

Hunters Ridge Community Association Golf Committee
4:00 p.m. Nov. 28, 2007

Present were: Chairman, Rich Berry; Members Joe Engler, Laurie Cascarano, Pat Wirsbinski, Tom Malone and Madolyn Mumma, secretary. Also present were Association Board Member Dave Foster 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 spoke about the history of the committee. It had been established as a handicap committee, but when Hunters Ridge Community Association assumed responsibility for the golf course the board decided to change the handicap committee to the golf committee with broader responsibilities. This was done with the understanding that the committee's membership would be subject to change annually by the Board in March each year. After discussion and on motion made and seconded, the committee unanimously agreed to recommend to the Board that the current committee membership remain in place for the next year and that thereafter there be staggered terms with two new appointees annually to insure continuity. The current committee has only functioned as a golf committee for two months and it consists of a good cross section of the golf community.

At this point the chairman asked Mr. Foster what would be the best method of the committee's conveying its recommendations on any subject to the Board, i.e. should a letter be sent or would transmittal of the minutes suffice. Mr. Foster stated that transmittal of the minutes to the Board would be sufficient.

There was a discussion regarding the abuse of the handicap flag guidelines. Most of the people are complying with the rule stating the no carts, including those flying handicap flags, should be closer than 30 feet from the greens. Rob said this is particularly worrisome now with the dry conditions of the course. The routes to the greens are relatively narrow and if carts drive over them the ground soon becomes compacted. Grass will not grow in these areas. The committee agreed that no carts should be permitted that near the greens and that it is important that all members take responsibility for remembering the guidelines. Mr. Berry, as chairman, will speak to individuals who have been identified as abusers of the handicap flags, urging them to respect the 30-foot restriction. Rob pointed out that it is possible there could be someone whose handicap restricted his or her ability to walk the 30 feet. These situations will be decided on a case-by-case situation. In addition, Rob said he would work with Tony Duncan to be certain his staff is using cart paths as well. There are some holes when the mowers cannot use the cart paths because it would endanger the blades of their mowers.

Rob said he planned to begin a men's 9-hole group. Effective the first of the year, he would be scheduling it for Saturdays following the 18-hole league. It would be scheduled and run similarly to the women's 9-hole league. He anticipates initially there will be about eight participants.

Due to the dry conditions, Mr. Engler moved the golf committee recommend to the HRCA Board that the proper cart usage rule be changed to add "twosomes are limited to one cart." The rules currently limit foursomes to two carts. Mrs. Mumma seconded the motion. All members approved.

Rob reported that several residents are gathering large numbers of golf balls from ponds on the course and then cleaning them at the ball washers. This creates a mud-filled golf ball washer with a very unpleasant odor. He said if ball hawkers have hands full of golf balls they should take them home and wash them. Ball washers are not designed for that type of traffic. The committee agreed.

The chairman asked Joe Engler to form a subcommittee to make recommendations on whether and where to relocate the white tee markers in advance of taking the golf committee's proposal to eliminate the gold tees to the board in 2008. These recommendations will be part of the golf committee's planning in 2008 for 2009.

The committee agreed it would like to try transplanting a tree from another place on the property to in front of and to the right of the right fairway sand trap on Hole No. 17. The original tree was destroyed by Wilma and many members have indicated they would like to have another tree in its place. On a motion made and seconded, the committee unanimously agreed to recommend to the Board that this project be undertaken at a cost not to exceed \$500 and at the convenience of the course superintendent and his staff and at a desirable time of the year for transplanting.

New Business

Rob said he was working to correct the falling flags.

The committee unanimously recommended to the Board that the annual budget provide funding to enable Tony Duncan to have access to professional publications, professional organizations, seminars or other opportunities in continuing education to insure his keeping up with what is going on in golf course management. The committee wanted the board and Tony to know the members appreciate the excellent job he is doing.

Hours for closing the driving range are 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Monday and Thursdays. Because the work crews begin work at 6:00 a.m., their day is finished at 2:30 p.m. The committee discussed that this timing makes it difficult for someone to have lunch and then go over to hit a few golf balls before playing a round of golf. A later closing may be more convenient for the members. The committee agreed to discuss this further with Tony at the next meeting.

Next meeting will be scheduled either in December or January.

Meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.