

**Hunters Ridge Community Association
Golf Committee Meeting
Monday, January 22, 2018 – 3:00PM
Hunters Ridge Golf and Country Club**

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

As of today, the Golf Reserve balance is \$402,000.

As of 1/19/2018 there are 331 active golf members and approximately 57 non-active charter members.

Course Improvements:

Rob Harpster discussed the course improvements thus far.

- 1) On hole 1, pavers were placed from entry to ladies' V tee box. Brush to the left of the tee boxes was removed.
- 2) Driving range was extended and sodded with Bimini grass.
- 3) Artificial turf made by Turfhound was installed. Rob has received good comments regarding the new artificial turf.
- 4) Pavers were placed across Hunters Ridge Drive to the driving range and a hedge wall planted to create a more aesthetic look from the 18th hole.
- 5) On the 11th tee, number III tee box was increased and lowered.
- 6) During the summer months, frozen towels were introduced. They will continue to be available from May to October depending on temperatures.
- 7) Approximate cost for extended driving range and Turfhound was \$25K.

Condition of Course/ Hurricane Irma:

Don Huprich discussed the condition of the course and the effects of the summer rains and hurricane Irma. These four problems contribute to the current conditions.

- 1) From 10/2016 – 5/2017 we experienced a dry period so we could not be as aggressive as we would have liked with our summer horticultural practices. Then from 6/2017 to 9/2017 we had 80 inches of rain causing complete saturation. The hurricane hit and gave us another 6 total inches of rain. Since the end of October, we had had less than 2 inches of rain.
- 2) Any time the temperatures go below 55 degrees, the grass stops growing.
- 3) We have 200 plus rounds of golf with each round compacting the grass.
- 4) During dry conditions, the regulatory agencies give us the least amount of water to irrigate our course. Our treatment plant certainly helps but does not take care of the problem.

Some golf members have suggested we overseed the entire course in the late fall along with the tees. Factors to consider:

- 1) To overseed, it will cost between \$30-35K to purchase the seed
- 2) The course will need to be closed for a week to 10 days.
- 3) There will be additional costs for labor to mow every other day.
- 4) Decision should be made by September.

Don wanted to commend the 16 crew members who have been working hard to keep up the course and who will have more work ahead of them.

To immediately help the course conditions to improve:

- 1) Ask for everyone to watch compaction with carts. Rob may alternate “cart path only” holes.
- 2) Limit outside play

The conditions on Hole #2 were discussed.

We are experiencing a settling of the earth after Irma's wind and rain. On #2, several holes, resulting from settling, have appeared. One member fell into one hole and could have been seriously hurt. Fortunately, that was not the case. We have had Gordon Lewis, the course architect, as well as Jim Glaze the course contractor, come out and take a look. They both are of the opinion that the mound on hole #2 should be removed.

They are posing ideas such as a coquina cart path, bunker in front of area where mound is now with some additional moguls. This plan will continue to evolve as the architect and contractor work on it. Want to get started as soon as possible. The Board members, individually, have approved the plan. The Golf Committee approved a motion to move forward. Don will meet with the Board on Wednesday and recommend that the renovation of hole #2 begin immediately.

Old Business:

No old business was discussed

New Business:

Tree on the 14th tee needs to be trimmed.

Bushes on the driving range entry path need to be trimmed or a mirror should be placed so that drivers can see if someone is approaching. There have been a few “near misses”.

Rob will look into getting more racks for the driving range.

With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned.