

Final

Golf Joint Advisory Committee Meeting Notes Wednesday, September 14th, 2022, 4:00 pm BVCC and Zoom

Attendees: Darryl Muldoon, Keith Ihms, Jason Loyd, Jeff Hendren, Mark Deihl, Ruth Hatcher, Dave Armstrong, Jan Hagan, Tom Judson, Jessica McCrary, Sheila Heward, Alex Sanford, Jackie Gain, Mike Houston, Gary Mertz, and Jerry Foster

Absent:

Votes and Important Topics-

Call to Order – Ruth Hatcher called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm

Darryl Muldoon introduced Trevor Bunson as Supervisor of Golf Operations. Excited to have him.

Approval of the June 8th meeting- Dave Armstrong made motion to approve. Jeff Hendren Seconded it. Unanimous approval.

Course reports - see meeting packets. Golf facility review, new form worked well.

Ruth thanked Keith and all the superintendents for a great job. It was Thank A Superintendents Day earlier in the week.

Staff Reports:

○ **Maintenance – Keith**

- Greens aeration schedule for all bent grass courses start the week of September 19th.
- Posted on web page and will put out a schedule on the golf update when it's being done.
- Fall pre-emergent has gone down on most golf courses.
- Seasonal workers have fallen off. He will look on hiring seasonal personal to start later in the year, to help with the fall season, on next year's budget.
- Red tee box project at Highlands is completed. Pictures were shown of the tee box installation. Most new tee box construction are around Twenty yards wide and thirty feet long from the beginning of the bottom slope. They lasered level the top.
- Number Eight new red tee box will probably be the most popular. New locations gives opportunity to see where you are going on your tee shot.
- No play until April 2023 on new Red tee boxes, need to protect them thru the winter months.
- Cost approximately \$10,000 per tee box. Pleased with the work.
- Keith passed around samples of green sand and organic fertilizer. See Old Business.
- August 15th all Bermuda grass gets taken up on height, around half an inch.

● **Golf Operations – Darryl:**

August Rounds Report are as follows:

- August rounds ended at 23,006.
 - Up by 1,720 over last August.

Looking back, we had a record setting August in rounds. The weather was extremely HOT and I want to thank the maintenance crew for all their hard work keeping the greens alive and the courses looking great. If it wasn't for them we wouldn't have a good product to sell.

- Year to date rounds ended at 116,703.
 - Up by 630 over last year. We made some group up.
 - Members rounds ended at 78,020.
 - Down by 5,414 over last year.
 - Guest rounds ended at 38,683.
 - Up by 6,044 over last year.
- Range buckets year to date 44,278 (up by 2,364).
 - August buckets 7,972 (up by 1,032 over last August).
- Pro shop merchandise finished August 146% to budget.
 - It was great to see that all shop reached their budget for the third month in a row.

Darryl said Greg and the entire team did a great job keeping the greens in great shape.

Golfers hitting the range balls, brings the golfers back to play rounds of golf.

Leave the golf course better than when you found it!

AJGA was held at Highlands last weekend

Kids from all over the nation played.

Parents can't believe how great the community and volunteers are here in Bella Vista!

Darryl read thank-you cards from the kids. Jake Maggert won it (Jeff Maggert's son).

There were college coaches looking at the participants.

Great job to Greg getting the course in excellent shape.

A very big Thank-you to Ruth for all her hard work in getting the volunteers together!

Gary provided his house to the AJGA crew. Thank you.

4A High School District Tournament is being held this upcoming week on Monday.

Clay from the Friends of Highlands donated \$750.00 for a portion of the meals for the kids.

Thank you.

Tournaments Alex-

- All events in August are up in participation.
- The Parent/Child Tournament at Dogwood has going up every year, twenty juniors participated.
- Men's Club Champion is Mark Chambers and Senior Club Champion is Kurt Reitcher. Congratulations. 87 players participated.
- Prostate Cancer Tournament is September 17th. 43 teams at Kingswood and Dogwood. Still spots available, call Alex.

- Rally in Pink, October 8th. Still time to sign up.
- Junior golf is wrapping up. Gavin completed PGA junior league Championship in Little Rock.
- Operations 36 will wrap up in October. Thanks to Futures Cup for their Donations.
- In October Alex and Darryl will look at calendar for next year tournament schedule.

- **General Management-Tom-No comments**

- **General Committee Comments:**

- Gary asks about sand buckets on practice range. Keith is looking into that. Keith said sand bucket repairs are on the Fall/winter agenda.
- Sheila had concerns about no hot water in the bathrooms in the clubhouses, cleanliness, and supplies in the bathrooms.
- Darryl said bathrooms are cleaned once a day. But after a shotgun start, it might need cleaned again. But they clean it once a day.
- Darryl will put a call into the subcontractor responsible for stocking the supplies in the bathroom.
- Alex said there is hot water in the pro shop bathrooms. The hot water heads are low flow, it takes a long time to get to the hot water.
- Jeff Hendren asked about preventative maintenance on the ice machines. Darryl said Scott checks on them and sanitizes them. Very hot temperatures are a problem. Jeff is looking at additional air flow possibilities.
- Gary said 5 course rating volunteers are wanting to be course ratings for the state and are taking classes.

- **Board Liaisons**-Jan Hagan said Darryl and Keith did an excellent job on the AJGA tournament. He commended and Thanked Ruth for all her work and how she made the volunteers feel very special. She took care of all the volunteers, **that is world class!**
 - Jackie Gain ask Keith to communicate to the members that the Red tee boxes would not be ready for play until next spring at the Highlands.

- **Comments/Emails from the Public:**

- No comments.

- **Old Business:**

- Keith explained and investigated numbers using green sand in the buckets and bottles.
- Keith predicted that is would be cost prohibitive to use green sand in lieu of the standard sand. Approximately \$70,000.00 extra to fill just the bottles for the carts, not including tee boxes buckets which would be approximately an additional \$65,000.00 per year. Very expensive.
- Better use of funds on other golf projects.
- Existing sand we are using now is about \$200 a ton.
- Darryl said they are putting up new rule sheet in golf carts listing 5 rules on the golf course. Fix your divots and ball marks.

- **New Business**

- Dave Armstrong asked about starting a special group that goes the extra effort to help protect, preserve, and repair our golf courses. Possibly given out awards to the people in that group.
- Clay from the Friends of the Highlands wanted to propose to provide ball mark repair hole tools with Highland's Golf name on the tools and distribute them in the golf carts. Purchased by the Friends of the Highlands.
- Dave Armstrong made a motion to have Friends of Highlands to provide ball mark repair hole tools to the Highlands golf course.
- Jeff Hendren seconded it.

- Passed unanimously approved.
- Keith said you tube video would be provided on how to correctly fix a ball mark.

- **Announcements:**

- Golf JAC Regular Meeting – Wednesday, October 12th, at 4:00pm, Boardroom.

Adjourn – Ruth Hatcher adjourned the meeting at 5:12 p.m.