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## **Golf Joint Advisory Committee Meeting Notes Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 4:00 pm BVCC and Zoom**

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

**Absent:** Sheila Heward and Mike Houston. Ruth has Mike's Proxy.

### **Votes and Important Topics-**

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

**Approval of the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting-** Gary Mertz made motion to approve. Jerry Foster Seconded it. Unanimous approval.

**Course reports** - see meeting packets.

**Scottsdale-** Limited opening due to warm weather. But cold weather re-closed course. Keith said large rock piles by #5 are being hauled below dam to elevate property by fish ponds. Dave Armstrong mentioned Tree's and area lining hole #17 between road and ditch needs cleaned up. Keith will talk to Kyle about the area.

Special presentation of Futures Cup. Dave Armstrong presented Darryl Muldoon on behalf of the Future Cup a check for \$5000. 64 of the best guys in Bella Vista participated in the three-day tournament. The tournament donates all proceeds for the benefit of junior golf. Thanks to the Futures cup for there help and time in benefitting junior golf.

### **Staff Reports:**

#### ○ **Maintenance – Keith**

- Presented a drone video of the May Flood. Video link is on the web site. Incredible perspective of the flooding.
- Jerry asked about impact of Lake Bella Vista dam removal. Tom explained the flood study showed the impact of the dam removal will do nothing on the flooding.
- Hopefully 340 new road bridge construction will be completed by April to give back the BVCC golf hole at the construction project location.
- Keith explained how relocating greens on the BVCC golf course future renovation plan will greatly reduce the damage from flooding. Look at changing sand bunkers to grass bunkers due to flooding problems and cost on the renovation plan.
- Bridge on BVCC #11 installed slurry on rock to help prevent flood damage.
- Friends of Dogwood and maintenance staff still find time to enhance golf course.
- Installed screen grate on #18 culvert at Dogwood.
- #17 Dogwood cart repair, cleaned out ravine, and asphalted path.
- Erosion problem and new solution at #10 Highlands, with installed fencing for safety.
- Highlands driving range, Hollys were planted to protect #10 red tees. Hollys were planted to protect maintenance shop and vehicles at end of driving range.
- Keith explained how talented the POA maintenance staff is. They have minimized flooding damaged.
- Keith showed slides on flood damage and repairs. Takes a full maintenance crew four hours to squeegee and clean off debris on greens.

- Wendy with the Audubon at Berksdale made a seat out of a stump, plus planted milk weed to help the Monarch butterflies.
- **Capital Projects-See attachment 2022 Year In Review**
  - Wait to see cart traffic pattern on new Highlands #8 red tee, before cart path is constructed.
  - Bid opening February 1<sup>st</sup> on BVCC pump station.
  - New tee marker design at BVCC by Reid. Good enhancement.
  - New Driving Range tee's at Highlands and Divot Days at Highland's.
  - Hard to budget for floods.
- **2023 Year**
  - Hardening of #5 BVCC pump house- \$300,000.00. Can't risk the only irrigation method on BVCC.
  - Asphalt repair at Highlands.
  - Rebuild tee and cart path by 340 bridge project.
  - Top dresser equipment ordered in November, will receive in July.
  - Berksdale bridge removal. Received permit and will go to bid asap.

● **Golf Operations – Darryl**

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December Rounds Report are as follows:

- December rounds ended at 5,339.
  - Down by 4,266 over last year's December.

Extremely cold weather played the major factor in the decrease in rounds and range buckets for the month of December. All courses were closed for an average of 5 days in December and the Bermuda green courses were shut down for 21 days. Looking back on round numbers December 2018 was the last time that we had this lower rounds and that was due to flooding.

- 2022 rounds ended at 170,857.
  - Down by 1,824 over last year. Not bad s the weather turned cold for the months of November and December as well as have BVCC closed for three months.
  - Members rounds ended at 114,313.
    - Down by 9,904 over last year.
  - Guest rounds ended at 65,544.
    - Up by 8,080 over last year.
- Range buckets year to date 63,946 (up by 2,950 over 2021).
  - December buckets 2,124 (down by 1,010 over last year's December).
- Pro shop merchandise finished the year 131% to budget.
  - LT and the staff are doing an excellent job purchasing and selling merchandise.
  - Darryl thanked membership for their support.

- No Golf Expo. Due to Riordan renovations.
- Darryl challenged the golf committee to come up with 4-5 ideas for local rules in Bella Vista, to be discussed next meeting.
  - Handicap GHIN fees will be \$30/year. Sign up in pro shops. Need to pay the fees in the pro shops, don't do on your phone. GHIN system is very successful in Bella Vista.
  - GHIN system is based on a calendar year.
  - Hannah Hellyer at Tanyard Creek Practice Center is taking registration for the **2023 Winter Short Game League**. 479-855-8133 or HANNAHH@BVVPOA.COM (See attached form)
  - Summer group schedules have went out. Reach out to Trevor with questions.
  - Darryl is excited to have a great 2023 year.
  - Dave Armstrong said how the pro shops are doing a fantastic job, with fantastic value.

### Tournaments Alex-Darryl

- Darryl provided spreadsheet of breakdown of tournament participation. (attached)
- New sign-up program for tournaments. Using Golf Genius, golfer can pay individually, post results, and will have better communication.

### ● General Management-Tom

#### ● **General Committee Comments:**

- Gary Mertz talked to Gavin about developing the Friends of the Country Club.

#### ● **Board Liaisons-**

- Jan Hagan loved donation from the Futures Cup to Junior golf and wanted to thank everyone involved.

#### ● **Comments/Emails from the Public:**

- No comments.

#### ● **Old Business: Golf Course Champions Club**

- Gary Mertz wants to work on program with the groups and group leaders. It's a good idea and will take time to grow.
- Dave Armstrong said one of the problems is how to pair non-Champion Club members with Champion Club Members.
- Program keeps golf carts off the fairways during the spring and winter months to prevent golf cart traffic damage.
- Jeff asks Keith to show pictures to golfers on how golf cart damages the fairways.
- Dave Armstrong appreciates all people that signed up for the Champions Club.
- Keith and Darryl are working on educational video for ball mark repair. Maybe in June.
- Divot repair tools from Highlands with code in April.

#### ● **New Business**

- Darryl challenged the golf committee to come up with 4-5 ideas for local rules in Bella Vista, to be discussed next meeting.

#### ● **Announcements:**

- Golf JAC Regular Meeting – Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00pm, Boardroom.

**Adjourn** – Ruth Hatcher adjourned the meeting at 5:09 p.m.