

Golf Committee
Cottonwood Palo Verde
Meeting Minutes of September 5, 2013

Members Present: Pat Andersen, Lee Brechtel, Les Clark, Jim Gillespie, Richard Hair, Nancy Howell, Dick Johnson

Members absent: Gwen Curtis, Joseph Ficek and Judy Onken

Board Liaison: Don Hicks

Board President: Kathy Skrei

Staff Present: Desmond Dakin, Bill Todd, Greg Tokash

The meeting was called to order and minutes of the May 2, 2013 meeting were approved.

Staff Reports:

Bill Todd introduced Brian Whitlark, USGA agronomist, who was here to address the regressing of the greens at Cottonwood Country Clubs. At the present time our greens are 328 Bermuda grass which is a grass that goes back to the 1940's and the poor quality of our water continues to be a problem with disease. Several of the golf courses in the southwest are changing to an ultra dwarf or tiff eagle type of grass which offers the option of over-seeding or not over-seeding.

He recommended that Holes 2, 11, 15 and 16 be architecturally changed to avoid continued problems. Bill Todd felt that all 4 greens could be done in-house instead of contracting out the work.

Re-grassing of 9 greens at Cottonwood would take 3 months, probably during the summer months, which would also be used to address other projects such as sanding of fairways, tee box leveling and bunker renovation. The total timeframe would take a total of two summers.

The estimated cost for re-grassing of greens is approximately \$80,000 (\$40,000 per year). Costs include: stolon applications, sod for perimeter of the greens, topdressing, drainage in some isolated areas, fertilizer and chemicals and irrigation parts.

Bill suggested a committee to follow up on the progress that valley courses have experienced who have recently gone through the re-grassing process.

Desmond Dakin indicated that there were no upcoming events and it was a slow summer.

Greg Tokash indicated that Nite Golf for Cottonwood would be Wednesday, September 25 and Thursday, September 26 for Palo Verde. He reviewed the over-seeding dates:

Driving range beginning September 30 for 2 weeks

Palo Verde beginning September 30 and reopening October 21

Cottonwood beginning October 7 and reopening October 28

Both Desmond and Greg indicated that play was down from last year.

New Business

Greg and Desmond submitted a list of Exceptions to the Golf Calendar and it was approved by the Committee.

The Charter has been revised to 9 golf committee members; therefore, this will require an addition of only one (1) member-at-large. The Presidents of both PVLGA and CLGA need to submit a letter to the Board with the name of the new representative from their club.

Les Clark, representative from CMGA brought concerns from his club regarding replacement of brushes and towels at the club cleaning locations at the driving range and overall condition of the pro shop patio. These concerns were addressed by Desmond.

A motion was made that the areas of the fairways where the sod was replaced during the summer would be not over-seeded in October as well as Holes 10 and 11 and 14. The motion carried.

Lee Bechtel complimented Bill Todd on the condition of the golf course – agreed by all at the meeting.

Lee also commented on the people that abuse the 50 yard restriction of carts around the greens. Desmond indicated that the Marshalls have been advised to enforce this rule and to encourage all of the golfers to abide by this rule.

Don Hicks suggested that we keep in mind that the golf course should be designed for the enjoyment of the majority of players.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Howell

