

*Hunters Ridge Community Association Golf Committee
April 4, 2012*

Present were: Chairman Floyd Hann; Members Gary Tinkel, Laurie Cascarano, Rich Berry, Jim Scott and Madolyn Mumma, Secretary. Also present were Association Board Member Don Wirsbinski, Director of Golf Rob Harpster and Golf Course Superintendent Tony Duncan.

Mr. Hann called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. He said Mrs. Mumma had agreed to serve as secretary for another year.

He stated that Mrs. Cicilline had decided to serve on the Housing committee and would no longer be a member of the Golf committee.

Chuck Ingersoll has volunteered to serve on the Golf committee but was unable to attend the meeting.

Mr. Hann said the first agenda item was the maintenance schedule for the summer and other golf course items. He wanted to give the maintenance department special recognition for the excellent condition of the course. Mr. Tinkel said he had never seen the course in as good a condition for this time of year and the amount of play occurring. He said outside people comment on the beauty of the course and credit should be given to Tony and to the employees for their excellent work.

Mr. Hann agreed, as did the rest of the committee. He said it is the responsibility of the golf members to avoid driving carts beyond the yellow stakes, obey the 90 degree rule and keep carts on the cart paths to avoid wear on the path berms. Also the committee members should continue to spread the word to all golfers in order to protect our course.

Tony said they were adding to the underground bulkhead hardware on holes #3 and 18, installing new eye bolts and new cables that were 1/2" as opposed to the old ones that were 3/8". They were also replacing the top boards. It was very labor intensive work that would take most of the summer.

On Hole #12 they will be seeding the area to the right of the cart path where the bushes had been removed. This should stabilize the bank for walking and hitting from that area.

There was some discussion about putting a wooden walkway to the white tees on #7. Mr. Tinkel suggested and the committee agreed to see how the current situation went. Mr. Hann and some of the committee members felt it looked unfinished in its present state.

There was discussion about the swale on Holes #1 and 4. Some wanted the shrubs to be allowed to grow taller and the grass allowed to remain tall because the area was indeed a hazard. Tony said the shrubs were cut 2 or 3 times a year and they grow quickly. In addition, because we have several different conditions during the season there are different things that affect the grass, including flooding during the rain and drought condition.

In response to the suggestion that additional ball washers be installed that would be more accessible for those using the green or red tees, Rob said it was a question of funds because the washers cost approximately \$300 each.

Mr. Scott reminded the committee that he continued to want trees planted on the hill on Hole #2.

Tony said the schedule for closing certain holes during the summer would be similar to previous summers in that the front 9 would be closed for a period of time and then the back 9 would be closed so that people would still be able to golf.

Green aeration would be May 13 & 14; July 8 & 9 and Sept. 16 & 17.

Vertification would be June 4 to 8 for the front 9; June 12 to 15 for the back 9; Sept 4 to 7 for the front 9 and Sept. 10 to 14 for the back 9. Last year there had been four aerations and 3 vertifications.

Over years there had been a build up but the last couple of years of aggressive aeration and vertification is beginning to make it possible to reduce the number of times needed to maintain the course.

The committee said they liked the additional flowers, the 125 yard markers and the Number 7 turnaround improvement. Mr. Hann said he challenged the committee not to neglect its responsibility for the continued beautification of the course.

Tony said he was considering opening another wild flower bed. He said he will probably kill the flowers at the current bed and sterilize the soil and replant. He said seed is very inexpensive. He is looking at adding flowers at #10 and off to the left on #15.

Rob reported on the Men's Member/Guest. Price for the event had been dropped from \$550 to \$390 and the length went from four days to three. There was discussion about some who felt 27 holes in one day was too much, but Rob felt if he altered the lunch period somewhat it would be helpful. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to set a cut off limit at 54 participants next year, offering previous participants the opportunity to sign up first. Dates for the 2013 men's member/guest would be Feb. 28 and March 1 & 2. Early sign up would end Dec. 1 and then it would be open to others. Limiting participants to 54 would eliminate the playing against par provision.

Rob reported the women's member/guest was a big success. He said the member/guest committee chooses whether to play a shamble, a scramble or a dropout format. Some members feel playing a scramble or dropout does not really give guests an opportunity to play their own game.

There was discussion about putting liners in all the holes on the course. They are currently only on the practice green. Rob said they are nonconforming and they would have to be 1 inch or more below the top of the cup. He said we can make it a local rule that we can use the lines and we could try them on a trial basis. It saves the hole and makes it easier to see the hole. Tony said there was cost involved. It was moved, seconded and approved that we give the go ahead to Tony to obtain the necessary liners as soon as he could and to use them on a trial basis until the first meeting of the golf committee in the fall. We will reevaluate the liners at that time..

Mr. Hann said a member had requested creating a Ladies Club Championship Trophy to honor a deceased member. The committee felt it would not be appropriate to do so because there have been several members, now deceased, who other members would feel should be recognized.

Mr. Hann asked the committee to submit any questions they felt should be included in the annual member survey to Rob.

It was mentioned that people are putting on the chipping green. The committee agreed the two putting greens are for putting and the chipping green is restricted to chipping. It is a safety issue as well.

Mr. Hann said the committee needed to prepare its wish list for the 2012 summer work schedule. There will be another meeting in late April at which time we will finalize the list.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.