Golf Joint Advisory Committee Meeting MINUTES

Meeting Date: **Sep 11, 2024**

4:00pm BVCC & Livestream

Attendance:	***In Attendance***	***Absent***	***Attendance:***	***In Attendance***	***Absent***
1. Armstrong, Dave	__X____	_____	Jerre Barron	__X__	_____
2. DeGraf, Dave	__X____	_____	Darryl Muldoon	__X__	_____
3. Estes, Jim	__X____	_____	Graham Kornmeyer	__X__	_____
4. Foster, Jerry	__X___	_____	Jason Loyd	_____	__X__
5. Hatcher, Ruth	__X___	_____	Tom Judson	__X__	_____
6. Lawerence, Brad	__X___	_____	Jessica McCrary	__X__	_____
7. Mertz, Gary	__X___	_____	Alex Sanford	__X__	_____
8. Merritt, Clay	__X___	_____	Dave Brandenberg	__X__	_____
9. Mullen, Kimela	__X___	_____			

CALL TO ORDER: R. Hatcher call the meeting to order at 4:00pm

Approval of last month's Meeting Minutes

Motion by: ***Jerry Foster*** Seconded by: ***Dave Armstrong*** Approved: ***Yes*** ~~No~~

BUSINESS ITEMS:

No business items discussed

GOLF FACILITIES' REPORTS:

BVCC (J. Estes): ***Everything in great shape; Dave Armstrong commented on the condition of the tables and umbrellas on the patio – need more tables and umbrellas need updating***

DOGWOOD (C. Merritt): ***Friendly staff, course in great shape, par 3 holes need sand and buckets repaired***

HIGHLANDS (B. Lawerence): ***In good shape, thank you to Greg and his staff, and Graham K, for their amazing cleanup of the course prior to the start of the AJGA; distance markers are now back on the course***

KINGSWOOD/BERKSDALE (D. DeGraf): ***Course in good shape; new clubhouse is awesome***

SCOTSDALE (J. Foster): ***Great shape, greens responded quickly to being punched and sanded within a week; the core harvester used to clean the cores off the greens will be used at other courses; Megan and Kelly are great in the clubhouse***

TANYARD (K. Mullens):***Construction is moving along; Highland lower-level practice area will be seeded/top dressed next week followed by the middle area the following week***

STAFF REPORTS:

GOLF OPERATIONS (D. Muldoon): ***See attached report or visit*** September-Golf-JAC-Packet.pdf (bellavistapoa.com) ***on the POA website for full report.***

Summary points:

- ***AJGA was another great success thanks to the volunteers, Alex and his staff, Ruth H. and Gary M.***
- ***August 2024 member and guest rounds were up for the month compared to August 2023***

- ***YTD rounds up 5,447 over last year – both member and guest rounds are up***
- ***Pro Shops 107% to budget***
- ***Range buckets YTD 33,732***

COURSE MAINTENANCE (G. Kornmeyer): ***See attached report or visit*** September-Golf-JAC-Packet.pdf (bellavistapoa.com) ***on the POA website for full report.***

Summary points:

- ***BVCC, Dogwood, Highlands, Kingswood, and Berksdale scheduled for green aeration the week of 9/23 – 28***
- ***Tees and fairways will be fertilized in Sep and Oct to strengthen the turf for this fall and winter***
- ***Colorants (a green appearance) on BVCC, Kingswood, Dogwood, and Scotsdale will be applied to fairways and tees to warm the soil surface and provide a more aesthetic appearance over the fall and winter months***
- ***Expansion of BVCC #4 green is underway to increase the size of the putting surface by 2,000 sq ft; the expanded area will be out of play for a while***
- ***Kentucky Blue Grass will be seeded around the practice green at BVCC***
- ***Zoysia sprigging on Highlands results to date:***
    - ***1st third of the 18th fairway had a single pass (600 bushels/acre); this rate of sprigging is not viable for Zoysia***
    - ***Middle third of the 18th fairway had a double pass (1200 bushels/acre); this coverage is about 80% covered after 12 weeks and about 3 weeks behind the triple rate of planting***
    - ***Final third, closest to the green, had a triple pass (1800 bushels/acre); this is the ideal rate to establish Zoysia grass sprigs; it is about 90% overed after 12 weeks***
    - ***This test was conducted in the summer months; best time to sprig Zoysia in the Spring (March/April) for the best growing conditions; this should improve the growing conditions***
    - ***If this Zoysia replacement is approved by the Board, Highlands would be closed from the first sprigging (March) through July/August to allow the grass to fully grow in. Carts would be on paths until the grass was completely established.***
- ***Tanyard Bermuda sprigs are established and are being mowed at desired cut heights.***

TOURNAMENTS (A. Sanford): ***See Tournament Schedule*** (GOLF TOURNAMENTS » Bella Vista Property Owners Association (bellavistapoa.com):

Club Championships were successfully held last week; Prostate and Rally in Pink events are coming up.

BOARD LIASON COMMENTS*: *Nothing to report

PUBLIC EMAILS/COMMENTS*: *Don Butts addressed the committee about looking at the cart path hills on Highlands #1 and #6 and Dogwood. He is concerned that these 2 locations could be dangerous as was the cart path on Berksdale that has been reworked.

OLD BUSINESS*: *Car Path Survey Results:

- ***Keep carts on paths at BVCC and Scotsdale from the middle of November to the end of March (68.8% agree or strongly agree, 25.5% disagree or strongly disagree)***
- ***Allow "Blue Flag" golfers to take carts off path using the 90-degree rule (55.3% agree or strongly agree, 30.4% disagree or strongly disagree)***
- ***Strictly enforce the "Blue-flag rules***

Committee unanimously accepted the survey results

NEW BUSINESS*: *Tree roots have been cut where they have interfered with the cart paths. It was discussed whether there was any way to level the cart paths where the roots have damaged the path. No solutions were presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS*: *None to report

NOTES*: *Next meeting October 9, 2024