

**Sun Lakes Homeowners Association
Cottonwood, Palo Verde Golf Committee Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2017**

Members present: Rita Benfer, Cindy Bosch, Kathy Skrei, Daniel Ellis, Ginger Mays, Tom Rainville, Nancy Hermanson, Bert Paul, and Jack Hill

Members absent: None

Board Liaison present: Woody Neiman

Staff present: Desmond Dakin, Bill Todd, Mark Leibfried, Greg Tokash

Management absent: Steve Nolan

Visitor present: Bob Neuer

Call to order and minutes: The meeting was called to order at 2:00 P.M. by Chairwoman Cindy Bosch. The motion to approve minutes from the December 1, 2016 meeting was made by Bert Paul and seconded by Tom Rainville. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Comments from visitors: Guest Bob Neuer expressed concern that the range ball machine was dispensing incorrect volumes of balls which either shorted or longed golfers. Desmond Dakin responded by saying that the machine is slated for replacement in October, which satisfied Mr. Neuer.

Staff reports:

Bill Todd, Director of Golf Maintenance. Good weather continues to keep the courses in good condition. Complaints about the teeing area of the driving range were received, which reflected pressure from high volume of use during the holidays. So the teeing area is being heavily top dressed. Ten new trees are being planted at CW and PV. PV's front nine was closed on January 5 for application of Roundup. Same for the second nine on January 6. 2017 goal: Level tee boxes.

Desmond Dakin, Director of Golf at Cottonwood. The volume of play is robust. Schedules of tournament and status of couples' play were reviewed. Clinics will benefit from warmer weather; demo days are slated by Titleist and Taylor Made. Details are in Attachment I.

Greg Tokash, Palo Verde Head Professional. The volume of play is robust. The schedule for PVLGA was reviewed along with the volume of play for Lady 9ers, Twilight Couples, Friday Couples, PVMGA, and Winter Nite Golf. Details are in Attachment II.

Greg Tokash also provided the Committee with a new local rule which eliminates the USGA's penalty if the golfer accidentally causes his/her ball to move on the green. This does not apply to a golfer moving an opponent's ball. See Attachment III for details.

Mark Leibfried, Cottonwood Head Professional presented the Rounds Report which showed 2016 to have 1,929 more rounds than the prior year at PV and 640 fewer rounds at CW. Subsequent to the meeting, Daniel Ellis calculated the variances as: PV up by 5.42%; CW, down by 1.40%; overall, up by 1.59%. This could represent a shift of play from CW to PV given the hotter-than-usual summer months, with PV being the shorter course.

Sales of memberships is on pace.

See details at Attachment IV.

Other: Daniel Ellis thanked the managers for financial results that are \$15,000 better than budget. That is despite irrigation costs having to be \$24,000 over budget due to hot weather.

Unfinished business:

Suggestion cards: Desmond Dakin reviewed the suggestion card from Mr. Trost, which questioned the cost of memberships and multi-round passes. His card implies that he is a part time resident who favors monthly passes, instead of annual ones. Desmond Dakin indicated that he had left phone messages to Mr. Trost which were not returned. Mr. Dakin also informed the Committee that he informed Mr. Trost that the fees are within market rates for the area. No discussion followed.

2017 Golf Committee goals:

A. Woody Neiman. Mr. Neiman reviewed handout *Golf Committee Goals for 2017*, which recaps elements included in the Golf Committee Charter. It was prepared by Cindy Bosch and Mr. Neiman. Daniel Ellis sought clarification of the handout: Mr. Neiman confirmed the handout (*Golf Committee Goals for 2017*) would not preclude the Golf Committee from taking on any special projects or initiatives. Accordingly, Mr. Neiman augmented the Golf Committee Goals for 2017 by adding a ninth item: "Undertake projects supportive of the above items." See Attachment V for details.

B. Discussion shifted to the second item in Daniel Ellis' December 8, 2017 draft of possible special projects for 2017. That suggestion is to suggest that clubs mitigate their risks through incorporation, insurance, etc. In general, Committee members (including club representatives) were surprised to learn that their clubs were not covered by the HOA's insurance policies. Examples of risks described were illness from club-organized events, such as potlucks and drunk driving issues following serving of alcohol. Some methods of risk mitigation were informally mentioned such as obtaining waivers of liability from members and terminating serving of alcohol, which are incomplete strategies. The goal was clarified to establish that neither the Committee nor the HOA was going to tell clubs what to do; instead, this is a pro-bono activity to present possible alternatives for their consideration. It is also consistent with the Committee's charter which is to assist the needs of the golf community. Daniel Ellis suggested to Woody Neiman that other organizations (theater, etc) would also benefit from similar knowledge sharing, if the Board wish to have this as a community-wide initiative. Various golf club representatives said they would inform their club boards about the risks and possible mitigating strategies. Daniel Ellis volunteered to meet with such boards if they are interested. No formal action was taken by the Committee on Daniel Ellis' proposed set of projects. See Attachment VI for details of those projects.

New business: Bill Todd confirmed that CW's 17th hole has been taken off of cart path only status. Possible revisions to CW's short game area are pending monitoring of usage.

Comments from committee members:

Kathy Skrei. PV parking lot is too crowded and would benefit from spaces being re-line to provide double slots. Cindy Bosh indicated that this is a recommendation to management. Greg Tokash will look into this.

Rita Benfer. CW Ladies provided \$1200 for Hamilton High School's homelessness support.

Ginger Mays asked about having curbs by tee boxes and greens painted to make them more visible. Bill Todd replied that that created ongoing maintenance cost and that he's never seen that practice elsewhere; he will query his peers about it. She also asked about having rules clinics provided. The golf professionals reviewed their ongoing clinics and willingness to provide further ones.

Nancy Hermanson. PV Couples' new board starts in January.

Tom Rainville. CW Men have slated their member/member tournament. They are also revising their organization by shifting some bylaws to policies.

Jack Hill. PV Men's Christmas dance was well attended. Concerns over the shedding from the olive tree on hole number five were presented. Bill Todd indicated that not much can be done about it; eliminating trees causes strong response from residents. Also, they are blowing every day to eliminate droppings. The issue of tiering the fifth green was raised; no action was taken.

Bert Paul. The prior issue of hard sand appears to have been fixed.

Cindy Bosch. Cindy inquired as to arrows on pavements needing to be repainted. Bill Todd replied that that is underway. The format of minutes for meetings was discussed; Daniel Ellis volunteered to provide two files: One with the minutes per se and a second one with attachments.

Adjournment: Chairwoman Cindy Bosch adjourned the meeting at 3:29 P.M. The next meeting will be on February 2, 2017 at 2:00 P.M. in the ceramics room.

Respectfully submitted by Daniel Ellis, Secretary

Attachments:

- I. Cottonwood Pro Shop Report
- II. Palo Verde Pro Shop Report
- III. Local Rule for Accidental Movement of a Ball on a Putting Green
- IV. Cottonwood/Palo Verde Golf Round Draft: Suggestions for Golf Committee Goals
- V. Golf Committee Goals for 2017 from Woody Neiman, HOA Board Liaison
- VI. Preliminary Draft (December 8, 2016) of Suggestions for Golf Committee Goals from Daniel Ellis