Golf Joint Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, **August 14th, 2024**, 4:00pm BVCC and Livestream

Attendees: Dave Armstrong, Jerre Barron, David DeGraf, Jim Estes, Jerry Foster, Ruth Hatcher, Gary Mertz, Kimela Mullen, Clay Merritt, Jessica McCrary, Darryl Muldoon, Graham Kornmeyer, Tom Judson, Dave Brandenberg, Jerre Barron, Alex Sanford
Absent: Brad Lawrence (*Proxy given to Ruth Hatcher*)

For more details of the meeting, review: Committees » Bella Vista Property Owners Association (bellavistapoa.com) (Select the August 14 Meeting 'Video')

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

Minutes – Motion to approve minutes was made by Jerry Foster, seconded by Dave Armstrong. Approved unanimously

Business Items: Tom Judson presented the annual Advisory Committee Policy

Golf Facility Reports:

- BVCC (Jim Estes): 4th green will be expanded by 2,000 sq ft, back to it's original design; Pro Shop in great shape; tee boxes were a little long and needed mowing
- Dogwood (Clay Merritt): No report; Clay is new to the committee and will report next month
- Highlands (Brad Lawerence): No report (absence)
- Kingswood/Berksdale (Dave DeGraf): Pro shop now open and beautiful! Private carts are now allowed on Berksdale
- Scotsdale (Jerry Foster): Scotsdale is in great condition, the greens are smooth and fast, fairways in great shape. Kyle Soller, superintendent, should be congratulated for the condition Scotsdale is in
- Tanyard (Kimela Mullen): New construction coming along nicely; heavy use of the range at Highlands

Golf Operations – Darryl Muldoon reporting

- July was a very hot month, but golf rounds were close to July 2023 performance; golf rounds were slightly down in July (27 rounds) from July 2023: Member rounds up from July 2023 (691 rounds), guest rounds down from July 2023 (718 rounds)
- Year to date rounds up from record setting 2023 rounds by 3,450!
- Pro shop ended the month at 95% of budget; shortfall was primarily due to the closure of Kingswood's shop for remodeling
- Range buckets down Y-T-D because of the closure of Tanyard; we still have had 29,409 buckets Y-T-D
- Tanyard Driving Range and Facility coming along very nicely. Watch a time-lapsed video of the construction (Tanyard Creek Timelapse of Construction 8-1-2024 » Bella Vista Property Owners Association (bellavistapoa.com)
- AJGA, a national golf tour for juniors 14 - 18, is scheduled for Aug 29 – Sep 2; junior golfers from all over the world will be participating; Darryl M thanked the volunteers that make this event the best event on the AJGA tour. AJGA officials have commented about how organized BV is and making the players and their families welcomed to Bella Vista and The Highlands
- Alex Sanford reported that scheduled events have filled out with players. Operation 36 is starting its final sessions and there are slots still open for those interested; men's championships start this weekend

Golf Course Maintenance Operation – Graham Kornmeyer reporting

- Scotsdale and Brittany greens will be core-aerated Aug 26-28 and the rest of the course Sep 23 – 28
- 5.2 acres of sod has been laid on winter kill spots on all courses
- BVCC #4 green will be expanded to it's original design adding 2,000 sq ft to the size
- Fall fertilization will be applied to all tees and fairways to strengthen the turf going into fall and winter; hopefully this will help reduce the amount of winter kill we experienced last winter
- Zoysia sod and sprig trial on Highlands #18 is coming along; we are in our 61st day of 90-day trial; there are some things that we could have done better; this gained knowledge will help for future sprigging operations
- Trying to determine the best sprigging rate, hole #18 was sprigged with Zoysia at different rates – 1/3 of the fairway was sprigged with 600 bushels, another third was sprigged at 1200 bushels and the final third was sprigged with 1800 bushels
- Sodding of hole #1 at Highlands has performed great; barriers will be removed in the next 2 weeks
- Tanyard's Bermuda grass has fully grown in and is being mowed. Tanyard was sprigged with bermuda
- Sprigging in March and April are preferable to sprigging in the summer for a trail as we have done
- The putting green rough at BVCC will be sodded with bermuda in late September

Old Business – Ruth Hatcher reporting

It was confirmed that our top 3 budget recommendations to the Board for 2025 are

- Sprigging Fairways and Tee Boxes understanding that "The Sod to Sprig process" ***Machine*** should be purchased first
- Leveling of tees
- Tree Program to replace trees taken out on the course that changes the integrity of the Golfing Experience

Board Liaison Comments

- ***Jerre Barron*** asked if we knew why the lake at Kingswood is dry; need to investigate this but it is thought that the 'lake sprung a leak'; Graham K will look into this
- ***Dave Brandenberg*** asked "what could be done to stop golfers from parking in the 'restaurant parking spots' at BVCC; Dave Armstrong suggested that cones be placed in the reserved spots on days where there is an 8am shotgun scheduled, and Clay Merritt suggested that a note be placed on the car reminding the driver that the car is parked in a reserved spot. Darryl M will investigate putting cones out

Meeting adjourned at 4:50pm; Next meeting is Sep 11, 2024