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Golf Joint Advisory Committee Meeting Notes Wednesday, April 10th, 2024, 4:00 pm BVCC and Zoom

Attendees: Jerre Barron, Dave Armstrong, Jerry Foster, Ruth Hatcher, Tom Judson, Brad Lawrence, Jessica McCrary, Darryl Muldoon, Jason Loyd, Keith Ihms, Graham Kornmeyer, Kimela Mullen, Gary Mertz, and Ashley Wood.

Absent: David DeGraf , Alex Sanford, & Mark Deihl. Ruth Hatcher has David DeGraf and Mark Deihl's Proxy.

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

Introduction of Graham Kornmeyer as the New Director of Golf Maintenance – Tom Judson

- Graham Kornmeyer gave his background –
    - Last role was at Southern Trace Golf Course in Shreveport, Louisiana
        - 425 members
        - 23,000 rounds per year
        - Low round, big budget club with high end conditions
    - At Black Diamond Ranch in Florida prior to that for 5yrs
        - 45 holes
        - Fazzio design
        - Phenomenal design
    - Mid-range public golf courses prior to that
    - University of Georgia Graduate
    - Certified Golf Course Superintendent since 2018
    - In the business for 22yrs

Approval of the February 14th meeting- Jerry Foster made motion to approve. Dave Armstrong Seconded it. Unanimous approval.

Course reports – See course reports.

Golf Facilities Reviews are assigned

as shown below. Country Club-

Jim Estes Dogwood/Brittany-

Brad Lawrence

Highlands-Gary Mertz

Kingswood/Berksdale-

David Degraf

Scotsdale-Jerry Foster

Tanyard Creek-Kimela Mullen

Staff Reports:

- **Maintenance – Keith Ihms**
    - Still early and need to wait to see how areas green up over next 30-45 days.
    - Aeration and fertilization programs have started and positive results will begin to show up when temperatures are in the 60°'s at night
    - When aerified Country Club 2wks ago it was 34° at 10:00am when started, which was not ideal. Could not get sand all brushed in because it was wet and the next morning it was frozen and made it hard to work into the holes

- Early season aerification requires follow-up over the next couple of weeks to do some top dressing and finishing up. Unfortunately, we missed that in the schedule this year because we didn't start the maintenance days early enough. Some things already planned to help with that and addressing it in the Spring aeration schedule this year.

- Traffic areas, tees and walk up need work. So much play has been moved to the front tees. Most of those are small.and made out of sand, which does not survive the winter well. Good idea to relocate tee markers from white to yellow to allow for recovery.

Projects:

- Ready to sod the tees on the back of #6 and walk across on #8 at Country Club. Two (2) truck loads of sod scheduled to arrive on April 16 & 17th. More sod to arrive in the week of April 22nd to address other areas that need to be filled in as well.
- The new tee box at the back of Highlands driving range didn't make it. Will be resodding.

CAPITAL PROJECTS COMPLETED

- A new variable speed booster pump is going in at Scottsdale to help water flow up the hill on #14. Should be done in a couple of weeks.

- Dave Armstrong asked Keith if there is any funds in the capital budget to replace/replant the trees that had been removed that changed how the holes played on specific golf courses. For example, #9 on Scottsdale and #4 on Country Club.

    - Keith responded this would be an operational budget expense and not a capital expense. There was not any money put in the operational budget for tree replacement this year, but Darryl and now Graham are aware of the issue.

    - Gary asked Keith how much a tree cost and Keith responded it depended on the size and type of tree. However, a substantial tree could cost around $1,500 - $2,500 planted. Gary said the Friends of Highlands might be able to provide money to purchase one tree.

- **Golf Operations-Darryl**

2024 February and March Round Report are as follows:

- February 2024 rounds ended at 9,939.
    - Up by 4,000 over last year.
    - January was really cold and rounds were down.
- March 2024 rounds over 17,000
    - Up by 8,038 over last year
- Total Rounds YTD are at 30,020
    - Up by 9,300 rounds over last year.
- Range buckets are down because of Tanyard being closed. YTD at 8,500, down 4,465 from 2023
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- Golf Expo was a great success
    - 250 Guests
    - Sign up with all the groups was great
    - Lots of new faces
    - Will be moved to big hall in 2025
- Had three (3) fittings at Highlands YTD.

- First one done a little early, but the others have been very successful
- These are golf fittings and not demo days. Professionally fitted by the brand representatives. Expectations of 2024. Continue growing golf and programs. The biggest challenge will be Tanyard Creek being closed during remodel.

- Tanyard Creek Update
  - The architect was out and moved one of the target greens a little bit to make more visible, extended the one in the front and put the fake bunker in the middle to allow for more pin placements and target areas.
  - Made the two tier tee box one level. Might have to bring in dirt to raise one side for drainage.
  - Put little mounds in front of it and adding some small flags so you have a short game area.
  - The irrigation is in the process of going in.
  - Buildings are formed and everything has met code according to the city. The footings are in and we are waiting on the plumbing and electricity to go underneath. Then we expect to pour the slab within the next 2 weeks.
  - Working with interior designer on the inside of the building.
  - Parking space is very limited for private carts at Tanyard for Country Clug and Darryl said they are encouraging people to not bring their private cats and to use the ones provided by Country Club. Not saying private cars are not allowed, but parking space is very limited, and he encourages using the ones available.
  - With rounds up, it is more difficult to provide spectator carts. They are still available but recommend calling first to check. Golfer cart requirements come before spectator. Please try to understand carts are in shorter supply with rounds up like they are.
    - If a spectator is riding with a golfer, there is no charge. If a spectator is using a cart without a golfer in the cart, they are charged.

Tournaments Alex-

- Darryl filled in for Alex.
- The 3-person scramble at Dogwood went very well.
- Folds of Honor coming up at Highlands is still a little light on participants.
- Operation 36 is rocking.
  - Seventeen ladies and 2 classes are going already.
  - Had first juniors 4/11 and it was full.
- **General Management-Tom**
  - Next Tues 4/16 at 3:00pm will be having the second tour of Kingswood facility and encourage people to come out and see the changes that have been made to the Pro Shop and the new restaurant.
  - Emailed ballots for board election have been sent. If haven't received it yet please check your spam file. Mailed ballots should be hitting your mailbox within the next few days.
    - Encourage you to do some research to make an informed vote, but most importantly, vote.
    - Vote, Vote, Vote

- **General Committee Comments**

- **Board Liaisons-Jerre, Jason**

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

- **Old Business**

  - Superintendent's Revenge at Dogwood
    - Ruth encouraged everyone to put together a team and play
    - Darryl said there will be 2 tournaments.
      - Shotgun start at 2:00pm on Friday May 24th.
      - Tee Times on Saturday May 25th

- Ruth presented 2024 Bella Vista Golf FORE Charity is scheduled for Wednesday May 22nd. – See attached flyer
    - All greens fees on this day from all seven (7) POA courses will be donated this years non-profit charities:
        - Bella Vista Animal Shetler
        - Bella Vista Historical Museum
        - Bella Vista Community TV
        - Bella Vista Courtesy Van
        - Boys and Girls Club of Benton County – Bella Vista Unit
    - Bella Vista Foundation is sponsoring a Silent Auction and wine tree to enhance our funds for non-profit charities. This event will be held at Bella Vista Country Club May 22-25th with 100% of the proceeds distributed by Bella Vista Foundation to support projects of local non-profits.
    - Need items for silent auction. Each item with a value of $75.
        - Lesser value items accepted and will be combined with other items.
    - Need donations of wine.(any variety) to include with the wine tree sales.
    - All donations are greatly appreciated and tax deductible.
    - Encourage all golfers to play on Wednesday, May 22nd and support "Golf Fore Charities".
    - Sock-It-To Me
        - Socks will be placed on each golf cart in hopes each of the golfers will contribute to the sock.
        - Last year raised $3,888
- **New Business**
- **Announcements:**
    - Next Golf JAC Regular Meeting – Wednesday, May 8th, 2024 at 4:00pm, Boardroom.

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