

Golf Committee Report to HGMA Board

The June 25, 2024 golf committee meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm by chairman Beulah Gould and a quorum was established. Committee members present were: Jo Ann Fitch, Hal Gibbons, Deb Madril, Rich Richardson, Linda Savage, Marilyn Schlitt, Jake Flint. Carol Anne Mayne attended via zoom. Greg Kohr, Harold Borquez and Matt Martella were present. Linda Hileman was in the audience.

Chairs Report - a question about the report to HGMD from the May meeting regarding the 3 motions presented at that time was brought to the Chair's attention, therefore the Chair read the report in full and will also send the meeting reports to members when they are sent to HGMD.

Golf Financials - Greg Kohr reported that YTD 2023 was at 183K and YTD 2024 is at 225K. Fees are up by 16%, carts up by 24%, merchandise sales up by 14% and the stimulator up by 33%. The course continues to be very busy with down times during the hottest part of the day. Tournaments and league play are in full swing and junior golfers have started their tournaments.

Golf Maintenance - Harold Borquez reported that the pond is recovering from the algae bloom and mosquito control by placing "pucks" in the ponds to kill larva is ongoing. Spraying for mosquitos is expensive, 5K each time and they had to do that 3 times last year. Dragon flies and the bat houses will hopefully make a difference.

The #5 sand trap will be completed soon with the soil settling and #1 trap will be finished when the grass seed matures. A request for 8 new trees with plantings protecting from errant balls and around the practice "cage" to provide shade in the area. There was an irrigation break behind the green on #6 and the crew has been busy cleaning up damaged trees and branches.

Ladies Golf League - Laura Thompson was not able to attend. Linda Savage reported that ladies league T times will begin at 6:30 during our hot months and the 2 shotgun starts every month seem to be successful mixing up groups and pace of play is improving.

Men's Gold League - Jake Flint reported that that they tried doing "double" shotgun starts and the men like that and finish play earlier.

Unfinished Business:

- Status of May motions

The HGMD board approved the motion to purchase a rough cut mower for \$90,000.

The Board decided to further review the motion and need for the variable speed water pump. The decision was made to have the Water Conservation committee (an HGA committee) explore the water/irrigation issues as it pertains to the golf course and the community.

HGMD did not approve the 2 workman carts.

Harold and Matt appreciate the ability to purchase a mower and are looking first if they can find a good condition used one with floating heads for uneven terrain before buying a new one. Matt continues consulting with Rain Bird and Flowtronics regarding a 2 wire system for irrigation as they feel the need is great for the variable speed pump and new irrigation system due to age, break downs, and obsolescence of parts.

-Signage update on #2 and #7. Greg has completed verbiage to alert walkers and to have golfers have the right of way first. Signs are ordered and will be installed.

-Replacement of storage locker door. Greg has someone from the wood shop working on matching and repairing the broken side.

New Business: Golf Rates for 2025

-Greg reported that revenues for the course balance out the operating expenses budget and may even bring down subsidies. The committee reviewed several 9 hole golf course rates suggesting that a \$1 across the board increase of the daily rates would be appropriate. Weekend, pull cart, club rental, club storage rates would not change.

A motion was made by JoAnn Fitch and seconded by Jake Flint to increase the daily fee rates across the board by \$1 with weekend rates remaining unchanged. The motion passed unanimously.

There were no public requests for comments

The next meeting is July 23, 2024 at 1:00 pm in the Boardroom

Meeting adjourned at 2:25

Thanks and Take Care,
Beulah Gould