

# A G E N D A

## POLICY COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2016 AT 1:30  
P.M. BOARD ROOM - GATEWAY COMPLEX

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER Robert Kelso, Chair
2. ROLL CALL Sue DiMaggio Adams, Les Birdsall, Robert Kelso, Geraldine Pyle
3. RESIDENTS' FORUM
4. APPROVAL OF THE REPORT OF MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2016
5. OLD BUSINESS
6. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. Rule R103.0 (Golf Courses)
7. NEXT MEETING Tuesday, December 6, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. in the Gateway Board Room
8. ADJOURNMENT

cc: GRF Board

## POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2016, AT 1:31 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Policy Committee was convened by the Chairman, Robert D. Kelso, at 1:31 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2016, in the Board Room at Gateway Complex.

Present, in addition to the Chairman, were Sue DiMaggio Adams, Leslie Birdsall, and Geraldine Pyle. Also attending were Mary Lou Delpech, Secretary, GRF; Timothy O'Keefe, CEO; Anthony W. Grafals, General Counsel; Kelly Berto, Recreation Supervisor; and several residents. Attendance

During the Residents' Forum, Gary Hansen commented that this was the first time he had heard about issues surrounding the revision of Policy 502.0, Bulletin Boards and Display Cases, and said that he believes the level of politics at Rossmoor is high and residents don't need to be "protected". John Littig said that a Club's beliefs and the causes it supports are integral to a Club's activities and as such, that information should be made available to everyone. Mary England expressed concern over the language used in the proposed revised policies and GRF moving into the role of mediating disputes between groups over the content of Club postings. Roxanne Stallings commented on what she felt was an attempt to create rules to quiet down some of the disagreements among residents and said that limits should not be set around people's politics, beliefs, or causes. Mahmoud Ohadie agreed with the speakers before him, commented on the bulletin boards recently removed from the Fitness Center, and asked the Committee not to censor the residents. Finally, Karolyn Stein, speaking on behalf of MEICOR, thanked the Committee and GRF staff for its work on Policy 502.0, Bulletin Board and Display Cases, and Policy 502.1, Flyers and Petitions, and said the organization supports the revised Policies. Residents' Forum

Following the Residents' Forum, the Chairman addressed some of the comments made during the forum and thanked residents for attending the meeting. He then briefly described the background of this matter and how the Policy Committee arrived at this point, citing that the issue surrounding the bulletin boards and display cases has been going on for years, that it has been a difficult process for the Committee, and that decisions have not been made lightly. He encouraged residents who feel strongly about the revisions proposed to the Policies to attend the next GRF Board meeting where a full presentation will be made to the Board by the Committee. Mr. Birdsall and Ms. Pyle addressed some of the comments as well. Mr. O'Keefe said that the bulletin boards recently removed at the Fitness Center will be replaced by locked, glass-enclosed display cases similar to the ones at Gateway Complex.

The Policy Committee's report of its meeting held on August 2, 2016, was unanimously approved with the following correction: two references to "Policy 203.1" on page 2 were corrected to read "Policy 201.3". Report Approved as Corrected

The Committee reviewed staff's proposed revisions to Policy 502.0, Bulletin Boards and Display Cases. At its August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, the Committee instructed staff to make additional revisions to the Policy. Discussion followed.

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Board  
re. Policy  
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A motion was made by Mr. Birdsall and seconded by Ms. Adams to recommend that the GRF Board consider approving proposed revised Policy 502.0, Bulletin Boards and Display Cases (agenda attachment 5a-1 to 5a-5). Following additional discussion, the vote was taken on the motion, and the motion CARRIED, with Ms. Pyle voting "no".

The Committee discussed Policy 502.1, Flyers and Petitions. At its August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, the Committee instructed staff to make additional revisions to the Policy. Discussion followed.

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A motion was made by Mr. Birdsall and seconded by Ms. Adams to recommend that the GRF Board consider approving proposed revised Policy 502.1, Flyers and Petitions (agenda attachment 5b-1 to 5b-3). Following additional discussion, the vote was taken on the motion, and the motion CARRIED, with Ms. Pyle abstaining.

The Committee then discussed Policy 201.3, Guidelines for Creating Resident Activity Advisory Committees. At its August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, the Committee instructed staff to make a revision to the Policy. Discussion followed.

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A motion was made by Mr. Birdsall, seconded by Ms. Adams, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY to recommend that the GRF Board consider approving proposed revised Policy 201.3, Guidelines for Creating Resident Activity Advisory Committees (agenda attachment 5c-1 to 5c-3).

Before concluding, the Chairman announced that the Policy Committee's next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 4, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. in the Board Room at Gateway Complex.

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There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Adjourn-  
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Robert D. Kelso, Chairman  
Policy Committee

Agenda Item: 6a  
Subject: Rule R103.0 (Golf Courses)  
Meeting Date: November 1, 2016

***SUMMARY REPORT  
GOLDEN RAIN FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS***

**REPORT PREPARED BY:**

Anthony W. Grafals, General Counsel and Director of Confidential Services

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

Review Rule R103.0 (Golf Courses) for possible revisions as recommended by the Golf Advisory Committee.

**BACKGROUND:**

Recently, the Golf Advisory Committee undertook a review of Rule R103.0 (Golf Courses) and voted to make recommendations to the Board for changes to the Rule.

Mark Heptig, Director of Golf for GRF, will attend the Policy Committee meeting to provide background on the changes recommended and answer questions.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Proposed Revised Rule R103.0 (Golf Courses) (blackline)

## Rule R103.0

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 residents<sup>1</sup> 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

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<sup>1</sup> 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 *of* 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~~ **not to** feed them.
- 16) Alcoholic beverages purchased at the Creekside Clubhouse may not be taken onto the golf courses.

## II. Guests

- ~~IV) 1)~~ 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).~~ **All golfers must be appropriately attired at all times on the courses and practice areas. Men must wear shirts with a collar and sleeves. Women must wear blouses with at least short sleeves or collar. Tank tops and halters are prohibited. Short-shorts or bathing suits or trunks are prohibited. Shorts must be no more than 4 inches above the knee. Blue jeans are not permitted. We are a soft-spike facility.**

#### 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

***Golf cars must be registered at the Security office and a registration tag must be placed on the car.***

- 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~~ must be kept at least 30 feet from all tees and greens ***except when paths are provided that are closer. See exception below on #6.***
- 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.

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- 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. ***There are rules classes and “Handicap Cart Agreement” forms that must be completed for those needing long-term usage of the handicap flag.***
- 7) Signs and notices may be posted at any time to warn of hazards. Golf car drivers must follow posted instructions.
- 8) Golf cars may only be operated ***on the golf courses*** 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 ***and golf staff*** 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.

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- 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.~~
- 3) Practicing on the golf course is prohibited.
- 4) Driving range balls **and buckets** 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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