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GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING
FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2016, AT 9:00 A.M.
BOARD ROOM – GATEWAY COMPLEX

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: John McDonnell, Chairman
2. ROLL CALL: McDonnell, Bolinger, Herrick, Hufford, Montgomery, Terry, Williamson, and Delpech, ex-officio member
3. APPROVAL OF REPORT: Regular Meeting of May 13, 2016 (Attachment)
4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
5. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
6. RESIDENTS' FORUM
7. GRF BOARD REPORT – MARY LOU DELPECH, BOARD REPRESENTATIVE
8. REPORTS - GOLF CLUBS
 - a. Women's 18-Hole Club – Mary Hufford, Club Representative
 - b. Women's 9-Hole Club – Lydia F. Bolinger, Club Representative
 - c. Men's Club – Robert L. Montgomery, Club Representative
 - d. Happy Hackers Club – Susan Williamson, Club Representative
 - e. Hosting Program Committee – Donald A. Terry
9. REPORTS - STAFF
 - a. Financial Report
 - b. Staff Reports – Mark K. Heptig, Director, Golf Courses
Blake Swint, Superintendent
 - c. Chief Marshal's Report – Dickey Nitta, Chief Marshal
10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - a. Turf reduction/water mitigation.
11. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Presentation by John McDonnell on Rule R103.0, Golf Courses. (Attachment)
12. ADJOURNMENT
13. NEXT MEETING: Friday, July 8, 2016, at 9:00 a.m., in the Board Room at Gateway Complex

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cc: GRF Board

GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

REGULAR MEETING
FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2016, 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, May 13, 2016, in the Board Room at Gateway Complex.

Present, in addition to the Chairman, were Lydia F. Bolinger, William L. Herrick, Donald A. Terry, Susan Williamson, and Mary Lou Delpech, ex-officio member and GRF Board representative. Mary Hufford was excused. Also attending were Leslie Birdsall, President, and Sue DiMaggio Adams, Director, GRF; Timothy O'Keefe, CEO; Mark K. Heptig, Director of Golf; Blake Swint, Golf Course Superintendent; Dickey Nitta, Chief Marshal; and several residents.

Attendance

The report of the Committee's regular meeting held on April 8, 2016, was approved as written.

Report
Approved

The Chairman gave his report, which is attached.

Chairman's
Report/

During the Residents' Forum, four residents presented their concerns to the Committee and spoke against the use of mulch in front of their manors.

Residents'
Forum

Ms. Delpech reported on the election of two new Board members and the following topics currently being discussed by the Board: traffic, solar, and the Fitness Center renovation. Also noted was the development of a policy to register golf carts which has been recommended to the Board by the GRF Policy Committee. Ms. Delpech explained that the purpose of registration is to be able to identify owners of golf carts.

GRF Board
Report

In Ms. Hufford's absence, Margo M. Dutton gave the report for the Women's 18-Hole Club. She reported that the broken tee box project is nearing completion and that the volunteer effort will make the current small box containers at each tee more presentable. The boxes are designed to contain discarded, broken tees.

Club
Reports

Mrs. Bolinger, representing the Women's 9-Hole Club, reported the following: 1) the Club currently has 156 members; 2) the team travelled to Marin Country Club for a match with other clubs. The team scores were within one point of each other and the team from Rossmoor placed 4th out of 5; and 3) the Match Play Tournament will take place in June.

Mr. Nitta, President of the Rossmoor Men's Golf Club, reported the following: 1) the new website, Rossmoorgolf.com, will be active on Monday, May 16th; 2) the Club sponsored a lunch for the grounds crew and Pro Shop staff on Cinco de Mayo in appreciation for their ongoing care of the golf course; 3) Stephen D. Roath has resigned from the GAC since he was elected to the GRF Board. The Club is recommending Robert L. Montgomery fill the unexpired portion of Mr. Roath's term on the GAC as a representative of the RMGC; 4) RMGC tournaments have experienced

good turnouts with 160 players participating in the Twilight Tournament and 104 players in the Club's first Home and Home Tournament. Round Hill Country Club and Mira Vista Country Club were the two guest clubs for the Home and Home Tournament; and 5) the RMGC would like Mr. Heptig to give a presentation on the turf reduction program.

Ms. Williamson, representing the Happy Hackers Club, reported the following: 1) the Club currently has 188 members; 2) a big double scramble tournament is scheduled for Saturday, May 14th; and 3) the Club is currently looked for an opportunity to have etiquette and policy awareness training for new members, which would be open to all Clubs. She reported that Mr. Heptig has agreed to work on this.

Mr. Terry, reporting on the Golf Hosting Program, said that he is currently working with Rossmoor Realty and has updated the report from the actual hosting accommodation for those who had signed up for the offer to play the courses, which was extended last year at a trade gathering in Livermore. He also reported that the original numbers from the trade gathering were daunting, but the actual number of possible participants was manageable.

Mr. Heptig presented the financial report and the Golf Management report, which are attached. He then reported the following: 1) the overall numbers were down from the previous year mainly due to the inclement weather earlier this year; 2) the number of rounds played and financials have rebounded, and the tournament schedule for all Clubs and outside events is in full swing; and 3) the change in EBMUD water restrictions was noted and is discussed further in the Superintendent's report to follow.

Staff
Reports

Mr. Swint presented the Golf Course Superintendent's report, which is attached. He expanded on the water situation, current work on the courses, general conditions, and noted that his crew is short two people. He also noted that he and his crew are keeping very busy.

Mr. Nitta reported that he has a full crew and that there have been no major incidents.

Chief
Marshal's
Report/
Water
Usage and
Mitigation
Effort

The Committee continued its discussion from last month on the implications of EBMUD's easing water restrictions. The announcement by EBMUD came the day before the GAC meeting, so there is still work to be done to incorporate the new information into the ongoing water conservation effort, as water usage still requires substantial reductions. Even though water may be more available now, the cost will continue to rise and availability will always be at risk. Presentation material is being developed to help everyone understand the current situation and to help guide the discussion as the long-range effort to reduce water consumption continues.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Adjourn-
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Golf Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting

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The next regular meeting of the Committee will be held on Friday, June 10, 2016, at Next Mtg.
9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at Gateway Complex. 6/10/16


John McDonnell, Chairman
Golf Advisory Committee

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Subject: Golf Courses

Purpose: To Establish Rules and Regulations for the Golf Courses

The golf courses are under the direct control of the Golden Rain Foundation and its Golf Advisory Committee. These rules apply to the Dollar Ranch golf course (18 holes), the Creekside golf course (9 holes), the driving range and all practice areas.

The Director of Golf and/or Superintendent have the authority to determine, on a daily basis, when the golf courses, driving range and practice greens are to be closed because of weather conditions or playability issues and in the event of a closure post appropriate notice so indicating.

"Local rules" for golf play may, as needed, be developed and approved by the Director of Golf. Such "local rules" will be published on the scorecards for the two courses. The Golden Rain Foundation Golf Advisory Committee as part of its charter is "advisory to the Director of Golf about the playability of the courses (level of services), scheduling of golf events, playing rules, clothing rules, etc." In carrying out its responsibilities, the Golf Advisory Committee, in concert with the Director of Golf, may determine that certain rules are necessary. Such rules will be published in a golfer's handbook that will be available to all Rossmoor residents and guests and posted in the Golf Shop. Additionally, Rossmoor's four golf organizations (Men's Club, Women's 18, Women's 9 and Happy Hackers) each have rules of membership and participation. The above referenced "local" Golf Advisory Committee rules are noted here-in as a courtesy. The local and Golf Advisory/Director of Golf Rules are not considered part of this GRF Rule R103.0 and shall not be in conflict with these rules; however, they shall be enforced as if part of this rule.

I. General Rules and Regulations

- 1) The golf courses are available only to the residents¹ and their guests and employees as provided in GRF Policy 303.1. Additionally, the Golden Rain Foundation reserves the right to allow outside tournaments and guest programs at its sole discretion.
- 2) The courses and the golf shop are open every day except Monday. On GRF recognized holidays that fall on Mondays, the golf courses and the golf shop

¹ A resident, for purpose of this rule is defined as a member of the GRF, a co-occupant, or an approved lessee or sub-lessee.

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will be open. The golf shop and driving range open at 7:00 a.m. Closing hours for both are adjusted according to the season.

- 3) Each player must have a set of clubs and golf bag.
- 4) If players cause any damage to the golf courses or other GRF property or surrounding homes it is their responsibility to notify the Director of Golf or his/her designee and arrange for payment to repair the damage.
- 5) Players should respect the tranquility and the privacy of occupants or nearby manors when playing and especially when searching for golf balls that may be lost out of bounds near homes.
- 6) Non-golfers may ride in a golf car with a golfer, but must stay in the golf car during play.
- 7) Threesome and foursome play is the accepted playing format and will have the right-of-way over all other groups. Twosomes and single players have no right-of-way at any time. They may, however, pass foursomes and threesomes only when a foursome or threesome consents. Fivesomes are not allowed.
- 8) Male players have exclusive use of both courses until 1:00 pm each Wednesday. Men's Club tournaments shall have priority for starting times on Wednesday. The Director of Golf shall have authority to make exceptions to the above to maximize course utilization and convenience for residents.
- 9) Female players have exclusive use of both courses until 1:00 p.m. each Thursday. Women's 18-Hole and 9-Hole Clubs shall have priority for starting times on Thursday. The Director of Golf shall have authority to make exceptions to the above to maximize course utilization and convenience for residents.
- 10) Membership in the Rossmoor Women's or Men's Golf organizations is not a requirement for using the courses.
- 11) Participation in any golf tournament is subject to the rules of the organization sponsoring the tournament.
- 12) For their own protection, pedestrians and cyclists are not permitted on the golf courses during days/times the courses are open for play.

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- 13) Dogs may accompany pedestrians when the golf courses are not open for play as long as the dog is on a leash and the owner cleans up after his/her dog.
- 14) Dogs and other domestic animals are not permitted on the courses during days/times the courses are open for play, except as noted below.
 - A) "Working" dogs engaged in activities sanctioned by the Director of Golf, e.g. herding wild geese, are permitted on the golf courses at any time at the sole discretion of the Director of Golf or his/her designee.
 - B) Dogs may accompany players in privately owned golf cars. The dogs may not leave the cars.
- 15) Many wild animals can be found on or near the golf courses. Golfers are advised to admire them from a safe distance and to not feed them.
- 16) Alcoholic beverages purchased at the Creekside Clubhouse may not be taken onto the golf courses.

II. Guests

- 1) Guests must be accompanied by a resident before 12:00 pm. Guests may play after 12:00 pm unaccompanied.
- 2) Residents are responsible for registering their guests (by calling the golf shop or accompanying them) and may be asked to present their resident identification cards at the time of guest registration.

III. Junior Golfers

- 1) A Junior golfer is by definition a guest between the ages of 8 and 18.
- 2) Junior golfers will be permitted to use the practice facilities (driving range and putting green) and golf courses. However, junior golfers between the ages of 8 and 13 must have an adult with them at all times.

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- 3) Children under the age of 8, supervised by an adult, who have their own equipment, may use the practice facilities.
- 4) Junior golfers are encouraged to play during the "late rate" hours after 1 pm (November through March) and after 2 pm (April through October) at which time they may play at the resident rate.

IV. Golf Course Dress Code

There is a dress code for golf courses (see Golf Advisory Committee/Director of Golf Rules).

V. Making a Tee Time

- 1) Only residents are allowed to make tee times except: outside tournaments and eligible employees.
- 2) Tee times may be made up to one week in advance.
- 3) Tee times may be made beginning at 7:30 a.m. either by telephone or in person. The golf shop staff will assign tee times alternately to persons registering in person and to those registering by telephone.
- 4) Tee times for Monday holidays will be taken beginning on the Sunday of the prior week (8 days before the Monday holiday).
- 5) Two tee times will be reserved during each prime time hours, i.e., 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. specified at 15 and 38 minutes of each hour for walk-in players registering in person.
- 6) Players with reserved tee times have preference over those who do not, e.g., walk in players.
- 7) A resident may arrange a starting time for one foursome and/or one group of four or fewer unaccompanied guests for a given day.

VI. Registering to Play

- 1) All players are required to register with the golf shop staff at the golf shop before playing on either course.

- 2) The golf shop staff will verify all golfers' identification and collect the appropriate green fees.
- 3) Resident players and their guests starting before the golf shop is open or after it has closed must register on the sheet provided for that purpose outside the golf shop before starting to play. Players are then required to pay any fees that are due as soon as possible (immediately after play for early morning players and the next day for late evening players).

VII. Start of Play

Players are prohibited from starting play anywhere except from the first tee or as designated by the golf shop staff. Players playing 18 holes on the Creekside Course (two 9 hole rounds) must check with the golf shop staff before starting the second 9 hole round.

VIII. Use of Golf Cars

- 1) These golf car rules apply to both rental and privately owned cars.
- 2) Golf car paths have been installed to preserve the fairways. The Director of Golf and/or Superintendent are authorized to restrict golf cars to the paths due to weather conditions or playability. Otherwise, the 90-degree rule should be used.
- 3) Golf cars should be kept at least 30 feet from all tees and greens.
- 4) Golf cars must be kept on the paths on the following holes at all times: hole #7 of the Creekside course, and holes #4, #10, #14 of the Dollar Ranch course.
- 5) Directional signs for golf cars have been installed at various locations on the course. Golf car drivers must observe these instructions.
- 6) Special "disabled golfer access" signs have been installed near the putting greens where disabled players may park to access the putting surface. Individuals must have permission to use these designated areas and display an identifying blue flag obtained from the golf shop.
- 7) Signs and notices may be posted at any time to warn of hazards. Golf car drivers must follow posted instructions.

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- 8) Golf cars may only be operated by those individuals who are over 16 years of age and have a valid driver's license.
- 9) If a golf car breaks down on the golf course the golf shop should be notified immediately. The golf shop staff will attempt to assist the players and help remove the disabled car from "the line of play".
- 10) Any damage done to a rental golf car will be the responsibility of the player(s) who rented the car.
- 11) Rental golf car users must sign a golf car "use agreement" before they begin play.
- 12) Golf Course Marshals have the authority to drive off the paths at any time, regardless of posting to the contrary.

IX. Golf Course Marshals

- 1) Appointed Golf Course Marshals will enforce all rules on the golf course. They are under the direct supervision of the golf shop staff.
- 2) All golfers are encouraged to remind their fellow players of the golf course rules. Golfers are asked to report violations to the Marshal or the golf shop staff.

X. Practicing

- 1) The driving range, the practice putting greens, and the practice areas are intended for the use of persons defined in Section I-1 above. However, unaccompanied guests may warm up by using the driving range or the practice putting greens before their tee time.
- 2) Rules regarding the use of the driving range and the practice areas will be posted.
- 3) To maintain "speed of play" normal play precludes an individual golfer from playing more than one ball.
- 4) Practicing on the golf course is prohibited.
- 5) Driving range balls are the property of the Golden Rain Foundation and must be used on the driving range and practice areas only.

XI. Refund Policy for Inclement Weather

- 1) When inclement weather occurs while playing the golf courses, this refund policy will be invoked.
- 2) Full refunds will be available on both courses when golfers have not teed off the fifth hole.
- 3) On the Dollar Ranch 18-hole course, a player who has completed between five and nine holes when inclement weather begins will be charged the nine-hole rate, if they must quit because of the weather.
- 4) No refunds will be given if a player has completed 10 or more holes of the 18-hole course or completed 5 or more holes of the 9-hole course.
- 5) If a player decides to play on a day during which it is already raining, no refund will be given.

XII. Violation of Rules

- 1) Players may be notified either in person or by letter when they are found to have violated a rule.
- 2) The Golf Advisory Committee will be informed when anyone persists in violating this Rule R103.0, the local rules, or Golf Advisory Committee/Director of Golf rules.
- 3) Players who persist in violating rules may be denied the use of the golf courses.

Authority: Rule

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