

Cottonwood Palo Verde
Golf Committee
Meeting Minutes: February 6, 2014

Members Present: Cindy Bosch, Richard Hair, Lee Brechtel, Joseph Ficek, Jim Gillespie, Jay Nelson, Liz Hall, Les Clark

Members Absent: Rita Benfer

Board Liaison: Don Hicks

Staff Present: Steve Nolan, General Manager

Visitors Present: Paul Rogers, Chairman-Communication Committee

The Chairman, Richard Hair called the meeting to order at 3 p.m. A motion to accept the minutes of the January 9, 2014 meeting was made by Cindy Bosch and seconded by Joe Ficek. Motion passed.

Staff Reports: Bill Todd reported the warm weather has contributed to good conditions throughout both golf courses. The rye grass is getting thick and the greens are goods. Bill would like to continue the 8:30 a.m. shotgun starts as long as possible. Joe Ficek mentioned what looked like erosion of conditions on number 14 fairway. The maintenance crew had laid sand on the fairway which would appear as "tracking" but the fairway is fine. Bill is continually watching conditions and will close any fairways if he feels it's necessary. Rye grass thinning will begin in the spring.

Desmond Dakin reported rounds of golf are good with membership purchases at or slightly below budget. Cottonwood "gentleman" 9'ers had 22 golfers for their first outing and twilight couple is going very well.

Greg Tokash is working to promote demo days to increase sales for the pro shops. Don Hicks questioned the reason for the smaller participation at the PV Member/Guest this year. There are a variety of reasons; health concerns, aging population, other commitments, trouble finding a partner and whether a participant has is the acceptable number of rounds to play.

Old Business:

Items for the Facilities and Grounds 2 year Plan included modification of the driving range which is already on a previous plan. Richard Hair made a motion seconded by Jay Nelson to construct a chipping green at Palo Verde. The committee passed the motion. Don Hicks explained the process. This proposal will be the first step for 2015 approval. The proposal is a conceptual plan only, not a plan for construction and will be submitted to the Facilities and Grounds Committee.

Bill Todd explained the Long Range Planning Team. Members are Steve Nolan, Bill Todd, Steve Miller, Mike Reinhart, Richard Hawkes and assigned homeowners. This group will help define priorities and goals and will work in conjunction with the Facilities and Grounds Committee accessing projects big and small.

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Bill Todd gave an update on the Cottonwood Pro Shop remodel; pending board approval, the remodel will include new signs, extending the porch and improved landscaping .

Lee Brechtel presented an example of material for the golf committee web-site. Paul Rogers and Joe Ficek commented an actual card with a place for a narrative and a signature will generate more comments than communicating through the web-site. Liz Hall made a motion which was seconded by Jim Gillespie for Lee Brechtel to design and submit a card to the Communication Committee for vetting. Motion passed. Bill Todd will check on a price for card stock and Jim Gillespie will make two boxes (one for each Pro-Shop) as soon as we get specific dimensions and approval to proceed.

After discussing the possibilities of remodeling the 5th Green on Palo Verde it was decided that no action will be taken.

Richard Hair inquired about the status of the cart storage facility at PV. The project is still in the “red-line” stage at the County due to complications with the internal electrical system. As soon as we receive the permit the bidding process will begin.

New Business:

None

Comments for Visitors

Paul Rogers requested any articles about the Golf Committee or Golfing activities be submitted by the 20th of April for the CottonVerde quarterly magazine.

Comments from Committee Members

Jim Gillespie thinks the Palo Verde tree in the middle of the PV parking lot is a congestion problem. The Palo Verde Men and Ladies clubs will be canvassed for comments on the subject.

Cindy Bosch commented that cart paths at PV are slippery. Bill Todd will be working on cart paths and will take a look at critical areas.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Liz Hall