

Cottonwood Palo Verde  
Golf Committee  
Meeting Minutes November 7, 2013

Members Present: Cindy Bosch, Richard Hair, Lee Bechtel, Jim Gillespie, Jay Nelson, Liz Hall, Rita Benfer, Les Clark

Members Absent: Joseph Ficek

Board Liaison: Don Hicks

Staff Present: Bill Todd, Greg Tokash, Desmond Dakin

Visitors Present: Jim Kedzie, Larry Nelson

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Richard Hair. Motion made and seconded to approve minutes of meeting October 3, 2013.

Richard turned the meeting over to Board Liaison Don Hicks for nomination of new "Officers" for the golf year 2014. Mr. Hicks welcomed all new committee members and opened the floor for nominations for Chairman, Vice Chair and Secretary. Jimmy Gillespie nominated Richard Hair for Chair, the nomination was seconded and passed. Jimmy also nominated Lee Bechtel for Vice-Chair and Liz Hall for Secretary; both nominations were seconded and passed.

Staff Reports:

Bill Todd reported satisfaction with over seeding conditions due in part to great weather and staff that are seasoned at both Palo Verde and Cottonwood and can react to conditions accordingly. The back nine on Cottonwood is coming along because of the preparation and top dressing that was done during the summer.

In March a chemical will be applied to kill the Rye grass to aid in a good transition for the summer months. More sand will be added to aid in the effort to improve drainage on the back nine.

Bill brought an example of a "stake" which is being used throughout Valley courses to control traffic in critical areas that suffer from too much cart use. Bill will monitor conditions daily and move the stakes as needed on the back nine at Cottonwood.

The new starting times will be monitored with the Golf Pro's to assure golfers are able to be off the course before dark. We are the only courses in the East Valley that does not have Frost Delays so our starting times are not affected by weather delays. It will be necessary to publicize the need for all golfers to be in their carts 15 minutes prior to starting shotguns so that everyone can finish before dark. Bill and Desmond will monitor finishing times and adjust times if necessary for December.

Desmond Dakin reported Demo Days and Clinics would begin in December. The availability to use credit cards to purchase memberships has been well received. Thus far Cottonwood has 50 NEW members. Desmond has hired 6 new Rangers who will work 4 days per week. A list of their new responsibilities

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will be compiled and noted on Chelsea and "In the Know" on the Sun Lakes web-site to inform golfers of the new position.

Greg Tokash reported this year the "Race for the Cure" Cancer Tournament will be called The ASU Cancer Tournament which will have a different format. Friday couples are in full swing. The Celebration of Golf was very successful, 315 people attended and 100 plus golfers attended the PV only get together in October 22nd.

Old Business:

Brian Mastin and Lee Bechtel are setting up a Golf Committee web-site . Subjects will include "Hot Topics" that affect and are of interest to the golfing community. Pictures and articles of interest will be included.

New Business:

Don Hicks explained the role of the Golf Committee for new members. Ours is an "advisory" role and as a team we are able to provide input from the golfing community to the Committee and make recommendations to the Board.

The Committees' role is to be liaison between the Golfing Community, Maintenance Staff and the Board of Directors. Charters are being revised and will be available soon.

The Chairman requested development of Golf Committee Goals for 2014 due December 15<sup>th</sup>.

The question of re-grassing the greens was discussed. Don Hicks recommended getting input from golfers that golf other courses .

The proposed leveling of the driving range was discussed. Is this to be included in the two-year plan?.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Liz Hall