

Hunters Ridge Community Association
Golf Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 17, 2017 – 3:00 PM
Hunters Ridge Golf & Country Club

The meeting was called to order. A quorum was established. A request to silence cell phones was made.

The minutes from the previous meeting was approved.

There currently is \$391,000 in golf reserves, with more to go in this year and more to come out.

The current active members through April, 2017 is 327.

Improvements to the driving range –

The current artificial turf is 9 years old. It is time to replace. Rob and some golf committee members went to Copperleaf to look at a new artificial turf called TurfHound. 13 spots will be placed on our driving range. The artificial turf offers fairway height and rough height grass for practice. It will cost \$13000 to install. One or two spots will be eliminated.

There will also be an additional 20' added to the front of the driving range giving us more area to place the practice area. This will allow the range to heal better before having to reuse an area. The area will need to be sprigged or sodded in order to allow for grass growth. The driving range will be closed for 2 months to allow both of these processes to take place.

There was a motion to proceed with both of these improvements and the committee approved.

Golf Maintenance for Summer 2017

The first aerification, verticutting and sanding for the summer will begin with the front 9 on June 12 til June 23. The front 9 will be closed during that time. The back 9 aerification, verticutting and sanding will begin June 26 til July 7. The back 9 will be closed during that time. The greens will be aerified and sanded during that time also.

The second aerification, verticutting and sanding will begin on the front 9 from August 14-23 and the back 9 from August 24-Sept 4. September 11 will be the last day of aerifying the greens, pending weather conditions.

On June 21, the USGA evaluator will be here to evaluate the greens. Our greens were put in 2003. They normally are good for 15-17 years. This will give us an idea how they are holding up so we can plan into the future to replace them. The golf course maintenance staff feels they are still in good condition.

Work will also be done on the tees. Suggestions to improve #1 tee box ranged from lowering to make it larger, resodding, topping the trees to give it more sunlight and wind.

#3 tee box on #11 will be replaced.

#5 tee box on 14 needs to be leveled.

On #18, there will be a new handicap tee box for the men that will be moved further behind the current one. This will make it the same distance as the #3 tee box on the elevated tee box.

There was a lively discussion about improving the cart paths around the golf course. As we all know, we have a variety of product; concrete, black top and coquina. After much discussion, the first cost analysis was done on replacing most of the cart paths with coquina. The investment is \$4.10 a linear foot. Concrete is \$4.50 a linear foot. We have 8000 ft. of cart paths that need to be done. It was decided that we would start replacing the concrete and black top with coquina except around the tee boxes. We will start with #1, #3, and #4. Once this has been done, everyone will get free relief from the coquina except in several designated areas. It is not feasible for us to do the entire golf course in one year. This will be a work in progress. Maintenance staff has agreed to smooth out some of the broken concrete in other areas of the golf course and to fill the coquina in around the golf course where there are puddles.

At the last meeting, someone suggested that we put white sand pebbles around the trees and bushes on the golf course rather than pine straw. After checking the investment for this process and recognizing it would be hard to keep clean, it was decided to try using coquina in some of those places to see how that worked.

It was asked by a member if we could leave the grass a little longer on the sides of the ponds to possibly help stop the ball from rolling in. Tony pointed out that our slopes are so steep that it probably wouldn't work.

All of the above decisions were put into the form of motions and approved by the committee.

We spent some time talking about the golf survey that went out. With almost 2/3 of our members responding, we felt that the survey was very positive.

There was no old business.

New business items-

A discussion was held about members not following the rules on the golf course. At the time there were still members smoking on the course during the smoking ban. Frequently our member walk into the environmentally protected areas to look for golf balls, to the point of using their club to beat on the bushes. People driving on the par three holes without handicap flags have been seen too. It was decided that if a member sees an infraction of any of these rules or others, they should call Rob. Someone from the pro shop will deal with the situation. If the failure to follow the rules continues, Rob will make the decision to have a hearing with the membership committee.

The new tee signs did not turn out the way Rob thought they should so he has requested the company to redo them at no additional cost.

Measuring tapes for closest to the pin contests were requested, but Rob feels they are not cost effective and will slow down play.

With no other business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned