Golf Joint Advisory Committee Meeting MINUTES

Meeting Date: April 9, 2025
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. Mullens, Kimela	_X____	_____	Jeff Hendren	_X__	_____
10.			Hannah Hellyer	_X__	_____

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

Approval of last month's Meeting Minutes

Motion by: **Dave Armstrong** Seconded by: **Jim Estes** Approved: **Yes** ~~No~~

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Ruth Hatcher asked to move one of the "old Business Items – "Facilities / Course Review Form" to the May meeting when Clay Merritt can be in attendance. Passed unanimously.

Hannah Hellyer presented the founding document for the "***FUTURES GOLF ACADEMY – YOUTH PROGRAM***". *The full document is attached*. Among the many goals of the academy are (1) $1,000 Scholarship for a HS Senior with a GPA of a 3.5 or higher, (2) $500 Ambassador program to a local Junior golfer to help alleviate travel expenses as he/she participates in tournaments, (3) Financial aid for under privileged juniors pursuing golf. Rental clubs will be needed to assist with providing fitted clubs for some of its members.

GOLF FACILITIES' REPORTS:

BVCC (**J. Estes**):Good shape; fairways came through the winter in good shape, much due to the Carts on Path program; some loose branches/brush to clean up after the storm.

DOGWOOD (**C. Merritt**): (Reported by **Gary Mertz** in Clay's absence) Pro shop, carts and course are in good shape coming out of the winter; practice cages need new balls and *mats (D. Muldoon said new mats are coming and new balls are available)*; some Blue Flag riders are abusing the rights and driving to close to greens; no sand on Par 3s except #2; #16 tee box in poor shape.

HIGHLANDS (**B. Lawerence**): No Report – Highlands is closed for fairway renovation.

KINGSWOOD/BERKSDALE (**D. DeGraf**): Everything Is in good shape; greens we putting very smoothly.

SCOTSDALE (**J. Foster**):Course is in good shape; some cleanup needed after the storm

TANYARD (**K. Mullens**): Deferred report to **Darryl Muldoon** – Tanyard Driving range was on the agenda to discuss.

STAFF REPORTS: See on-line reports: **Committees » Bella Vista Property Owners Association (bellavistapoa.com)**

GOLF OPERATIONS (**D. Muldoon**): Review Tanyard Creek Driving Range now open; it's been very busy since the opening last week; The Cave, simulator, has been heavily booked; Booking The Cave is just like booking a tee time – available times are on-line; if The Cave is not showing up on-line, it means that there are no available times; play is down from last year primarily due to Highland being closed and poor weather in Jan and Feb; **Gary Mertz** reported that were no holes in the putting green at Tanyard – D. Muldoon and G. Kornmeyer said holes will be punch after the grass has settled in; *SEE STAFF REPORTS ON-LINE FOR MORE DETAILS.*

MAINTENANCE (**G. Kornmeyer**): All courses have been fertilized and seeing good growth where it has been applied; grass is greening up nicely, end of the month will give us a better idea about winter kill; no major flooding from the recent rain, some cleanup still needed; Carts on Path this winter at BVCC and Scotsdale have made a tremendous difference in the turf condition going into Spring; debris cleanup from the storm is on-going; some finishing grading and sodding at Tanyard is scheduled for next week; pond liner on hole #6 Kingwood is on-hold until summer to let water drain out – rains and Sugar Creek have filled up the excavated pond area and it needs to dry out before the liner can be installed; the Highlands Zoysia sprigging was discussed and everything appears to be going to plan, should see more positive results in May. *SEE STAFF REPORTS ON-LINE FOR MORE DETAILS.*

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

The events have begun and registration going well; read Golf Update for more details about upcoming events; Op 36 dong very well, more classes were added to address the demand**;** SHOT in the DARK event has been moved to October due to the unavailability of Highlands.

BOARD LIASON COMMENTS**:** No comments

PUBLIC EMAILS/COMMENTS**:** Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS**:** Gold Tees – some ladies have expressed concern about tees not being level; **D. Muldoon** and **Graham Kornmeyer** will review the situation and report back to the committee; it's been 5 years since the tee location were created and some wear and tear may be causing some unevenness.

NEW BUSINESS**: Nothing to report**

ANNOUNCEMENTS**:** Next meeting is May 14, 2025, in the BVCC Board Room at 4:pm

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