials in all categories are ahead of last year. Revenue for the first three months totaled \$417,886, which is \$26,000 ahead of last year. Mr. Heptig also reported that an Emergency Protocol was developed with help from Public Safety and the Marshal group to handle emergencies on the golf course. Further work on the protocol will include efficient access routes to all parts of the golf course.

Staff  
Reports

Mr. Swint presented the Golf Course Superintendent's report, which is attached and which included comments on water conservation and the ongoing goose problem.

After Mr. Swint's report, goose mitigation efforts were discussed. A part of the mitigation effort was the use of a fence around the holding pond to deter geese from entering the lake. The fence was vandalized, and crews had to make repairs to the part of the fence cut by residents. Educational aspects of the goose mitigation program were also discussed. The Chairman then presented a summary of goose mitigation recommendations from a similar community.

Goose  
Mitigation

Water conservation was discussed. There is an aggressive plan for water conservation on the golf course that has been ongoing for the last eight years. The Water Conservation Subcommittee of the GAC will meet to review the 2016 plan for the golf course.

Water  
Conser-  
vation

The Committee reviewed and discussed the Emergency Protocol for the golf course.

Emergency  
Protocol on

The PG&E line replacement was announced, which will disrupt play on the Dollar Course beginning at the end of May and continuing through June. A major Invitational Tournament will be held on May 29<sup>th</sup>, and the hope is that PG&E's work will not interfere with the Tournament.

Golf  
Courses/  
PG&E Line  
Replace-  
ment/

Player discipline on the golf courses was discussed.

Player  
Discipline  
Discussed

A motion was made by Mr. Terry and seconded by Mr. Roath that the Golf Advisory Committee be informed by the Chief Marshall when anyone persists in violating GRF Rule R103.0, the local rules, or Golf Advisory Committee/Director of Golf rules. A vote on the motion was taken, and the motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A report was then provided by the Chief Marshal regarding a specific player's long standing record of ignoring rules. Discussion followed, and the GAC voted to send a warning letter to the offending party.

Chief  
Marshal's  
Report

The Director of Golf brought to the attention of the GAC that a person was giving lessons, charging fees, using the facilities, interfering with tournament staging, occupying space used for staff instructions, and disregarding repair of damage. The person has consistently ignored the Director's demand to stop doing business on the facility. There was discussion of why this is not allowed. GRF Policy 304.0 prohibits the use of community facilities for any commercial activity. It should be noted that the Pro Shop professionals provide lessons for a fee under an agreement with GRF and pay a percentage to the GRF of the lesson revenue. The Pro Shop staff is certified to teach and has an interest and a desire to maintain the practice facilities.

Commercial  
Use of Golf  
Facilities

A motion was made by Mr. Terry and seconded by Mr. Devlin to send a letter to the offending party to stop the commercial activity on the golf course, and that failure to comply will result in the denial of playing privileges and use of the golf facilities. A vote on the motion was taken, and the motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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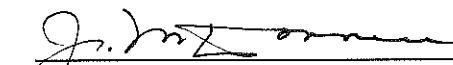
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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Adjournment

The next regular meeting of the Committee will be held on Friday, May 8, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at Gateway Complex.

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John McDonnell, Chairman  
Golf Advisory Committee

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