

Cottonwood Palo Verde
Golf Committee
Meeting Minutes May 1, 2014

Members Present: Cindy Bosch, Richard Hair, Lee Brechtel, Joseph Ficek, Jim Gillispie, Liz Hall, Rita Benfer, Dean Hermanson

Members Absent: Jay Nelson

Board Liaison: Don Hicks

Staff Present: Steve Nolan, General Manager, Bill Todd, Greg Tokash

Visitors Present: Dick Howell, Paul Rogers, Chairman, Communication Committee

Chairman Richard Hair called the meeting to order at 3 p.m. An amendment to the minutes of the April meeting was read. A motion to approve the minutes including the amendment was made by Cindy Bosch, seconded by Jim Gillispie. Motion approved

Staff Reports:

Bill Todd reported five days of low humidity and wind has made it hard to keep water on the courses. Special areas on the back nine at Cottonwood will be getting attention as needed. Aerification of greens will begin the first week of June on Cottonwood and will begin June 9th on Palo Verde. Summer projects will include leveling of selected tee boxes during monsoon. Some trees will need to be removed on Palo Verde by the right side of number 18 and the left side of number 9 to encourage grass to grow. The fence lines on Palo Verde have limited grass because water runs off the slopes. Some areas in front of fences will be selected for seeding and sod will be added on selected patches. Future projects will include bunker renovation, cart path replacements and development of a conceptual plan for the Palo Verde practice area. Rita Benfer had questions for Bill from the CW 18 hole ladies April committee meeting. Would it be possible to have 7 a.m. shotguns on Thursday? Bill will consider after June. There is a need for signage going into both sides of the tunnel under Alma School. Bill agreed. Can the rakes go back into the bunkers? There was discussion by the committee. Rita made a motion, seconded by Dean Hermanson to put rakes into the bunkers. Motion failed. Are big tires on some of the newer golf carts "regulation?" If there is a question the pro's ask Bill who has several maintenance vehicles with large tires which don't harm the golf courses.

Bill suggested a sub-committee be formed to make suggestions and meet with Mike Gogle who will come up with a conceptual plan for the practice facility at Palo Verde. The sub-committee is: Dick Howell, Cindy Bosch, Jack Hill, Liz Hall, Richard Hair and Greg Tokash. The sub-committee will meet with Mike and Bill Wednesday, May 7th at 7 a.m. Don Hicks reviewed the process. A conceptual plan will be designed, then brought to the Golf Committee for review and "tweaking". The committee will approve the plan and then forward to the Facility and Grounds Committee for their approval prior to submission to the Board of Directors.

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Greg Tokash gave the monthly activity report for Palo Verde including current rounds played and memberships sold. Twilight golf will begin Thursday May 8th At Palo Verde and Wednesday May 7th at Cottonwood. The second Assistant-Pro's skin game was well attended and enjoyed by everyone. Greg and Desmond would like to make that a standard event for the Assistants. Joe Ficek asked about revenue since golf rounds are down. Richard Hair attended the Board meeting and stated golf revenue is up. Steve Nolan said the association issued twice as many guest passes compared to this time last year.

Old Business:

The Golf Committee received 6 suggestion cards. (see attached page)

Richard Hair attended the Facility and Grounds Committee meeting. Leveling of the driving range T-Box is on the Two Year Plan for consideration for next year.

New Business: None

Comments from Visitors:

Don Hicks welcomed Dean Hermanson to the Golf Committee. He said since the Assistance Pros' Skin Game was such a success, he suggested getting the word out about the next event as early as possible to encourage attendance. He reinforced the need to refer questions to the appropriate chairperson if you don't know the answer.

Paul Rogers said the new web-site is up and running with a direct link to Chelsea for golf sign-up.

Dean Hermanson asked Steve Nolan if we could have signs that discourage walkers and joggers using the cart path between holes 12 and 13 on Cottonwood as it crosses Sherwood Way and on the cart path around 16 going to East Michigan from the club house?

Jim Gillispie asked that the June meeting be moved to June 6th since most of the Golf Committee will be unable to attend the meeting June 5th. Richard will get a room for that day and email the members of the location. He reminded the membership the June meeting would begin at 1 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Liz Hall

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Golf Comment Cards – April – Six

Card Received March 31, 2014. Golfer would like clarification of rules on Cottonwood #16 when golf ball goes into either lake. The golf pros recommended using the designated drop area on the south edge of the green. The solution was posted on the web-site “in-the-know”.

Four cards received April 10, 2014. The CW lady 9er’s requested a revised shot-gun when the CW 18 hole ladies have a special event that pushes the afternoon shot-gun back sometimes by ½ hour to 45 minutes depending on the event. Desmond referred the Executive Committee of the 9er’s to meet with the 18 hole ladies to coordinate calendars so that the 9 hole ladies know which days will have a delayed shot-gun.

Card received April 15, 2014. Golfer requested yellow stake near green in middle of fairway on #12 be removed. Bill Todd explained to the golfer the continued need for the stakes on that part of the fairway which is still being monitored for growth.