

Cottonwood Palo Verde
Golf Committee
Meeting Minutes October 2, 2014

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

Members Absent: Jim Gillispie

Board Liaison: Don Hicks

Staff Present: Bill Todd, Desmond Dakin, Greg Tokash

Visitors Present: John Mitchell, Dick Howell, Martha Lubeach, John Larsen, Jack Hill

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. Motion to approve minutes from September 4 meeting was made by Jay Nelson and seconded by Joe Ficek.

Don Hicks introduced John Mitchell who will represent the Communication Committee as liaison to the Golf Committee for the upcoming year.

Staff Reports:

Bill Todd commented that in spite of the "100 year storm" both golf courses did well. The tunnel under Alma School filled up with debris and needed to be cleared out to help the pump clear the water from the tunnel.

Palo Verde over-seeding is complete and Bill is optimistic about conditions. This is the first season in his memory that over-seeding conditions have been so moist. Over-seeding at Cottonwood is on schedule. The mound of sand in the parking lot will be removed this coming week.

Desmond Dakin reported events during August. Twilight couples and the Gentlemen 9ers will play on alternate Thursday afternoons beginning in November through April. Renovations inside and out at the Cottonwood Pro Shop are complete. The yearly calendar has been completed and will be available October 15th. There will be more opportunities for members to play with the pro staff this season.

Greg Tokash reported September activities. The twilight couples format changed and participation doubled. The fall assistant pro skins game was a great success and Palo Verde Night golf had 60 players. Greg is considering a night golf event in Mid-January. Don Hicks asked if the heat contributed to rounds being down. Both pro's explained over-all rounds played were standard for the time of year.

Old Business:

There were no suggestion cards to review.

The proposed sand bunker at the Cottonwood Driving Range will be reviewed by both Golf Pro's, Bill Todd and Dick Howell. Bill Todd will get a "ball park" figure for the cost of stairs leading to the bunker and give the estimate to the Facilities and Grounds Committee when a final plan has been approved by the Golf committee.

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The sub-committee met on Thursday, August 25th to discuss The Short Game Facility at Palo Verde. Greg Tokash had roped off the entire area to give the committee a better feel for the scale of the project. Jay Nelson made a motion that the Golf Committee approve Plan A that includes a sand bunker. Cindy Bosch seconded the motion. The committee approved the motion that will be delivered to the Facility and Grounds Committee.

New Business:

Joe Ficek would like The Committee to consider placing a commemorative bench near the new placement of shade trees on the men's tee box on hole number 13 at Cottonwood. After discussion by the committee Joe has agreed to come up with a plan to include, locations for other benches on the Cottonwood Golf Course, designs for a standard bench to be used and various prices which he will present to the committee.

Comments from Visitors:

John Larsen commented on the need for benches. There are more golfers walking on Cottonwood and benches in strategic locations would be welcome.

Comments from Committee Members:

Cindy Bosch said the Tournament for "Feed the Starving Children" was poorly organized by the organizing sponsor. Desmond agreed and has already come up with a format for next year to alleviate much of the confusion. She asked why the Driving Range is closed, Bill replied the need for a two week growing period. There is concern that golf carts with large tires could damage the golf courses. Those carts must have correct sized tires approved by the Pro's.

Rita Benfer asked if there is a difference in "local rules" for men and women. There is no difference.

Joe Ficek asked when there will be golf cart parking near the driving range. Bill said it will open October 13th.

Dean Hermanson questioned the local rule about taking relief from the $\frac{3}{4}$ rock that has leaked onto the golf course from people's yards near their fences. Only $\frac{3}{4}$ rock placed by golf course staff qualifies for relief.

Liz Hall requested next year's committee meetings start at 1 pm. Rita Benfer suggested 2 pm and made a motion to that affect, seconded by Joe Ficek. The motion passed, all future meetings for the fall will begin at 2 pm.

Comments from Board Liaison

Don Hicks reviewed the two projects from the Golf Committee presented to The Facilities and Grounds

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Committee. They are the sand bunker at the Cottonwood Driving range that is scheduled for 2015 and the proposal for a short game facility at Palo Verde which is scheduled for 2016. There is a possibility the proposal for the Palo Verde project might be moved to 2015.

On-going projects require continuity of leadership and knowledge of the projects. Cindy Bosch made a motion, seconded by Rita Benfer to recommend to The Board the extension of Richard Hair's membership on the Golf Committee to be extended by one term. Motion carried.

The golf Committee interviewed candidates to fill the two vacancies on the Golf Committee. The two candidates selected for a two-year term by the Golf Committee will be John Larsen and Joe Ficek. The committee will recommend to The Board that Richard Hair remain on the Golf Committee for an additional term.

The next meeting will be November 6th at 2 pm in the Ceramics room.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Liz Hall