

**Golf Committee
Cottonwood Palo Verde
Meeting Minutes of May 2, 2013**

Members Present: Pat Andersen, Lee Brechtel, Les Clark, Gwen Curtis, Joe Ficek, Jim Gillispie, Richard Hair, Nancy Howell, Dick Johnson, and Judy Onken

Members Absent: None

Board Liaison: Don Hicks

General Manager: Steve Nolan

Staff Present: Desmond Dakin, Bill Todd, Greg Tokash

The meeting was called to order and minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Staff Reports:

Bill Todd passed on the gratitude of his staff for the luncheon provided by the Cottonwood Men's Association as well as the Sisk Park event headed up by Jeff Martin and Lowell Kuenzi.

Bill shared a proposed schedule for summer closures of the golf courses for aerification and top dressing. The proposal has Cottonwood closed May 20-24 and August 19-23. Palo Verde will have the same treatment closing it May 28-31 and August 12-16. Accommodating the potential work on the #12 CW fairway and the #17 CW approach to the green will require #12 playing as a par 3 from June 3-July 15 and #17 playing as a par 4 with a temporary green from July 8-August 10. All dates are subject to variation due to weather conditions.

Bill was much impressed with a visit to Evergreen Turf farms where they have 2,000 acres and state of the art equipment for sod cutting, etc. He indicated that Brian Whitlark, USGA agronomist, will play CW one more time before we start the proposed summer projects.

Desmond Dakin reviewed current and upcoming events for the CW clubs. A conflict of dates for the CWGA/CMGA joint play days was referred to Joe Ficek for resolution. Dez is trying to get the 2013-14 calendar solidified earlier this year with extra effort to avoid multiple events in the same week.

Greg Tokash reviewed current and upcoming events for the PV clubs. Sun Lakes Women's Association utilized the course on April 14 for a fund raiser. Greg shared the accounting of rounds played and sales of golf annuals. PV rounds were up in April month over month from last year but both courses have had significantly fewer rounds played year to date.

Unfinished Business:

The subject of a summer reciprocity arrangement with other Sun

Lakes courses was again put forward. Following discussion, Jim Gillespie made a motion to discontinue pursuit of a reciprocal arrangement. Dick Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The motion from the April meeting with respect to the summer projects on CW#12 and #17 was amended to add re-sodding to a small area on CW#14. Jim Gillespie made a motion to ask the association board to commit a sum not to exceed \$31,000 for the work earlier described and the additional work on #14. Motion seconded by Dick Johnson. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dick Johnson, seconded by Gwen Curtis to support the summer course closures and accommodations recommended by Bill Todd. Motion carried. Both Head Pros will welcome players from sister courses during closures as has been the custom for many years.

New Business

Richard Hair announced that he has secured the Ceramics Room for 1 pm on July 3 for the next meeting. After considering the difficulty of seating a quorum, Jim Gillespie made a motion to suspend golf committee meetings during July and August. Nancy Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Gwen Curtis inquired about fish in Michigan Lake. Israeli carp were added last week.

Les Clark asked about the role of marshals on CW. Dez indicated that he is putting together a written list of responsibilities and expectations. It was suggested that he might include this list in the golf calendar so everyone knows what to expect of them.

Jim Gillespie made a motion to add ice machines to both courses. Discussion of past considerations including cost, health department concerns, and impact on tip income for beverage cart drivers ensued. Motion denied.

Joe Ficek suggested we consider off/on gates in an effort to minimize hard packed traffic areas close to the green. Lee Brechtel indicated witnessing total lack of respect of the "50' from the green" rules. Further thought will be given to resolving this problem.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Onken