

**COTTONWOOD PALO VERDE
GOLF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 8, 2015**

Members Present: Cindy Bosch, Joseph Ficek, Richard Hair, Dean Hermanson, Dick Howell, John Larsen, Rita Benfer, Liz Hall and Jay Nelson

Members Absent:

Board Liaison: Don Hicks

Staff Present: Bill Todd, Desmond Dakin, Greg Tokash

Visitors Present: John Mitchell and Steve Nolan

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm. Motion to approve minutes from the December 4th meeting were made by Jay Nelson and seconded by Dick Howell. Richard Hair announced that there was a very good possibility that the practice facility at Palo Verde which was originally scheduled for 2016 might be moved up to 2015.

Staff Reports:

Bill Todd said that both golf courses are in really good conditions. If the weather starts to warm up this early in the season, he is expecting a good spring. Dick Howell asked Bill if it is better to drive on fairways not roughs during the winter season and Bill said yes. Bill also said that the 90 degree rule is still in effect for the winter months. John Larsen asked Bill about why the lakes have been looking so dirty for months. Bill said that the storms did a lot of damage with all the debris and sand running off into the lakes. He also said that this time of the year, they are not watering the courses as often, so the lakes are not being recirculated. As the weather warms up and the courses need more water, the lakes will start clearing up. Bill informed us that they have removed all the rings in the cups at both golf courses for now.

Desmond Dakin reported that all golf activities are back in full swing and numbers of attendance are increasing each week. Desmond also said that the gentlemen niners will no longer be a group. Not enough interest, so twilight couples will be each Thursday from now on. Desmond has several demo-days scheduled this month and in February they will be hosting a short game demo day presented by Ping. Desmond also said that for new people buying annuals and play cards, a good opportunity to meet people would be, to join the couples league.

Greg Tokash reported on PV that they are also back in the full swing and numbers of annuals are going great, especially the 25 play cards. He also said that the clubs are

going to be very busy this month holding several events. Greg also has put on the calendar a winter night golf for Tuesday the 27th of January, weather permitting.

Old Business:

Comment cards: we had 2 that Desmond presented.

The first one was the expiration of a play card. Individual was asking why these are not good for 2 years. Desmond explained that they are a seasonal green fee pass and the expiration date is marked on the card. He also told her that this play card is not a gift card which does not expire.

The second comment card was in regards to the bathrooms on the golf courses. She thought they were very cold inside and asked how to maybe heat them up. Desmond recommended that the fan be turned off and the doors stay closed during the winter months.

Bill Todd gave us an update on the driving range sand bunker at Cottonwood, saying that they are going to start this project either Monday or Tuesday of next week, weather permitting.

New Business:

We all need to come up with new ideas for F & G for our next meeting.

Comments from committee members:

Dean Hermanson said that the Cottonwood men's golf league have received about 25-27 new members this year.

Liz Hall announced that the Cottonwood lady 9'er's won the state medallion trophy played at Ocotillo CC. This is the second trophy in 6 years.

Don Hicks, Board Liaison, encouraged us all to get new homeowners involved with golf, for it would be a great opportunity for them to meet other homeowners. He also said that we own these golf courses and we all need to set a good example. So while we are playing golf we need to repair our divots on the fairways and on the tee boxes and to remind the other players to do the same.

The next meeting will be Thursday, February 5th at 2 pm in the ceramics room.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Cindy Bosch