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

Attendees: Dave Armstrong, Jerre Barron, David DeGraf, Jim Estes, Jerry Foster, Ruth Hatcher, Tom Judson, Brad Lawrence, Gary Mertz, Jessica McCrary, Darryl Muldoon, Jason Loyd, Graham Kornmeyer.

Absent: Kimela Mullen

For more detail of the meeting, review: Committees » Bella Vista Property Owners Association (bellavistapoa.com)

(Select the July 10 Meeting 'Video')

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

Election of Officers **– One-year terms**

- Dave Armstrong nominated Ruth Hatcher as Chair; Dave DeGraf seconded. Unanimously all in favor.
- Gary Mertz nominated Dave Armstrong as Vice Chair; Jim Estes seconded. Unanimously all in favor.
- Gary Mertz accepted the Secretary position for the Golf JAC.

Approval **of the May 8th meeting**- Brad Lawrence made a motion to approve the May 8th minutes, Jerry Foster seconded. Unanimously all in favor.

Golf Facilities' Reports – All course operations were in good order. Comments were made about the condition of the fairways for a few of the courses. This will be discussed later in the meeting during Capital Improvement ideas discussion.

Golf Facilities Reviews for August 2024 – July 2025 were assigned as follows:

- **Country Club-Jim Estes**
- **Dogwood/Brittany- (New Member)**
- **Highlands-Brad Lawerence**
- **Kingswood/Berksdale-David DeGraf**
- **Scotsdale-Jerry Foster**
- **Tanyard Creek-Kimela Mullen**

Staff Reports:

- **Maintenance – Graham Kornmeyer**
  - Summary of the report is below.
- Please view the link provided for the full report. 7-10-24-JAG-Meeting-Golf-Course-Maintenance-Report.pdf (bellavistapoa.com)

Summer aeration

Tee and collar core aeration was completed on all courses on June 17th-20th. This process was rough on the machines as the ground was extremely compacted. Ideally moving forward, we would look to accomplish this task twice a summer as it will provide immense benefits to the turf and improve playing conditions. Scotsdale and Brittany greens were core aerated on June 24th and 25th. Scotsdale and Brittany greens will be core aerated again on August 24th and 25th.

The first round of Bermuda sod work was completed in June. o 3.4 acres of Bermuda and Zoysia grass has been sodded to replace areas of winterkill on all courses so far. We are scheduled to begin laying 1.5 acres of new sod this week to replace the majority of bare areas still out there on tees, fairways, and collars.

We continue to promote new turf growth and alleviate soil compaction through slicing of fairways and weak areas and building turf density and health through extra fertilizer being applied to Bermuda playing surfaces during the summer while growing conditions are optimal.

Zoysia sod and sprig trial underway at the Highlands, so far so good! Hole #1 fairway at Highlands was sodded with Meyer zoysia grass and opened for play 21 days after planting. Hole #18 was sprigged with

- **Golf Operations-Darryl**

2024 June Rounds Report are as follows:

- June rounds ended at 26,222.
  - Down by 133 over last year.
  - Members rounds ended at 14,839.
    - Down 587 over last year's June.
  - Guest rounds ended at 11,383.
    - Up by 454 over last year's June.
- Pro Shops ended the month of June at 115% to budget.
- The year-to-date rounds ended at 96,507.
  - Up by 3,304 over last year.
  - Members rounds ended at 61,106.
    - Up by 1,709 over last year.
  - Guest rounds ended at 35,401.
    - Up by 1,595 over last year.

Tournaments Alex-

- 1st Junior Camp in June was a great success, 40 children attended!
- Next Junior Camp for July is Full!!
- All in the Family event held at Kingswood July 27th is almost at capacity.
- Parent Child held at Brittany 9-hole course is August 10th
- The Men's Championship Club is held August 17th & 18th at the Country Club.
- Ops 36 is going in full force
- Ladies chip & sip has an event coming up in the fall.

Board Liaisons-David, Jerre, and Kathleen

Comments/Emails from the Public: None

Old Business

- Applications from prospective JAG candidates have been received. There are 7 candidates in the running for 1 seat. The candidates have submitted their responses to 3 questions. The submission responses will be sent out to the JAG committee for review. Ruth H. will send out a request to each JAG member for their top 3 candidates. The selection of the new JAG member will be sent to the Board of Directors for final approval.

New Business

- **Winter cart path rules were discussed. It was the consensus of the committee that the Golf Operations would send out a survey to golfing members for their direct input. This needs to be done quickly so that we can give golfers advanced notice of what the winter cart path rules will be. JAG members were encouraged to send Golf Operations 3 perspective questions. This topic will be discussed at the next JAG committee meeting.**
- ***Budget recommendations to the Board*: Ideas were discussed, and the number 1 issue was the re-surfacing of the fairways and levelling of the tees. It was also discussed to purchase the equipment to make this happen so that we can undertake this effort with our own maintenance staff and not outsource the work. It is the consensus of the JAG committee to the Board, the number one priority of the JAG committee was *IMPROVE THE FAIRWAYS AND TEES WITH BETTER TURF, LEVELING OF TEES AND PROCURING THE EQUIPMENT IN HOUSE TO FACILIATE THIS* . A motion was made by Jerry Foster, seconded by Jim Estes, and approved unanimously that this will be our submission to the Board for Budgeting purposes**

Announcements

- **Next Golf JAC Regular Meeting – Wednesday, August 14th, 2024, at 4:00pm, Boardroom.**

Meeting Adjourn – Ruth Hatcher adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.