

*Hunters Ridge Community Association Golf Committee
November 13, 2013*

Present were: Chairman Gary Tinkel, Members Laurie Cascarano Jim Tucker, Jim Scott, Richard Berry, Mary Jo Burke and Madolyn Mumma, Secretary. Also present were: Board Representatives Don Wirsbinski and Bill Bell, Director of Golf Rob Harpster and Golf Course Superintendent Tony Duncan.

Mr. Tinkel called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

Tony reviewed the work completed on the course over the summer, open projects and the current condition of the course.

The work on hole number 2 has included the reduction of the hill on the cart path and moving the path. This had become a safety issue.

The sprinkler layout is still being worked on as time permits. Tony estimated it would take another two years to complete the project.

Hole No. 5 was regrassed including the green slopes, approach. The path has also been narrowed.

Hole No. 7 has been replanted where there has been extensive drainage work done. Tony said he might decide to plant some rye grass seed for a temporary solution if the grass in the work area doesn't grow in properly.

The are has been landscaped with "grass by No. 17 tee.

There is a new pink tee.

The course was verticut twice and aerated four times over the summer.

Tony distributed a copy of the proposed addition of a bunker on Hole #5. He will delay the start until May. The board has approved this project. Tony distributed drawings of the plan. There will be a retaining wall built along the left side of the bunker in front.. The wall will be constructed close enough to the water that balls that land outside the bunker will land in the water, eliminating the dangerous

possibility of a golfer's standing at water's edge to attempt a shot on to the green. The committee unanimously approved Tony's drawing.

There was a discussion of the difference between the length of the grass between the fairway and the rough. Tony said there was a 1/2" difference. There was some discussion about increasing that difference to 3/4". Tony said he would consider it, but it might create almost 1" difference depending upon how often the roughs were mowed.

The committee addressed the written request of several members to limit the outside play during the busy season. Rob distributed a report showing the number of guests, renters, non-resident guests and social members who played the course during February, 2013. Mr. Tinkel pointed out that renters who are renting a unit that has a golf membership are permitted to play golf at Hunters Ridge. This is in the by-laws. In addition there were 176 member guests, 89 non-resident guests who played that month, bringing in a revenue of \$16,867 for 265 rounds of golf. If one divides that 265 rounds of golf by 28 days in February, that amounts to 9.4 players per day, which calculates out to be just over two tee times per day before noon.

Rob said about 1/2 of the golfing members have their own golf carts. Members tend to assume if a foursome is using the club's golf carts it means they are nonmembers. That most often is not the case.

The committee unanimously agreed it did not see the merit of the suggestion given there is an average of about two rounds a day, and the club would lose \$16,000 in revenue.

Rob reported that starting times now are every 8-7-8-7 minutes. He proposed that we continue the 8-7-8-7 until 10 a.m. then go to 8 minute tee times for the rest of the day. The last 8 minute tee time (:48) of each hour would be considered "Starter's Time" to be used to add or to make up some slow time. After some discussion, the committee agreed and the new format will begin December 1.

There was a discussion about the status of the swale across Holes #1 and #4. Rob reported and Tony confirmed that these are now considered preserves and cannot be entered by golfers attempting to retrieve or search for a lost ball. Tony reported he will be putting red stakes with a green top around the entire swale. Golfers will be permitted to attempt to reach a ball that has gone into the swale

with a retriever, but they are forbidden from entering the swale. Tony and his crew will be permitted to cut down the grasses, etc., but they are the only persons permitted in the preserve. Appropriate signage will be installed shortly. The committee agreed to support this program.

The status of the arboricole hedge on Hole #1. Rob said he knew golfers might hit into the hedge as they teed off. Searching for a lost ball in the hedge slows up play. He suggested that players should hit a provisional, making it unnecessary to return to the tee for a second tee-off. The committee agreed to table the discussion for a later date after more of a history develops on the topic.

Mary Jo Burke proposed an "Adopt a Hole" program. A group of golfers would get together and agree to fill all the divots on the hole they adopted. She said golfers are not currently filling their divots and felt this would help. Some of the members of the committee were familiar with the program and said it tended to start out with some enthusiasm but that soon disappeared. He committee members said they felt it would not work for Hunters Ridge at this time and put the suggestion on hold.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Madolyn Mumma, Secretary