

Hunters Ridge Golf Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 3, 2014

Chairperson Gary Tinkel called the meeting to order. Absent were Mary Jo Burke and Bruce Davie. It was moved, seconded and voted on to approve the previous minutes from April 2, 2014.

Tony Duncan gave an update on maintenance and projects performed since the last meeting:

- Aerified Greens four times
- Fairways, Roughs, and Tees were verticut and aerified two times
- Hole #5 Trap left of green was installed along with additional retaining walls to match at the tees, drop area, drain pipe and the east end
- Hole #8 – 4 tees were combined into one with some lowering of the white tee and raising of the other tees
- Hole #12 and #7 green tees were regrassed
- Hole #13 white tee reseeded. It is prone to sun and air flow problems. Some cleanup was performed at each of the tee to help increase air flow
- A decision has been made to eventually convert all sand traps to “Par Angle” sand which was the sand in the right trap short of the water on hole #18. The trap to the left of #11 green has been converted to “Par Angle”

Per further discussion Tony will put a stake by the rock encircled drain behind #6 green as a precaution to keep golfers from stepping there. He will also fill a small sink hole on hole #12.

There was about a 45 minute discussion of handicaps focused mostly on ladies but not entirely as most issues discussed applied to all golfers. Pros and Cons of lowering the maximum allowed handicap were discussed in depth. There was active participation by many of those present to help further the discussion. Two things were decided:

1. Pro Shop will schedule more flighted events for women on Thursday instead of all ABCD events.

2. Paragraph 2 of the Golf Course Committee Mission Statement/Responsibilities states “to assist golf staff with handicap program issues as they arrive”. It was agreed that the three ladies and the chair of the committee would assist the golf staff with any ladies issues that “arise” or are brought to their attention and that the three men and the chair would do the same with any men’s issues that “arise” or are brought to their attention.

After some discussion on mixed tees or tournament tees for men, the consensus was that this would in all likelihood never become a reality, it was moved and seconded that selected men’s tournaments would have all participants play from the green tees with appropriate handicaps applied. Committee voted unanimously on this. Rob and Gary to review tournament schedule to implement this.

After discussion it was moved/seconded/vote unanimously that the Golf Committee recommends to the Board that they “include a renovation of the men’s and ladies locker rooms and an update of the pro shop” in the “phase two” renovation of the clubhouse if it is voted to proceed with it.

Gary presented the possibility that we may lose the putting green to the west of the clubhouse if the club proceeds with “phase two” of the clubhouse renovation. After discussion the committee agree to “suggest” to the Board that the putting green by the practice tee could be enlarged to the south (creating a two tiered, contoured green) and that at the south end of the putting green (north of the cart path from #18 green) a very nice park like sitting area be installed similar to those at Mediterra, Twin Eagles, etc. Also the possibility of installing a retaining wall similar to hole #5 could be considered for appearance and to provide for an even larger putting green.

Rob reported on his meeting with a highly recommended golf course landscape architect in which they spent about three hours touring the course. The architect will prepare a written plan with drawings for about \$6,000. Another quote will be sought before deciding how to proceed on this.

Rob brought up the request of a member to allow two people of the same sex to play in the couples season opener. He had denied the request and was asking for input from the Golf Committee as to the appropriateness of his reply. The committee unanimously supported the position that any tournaments such as the couples and any like it continue to be construed as couple being a man and woman.

Rob reported that the fence on hole #4 white tee will be replaced as it has deteriorated.

The meeting was adjourned.