

Hunters Ridge Community Association Golf Committee
4:00 p.m. January 23, 2008

Present were: Chairman, Rich Berry; Members Joe Engler, Laurie Cascarano, Pat Wirsbinski, Tom Malone and Madolyn Mumma, secretary. Also present were Association Board Member Frank Schmitt and Director of Golf Rob Harpster. Rob reported that Golf Course Superintendent Tony Duncan was unable to attend the meeting.

Mr. Berry called the meeting to order. He welcomed Frank Schmitt, the newly elected Association Board Member who will be serving as liaison. Mr. Schmitt said he would follow up with Mr. Padgett regarding suggestions and requests the Committee had passed along to the Association Board following its November meeting.

Rob reported he had replaced the bases of the flag cups to prevent the leaning flags. The committee unanimously asked that Rob pass along to Tony Duncan and his crew their appreciation for the condition of the course in spite of the lack of rain.

Mr Engler reported that he had assembled a subcommittee made up of a cross section of male golfers who regularly play from the white tees to investigate the feasibility of adding yardage to the white tees to over 6000 yards. He expects to have a report and recommendations by the February meeting.

In response to some complaints re the tee time telephone system, Rob reported he had asked Embarq for recommendations. Embarq representatives suggested an upgrade to a main line, enabling calls to be stacked into a que. Golfers calling in for tee times would have their calls answered in the order in which they phoned. Rob said getting a busy signal and having to call back occurred primarily between 7:00 a.m. and 7:10 a.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays. The committee agreed to table the discussion until Embarq came back with a proposal but the general consensus was that our current process was satisfactory.

The committee with the approval of Rob Harpster agreed to move the closing date for sweeps from December 31 to May 31. This will become effective immediately, and Rob said he would post announcements on the bulletin boards and in SCORE. In 2008 sweeps credits will have to be redeemed by May 31st.

Following a discussion, the committee agreed to ask Rob to schedule one "open" format event in which golfers could make their own foursomes irrespective of gender or handicap. The upcoming Rally for the Cure was offered as a possible event.

Frank Schmitt read aloud a letter in which the Long Range and Financial Planning Committee had recommended to the Association Board that the course be opened for public play on a restricted basis. Mr. Schmitt then stated that Association Board President Tom Padgett had asked for the Golf Committee's input. Jim Zimmer, a representative from the Finance Committee, said the Committee viewed this as another way to build reserves. He emphasized that his Committee was not saying that there is a present need for the money that might be generated.

The Finance Committee said if 8 tee times per day with next day or same day tee time reservations were permitted between the hours of noon and 1:30 p.m. at \$85 per person for the months of February and March, it is estimated the club would have \$81,000 in reserves.

Rob said he received between 10 and 20 calls per day asking if the course were open to nonmembers. He recommended we limit the number of outside foursomes to a smaller number than 8, but he felt certain he would fill the slots.

A lengthy discussion by the Committee followed. Some member felt more time was needed and the proposal should be more specific. It was noted that if the Board adopted the proposal Hunters Ridge would no longer be private. Other members thought that additional revenues made the change acceptable.

Mr Engler then moved that the Golf Committee oppose the proposal as presented. Messrs. Engler, Madlone and Berry voted Aye and Mrs.Mumma, Mrs. Cascarano and Mrs Wirsbinski voted Nay. Mr. Schmitt said he would report to the Board that the Committee was evenly split on the issue.

Mrs. Wirsbinski said several women had requested more flighted events. Rob pointed out that these events tended to be less well attended, but he agreed to schedule additional ones. Individual events were also recommended.

Next meeting will be scheduled in February.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.