

GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

REGULAR MEETING
FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2016, AT 9:04 A.M.

A regular meeting of the Golf Advisory Committee (GAC) was convened by the Chairman, John McDonnell, at 9:04 a.m. on Friday, June 10, 2016, in the Board Room at Gateway Complex.

Present, in addition to the Chairman, were Lydia F. Bolinger, William L. Herrick, Mary Hufford, Robert L. Montgomery, Donald A. Terry, and Mary Lou Delpech, ex-officio member and GRF Board representative. Susan Williamson was excused. Also attending were Leslie Birdsall, President, 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 May 13, 2016, was approved as written. Report Approved

The Chairman reported on two "thank you" letters the Golden Rain Foundation received from the Women's Golf Association of Northern California and Acalanes High School regarding the use of Rossmoor's golf courses for an April tournament and for team practice, respectively. Copies of the letters are attached. Correspondence

Ms. Delpech reported on the GRF Board's recent approval of new Policy 103.1.1, Golf Cart Registration, which takes effect on July 1, 2016. GRF Board Report

Ms. Hufford, representing the Women's 18-Hole Club, reported the following: 1) the broken tee box project is still being worked on, and the volunteer effort will make the current small box containers at each tee more presentable; 2) the Women's Invitational Tournament will be held on June 16th; and 3) the Club currently has 125 members. Club Reports

Mrs. Bolinger, representing the Women's 9-Hole Club, reported the following: 1) the Club currently has 156 members; 2) the Match Play Tournament will take place in June; and 3) the Jamboree will take place on June 30th and is the only Club event that includes men.

Mr. Montgomery, representing the Rossmoor Men's Golf Club, reported the following: 1) the new website, Rossmoorgolf.com, is now active; 2) the Club currently has 360 members; and 3) there were seven tournaments in May, and the Invitational Tournament was held on June 3rd. All of the tournaments were well attended.

In Ms. Williamson's absence, Ms. Delpech, representing the Happy Hackers Club, reported that the Club has 194 members and that the Club's scramble format tournaments continue to be a big hit with players.

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; and 4) an aerial photograph of the course as of October 20, 2015, showed the areas that were burned out during the drought and those areas that were saved. The map is a good indicator of what areas could be converted from grass and where water could be saved. Mr. Heptig requested that the Turf Subcommittee be reconvened to look at future phases of conversion. In the meantime, discussion is ongoing with the residents of Rossmoor Parkway, Entry 2, regarding the turf situation.

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 then went into considerable detail regarding the amount of water used, the means of measurement, the comparative cost analysis, and provided a post drought plan. Of note is the continuation of following a target goal of applying irrigation water on turf at 80% of 2013 use during the period that supplemental EBMUD water is needed. Mr. Swint explained that if his department was to put in place a program that included applying 100% of 2013 use during the remaining irrigation season, they would exceed the water budget by a substantial amount.

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 GAC continued its discussion from last month's meeting on the implications of EBMUD easing water restrictions. The Committee agreed that water usage still requires substantial reductions and, though water may be more available now, the cost will continue to rise and availability will always be at risk. The Chairman noted that a presentation regarding the water situation will be made to all the Clubs at the Clubs' July board meetings.

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

Adjourn-
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The next regular meeting of the Committee will be held on Friday, July 8, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at Gateway Complex.

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John McDonnell, Chairman
Golf Advisory Committee