

**COTTONWOOD PALO VERDE
GOLF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 5, 2015**

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

Members Absent: Cindy Bosch

Board Liaison: Don Hicks

Staff Present: Bill Todd, Desmond Dakin, Greg Tokash

Visitors Present: Lana Miller, Ken Miller, Doug Piper, Bryon McCrimmon, Steve Nolan

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm. Motion to approve minutes from the February 5th meeting were made by Dean Hermanson and seconded by Dick Howell.

Comments from Visitors:

Mr. and Mrs. Miller who live at hole #14 at Cottonwood would like to have the ball washer and trash can moved back to the original blue tee area. Bill Todd said that he would look into this matter.

Mr. Piper asked that the driving range area be leveled. Richard Hair will resubmit to F&G. The committee suggested that the visitors go the F & G in reference to this matter also.

Staff Reports:

Bill Todd said that both golf courses are in great condition. The sand bunker at Cottonwood is finished but they are waiting for the 50' long x 12' high fence to be delivered within 5-10 working days. This bunker will then open after the installation of this fence. Bill wants to give several fairways a rest. So he will pick and choose which holes will become cart path only.

Desmond Dakin reported for Cottonwood that C.M.G.A Presidents Cup Champion was Dennis Bockelman. The C.L.G.A Matchplay Champion was Mikki Rydell and the Partners Championship was won by Dianne Tenney and Ellie Franklin. Desmond also said that the twilight and Sunday couples continue to be very popular. Desmond also mentioned that the drop areas for holes 13 and 16 have been changed.

Rita Benfer asked Desmond about the rule for people who walk if they have to stay away from the greens 50 feet. Desmond said no. Rita also asked about slow play on gender days. With much discussion, Desmond will work on this problem.

Greg Tokash reported on Palo Verde and said that the P.V.L.G.A. President Cup winner was JoAnn Hicks. The PV lady 9'ers are becoming more popular. The Sweetheart Tournament had 56 players and the Fun Day Charity Tournament that benefits Sun Lakes Women's Club raised \$3,324. Both pros asked that club calendars for 2016 be submitted by 4/2/2015. Greg also mentioned that the driving range policy has been updated and will appear "in the know" and on the website next week.

Old Business:

There were no suggestion cards to review.

The 2 subcommittees made their recommendations for the placement of benches at Palo Verde and Cottonwood. The one and only possibility at PV would be at hole #5. Cottonwood possibilities are holes 5, 8, 13, which was completed, 15 and a bench at the Cottonwood putting green. Rita Benfer made a motion to accept these bench recommendations and Joe Ficek seconded this motion with 2 members opposing, motion was carried.

Suggestions for F & G Long Range Planning:

The new short game practice facility at Cottonwood will be recommended to the F & G Committee for implementation in the out years. Richard Hair made a motion to submit and Dick Howell seconded it.

New Business:

Comments from Committee Members:

Joe Ficek asked about the old bunker at Cottonwood and it will stay open but eventually closed.

John Larsen said that the slope to the new bunker could be a difficult walk if it is slippery. Desmond will determine if and when it's too slippery and have that area closed, and then open the bunker later in the day.

Board Liaison Don Hicks mentioned that the Cottonwood Men's Golf Association made a \$500 donation to the association in honor of past members. Don also told us that Liz Hall, who represents the CW Lady 9'ers, is moving and has resigned from the Golf Committee and she will be replaced by Susan Lamb.

Golf cart traffic at the Berry Brook access to hole #16 was discussed. The Golf Committee agreed the sign recommended by the SSAC Committee would be sufficient and Management will obtain and install.

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 2nd at 2 pm in the ceramics room.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Cindy Bosch