

GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

REGULAR MEETING
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2017, 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, February 10, 2017, in the Board Room at Gateway Complex.

Present, in addition to the Chairman, were Donald A. Terry, Vice Chairman, Mary Jane Hargrove, Mary Hufford, Robert L. Montgomery, Susan Williamson, and Mary Lou Delpech, ex-officio member and GRF Board representative. William L. Herrick was excused. Also attending were Mark K. Heptig, Director of Golf; Blake Swint, Golf Course Superintendent; Dickey Nitta, Chief Marshal; and two residents.

Attendance

The report of the Committee's regular meeting held on January 13, 2017, was approved as written.

Report
Approved

The Chairman reported that Messrs. Heptig and Montgomery met recently to discuss the golf budget.

Chairman's
Report

Ms. Delpech reported that the GRF Board of Directors has the proposed revised golf rules on its agenda for its February 23rd meeting and that three bids have been received for the Del Valle Complex Renovation Project.

GRF Board
Report

Ms. Hufford, representing the Women's 18-Hole Club, reported the following: 1) there are currently 121 members; and 2) Mr. Heptig and Chris Andres, a member of the Pro Shop staff, recently gave a presentation to the Club's new members.

Club
Reports

Ms. Hargrove, presenting the Women's 9-Hole Club, reported the following: 1) the Club has 141 members; and 2) during the Club's general "meet and greet" meeting, the featured speakers were Timothy O'Keefe, CEO, and Katleen Lampore, a personal trainer at the Fitness Center.

Mr. Montgomery, representing the Rossmoor Men's Golf Club, reported the following: 1) the Club currently has 353 members; 2) the Club's last Board meeting focused on the budget. There was a decision to raise certain fees for home and away events sponsored by the Club; 3) there is a continuing effort on the part of the Club's Communications Subcommittee to improve the website; 4) the golf directory has been delayed in part due to a problem at the printer. It is anticipated that the directories will be ready within the next week; and 5) there is also an effort being led by RMGC members Michael Weisenberg to provide an informational brochure about golf at Rossmoor, including a description of the Clubs and some of the events.

A rough draft of the information brochure was then presented to the GAC and is still a work in progress. Mr. Weisenberg asked the Clubs to review their sections for accuracy. Questions of cost and distribution are still being worked out. He also asked the GAC to help with a plan to educate and train Rossmoor golfers and guests to be

more engaged and active in the process of ensuring that players always leave the course better than they found it.

Ms. Williamson, representing the Happy Hackers, reported the following: 1) the Club has 120 members, but typically, a lot of new members sign up at the first event; and 2) the Club will have an orientation meeting on March 7th.

Mr. Terry reported that the Golf Hosting Program has been dormant during the rainy weather.

Golf
Hosting
Program/
Staff
Reports

Mr. Heptig presented the financial report and the Golf Management report, which are attached. The story, of course, is the unrelenting rain, which has kept the golf course closed throughout much of January. He reported that the weather has impacted revenue for golf courses and sales for the Pro Shop. Unfortunately, the Pro Shop's hourly employees had their work hours reduced. On a positive note, sales of annual passes increased over last year. Lastly, he reported that a golf course guide showing a hole-by-hole description of the golf course will be available in the Pro Shop. The guide is being provided by a company that sells advertising so there is no cost to the Pro Shop.

Mr. Swint presented the Golf Course Superintendent's report, which is attached. Both Mr. Swint and Mr. Heptig reviewed the status of the golf course. One aspect the Committee and the Rossmoor community need to keep in mind is that the golf course acts as a sort of floodplain for the valley. Water from the surrounding Mutualls feeds onto the course and into the creek, stressing the infrastructure. The grounds crew has had to work in creative ways to try and direct the water to minimize damage. The previous work done in the drier years to add drain work throughout the course has helped with drainage. It was reported that five trees on the golf course have been lost. The trees are monitored closely by the grounds crew each morning to identify potential hazards.

Mr. Heptig also reported working with the landscape designer and Rebecca Pollon, Landscape Manager, on addressing issues of appropriate landscaping on areas adjoining the golf course.

Mr. Nitta gave the Chief Marshal's report and said that the marshals have reported to him that play on "cart path only" days could be improved if there was a reduction in the number of carts players used.

Chief
Marshal's
Report

Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Terry, seconded by Ms. Williamson, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY that the GAC recommend that on "cart path only" days, foursomes use no more than two golf carts.

Recom-
mendation
re. Use of
Carts on
"Cart Path
Only" Days

Mr. Nitta asked the Committee to approve two replacement marshals, Marc E. Raynor and Robert J. Erdmann. The Committee approved the two new marshals by unanimous consent.

New
Marshals
Approved

The Committee discussed enforcement of golf course rules, which was deferred from its January meeting. It was explained that the rules are enforced by the Director of Golf in cooperation with Pro Shop staff and the Marshals. The question of how to protect the course after the Pro Shop is closed and on days when the course is not open was discussed. It was decided that Mr. Heptig, Mr. Nitta and the Chairman would meet with Securitas to help develop a possible plan for rules enforcement. The elements to be explored are protecting damage to putting greens, unauthorized play, and damage by abuse to the course. Another topic will be reviewing the emergency response plan for medical assistance to the different areas of the golf course, including during times when it is being used on non-golf days.

Rules
Enforcement
Discussion

The Committee then discussed the matter of posting scores when golf course conditions are not suitable for normal playing conditions. In order to avoid the posting of abnormal scores during rounds played in abnormal conditions, it was decided to provide clarification on who makes the determination as to whether it is appropriate to post scores.

Discussion
re. Posting
Scores

Following additional discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Hufford, seconded by Mr. Terry, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY that the Director of Golf will determine when the golf course condition is such that posting of scores will not be allowed and shall apply to all players.

Procedure
re. Posting
Scores

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Adjourn-
ment

The next regular meeting of the Committee will be held on Friday, March 10, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at Gateway Complex.

Next Mtg.
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John McDonnell, Chairman
Golf Advisory Committee