

Final

Golf Joint Advisory Committee Meeting Notes Wednesday, November 9th, 2022, 4:00 pm BVCC and Zoom

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

Absent:

Votes and Important Topics-Champions Club Program

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

Approval of the October 12th meeting- Jeff Hendren made motion to approve. Dave Armstrong Seconded it. Unanimous approval.

Course reports - see meeting packets.

Special presentation of Futures Cup. Dave Armstrong presented Charlie Powell from the Blue team the Future Cup trophy. 64 guys participated in the three-day tournament. The tournament donates all proceeds for the benefit of junior golf. Trophy will be now placed in Scottsdale golf course. Thanks to the Futures cup for there help and time in benefitting junior golf. Dave Armstrong will be presenting a \$5000 check to Darryl during the next meeting.

Staff Reports:

- **Maintenance – Keith/Kyle**
 - Capital Projects
 - Recently purchased a new Mini Excavator. Utilizing Mini-Ex on Scottsdale golf course installing drainage lines.
 - Overall course conditions.
 - Leaf removal has begun.
 - Golf courses going into winter mode.
 - Still mowing grass.
 - Frost line phone number is 479-855-5123 and is updated by 7:00 am. Please don't call Pro Shop on frost delays.
 - New trees install on Highland's golf course around driving range.
 - Removed gravel on creek beds on Scottsdale gravel course. Will help to prevent damage to golf courses.
 - Keith followed up with a post meeting update on the comments on course reports.
 - Bunker edging and sand levels are being addressed now, as has been the practice over the years.
 - Rake issues checked and added or replaced as needed as of Tuesday on Dogwood.
 - Scott is adding steel sand buckets on the par 3's at Dogwood temporary for now. Sand buckets issues will be worked on during the week the courses will be closed.

- **Golf Operations – Darryl**

October Rounds Report are as follows:

- October rounds ended at 17,264.
 - Up by 1,528 over last year's October.

Looking back, we had another record setting October in rounds. Great weather was the major factor with the increase in rounds and range buckets.

- Year to date rounds ended at 156,648.
 - Up by 4,610 over last year.
 - Members rounds ended at 103,184.
 - Down by 4,610 over last year.
 - Guest rounds ended at 53,464.
 - Up by 8,905 over last year.
- Range buckets year to date 58,626 (up by 4,464).
 - October buckets 5,846 (up by 410 over last year's October).
- Pro shop merchandise finished October 126% to budget.
 - I would like to let the membership know that all the Christmas inventory has started to come in this week. So be sure to stop by the pro shops and get your Christmas shopping done soon.
- New score cards are now available on all courses.
 - New design, pace of play time, carts on path notification on cards, phone numbers of pro shop and Pubs, course ratings, and bathroom locations.
 - Darryl thanked Trevor Brunson on helping with the design of the score cards.
 - Men's and Women's handicap might change in 2 years after data is collected.
- Darryl Thanked Friends of Highlands for their donation on divot repair tools. Divot tools have a QR code attached with video of Keith Ihms on demonstrating divot repairs information. Alex is passing out 250 divot tools this Fall and 250 tools in the Spring.
- 2023 golf fees are locked in. Remember gap insurance is available.
- Handicap GHIN fees will be going up \$5.00 to \$30/year. Sign up will start Dec. 1st in pro shops. Need to pay the fees in the pro shops. GHIN system is very successful in Bella Vista.
- GHIN system is based on a calendar year.
- Very excited in hiring a new teaching professional for Tanyard Creek. Her name is Hannah Hellyer.
- Hiring a professional for grips only, at Get A Grip Building next week. Will update with further information in the future. Open Thursday, Friday, and half day Saturday.

Tournaments Alex-

- Veterans Tournament Friday November 11th was cancelled due to cold weather. Refunds are coming.
 - Darryl and Alex working on Tournament schedule for next year.
- **General Management-Tom**
 - Senior staff focus on 2023 budget. Presentation November 10th at 6:00 pm.
 - Year to date 511 new water meters installed this year.
 - Great to see graph of golf rounds go up after the 2020 plan kicked in.

- **General Committee Comments:**
- **Board Liaisons-**
 - Jan Hagan liked the new score cards.
- **Comments/Emails from the Public:**
 - No comments.
- **Old Business:**
 - Dave Armstrong and Gary Mertz have been working on a new program called the Champions Club.
 - Program to encourage the golf membership to volunteer to keep their golf carts on the cart paths during November thru March. Help the grass survive the winter and prevent golf cart traffic damage.
 - Application will be available in the next week.
 - Gary would like to have all courses to have support groups to take care of the courses.
 - Gary is thinking about having volunteers to take responsibility of an individual hole.
 - Dave Armstrong would like the committee to vote to incorporate a Champions Club volunteer program to keep golf carts on golf paths on all seven golf courses during the November, December, January, February, and March months.
 - Gary Mertz seconded the motion.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
 - Darryl thanked Dave and Gary for their work on the Champions Club.
 - This group will help protect the grass over winter. And give a better golf experience to all golfers.
- **New Business**
- **Announcements:**
 - Golf JAC Regular Meeting – Wednesday, December 14th, at 4:00pm, Boardroom.

Adjourn – Ruth Hatcher adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.