

**COTTONWOOD PALO VERDE
GOLF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
May 5, 2016**

Members Present: Cindy Bosch, Richard Hair, Dick Howell, Rita Benfer, Joe Ficek, David Florence, Bert Paul

Members Absent: Ginger Mays, Glenn Martinsen

Board Liaison: Woody Neiman

Communications Committee Liaison : None

Staff Present: Bill Todd, Desmond Dakin, Greg Tokash,

Visitors Present: Steve Nolan, Joel Bosch

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm. Motion to approve minutes from the April 7th, meeting were made by Rita Benfer and seconded by Dick Howell.

Comments from visitors:

None

Staff Reports:

Bill Todd said that both golf courses are in excellent condition as of May.

Bill reported that the leveling of the driving range at Cottonwood would begin around July 25th - 26th and should be open prior to over seeding.

Bill suggested that we add another cart path in between holes 10 and 11 at Cottonwood. Joe Ficek and Bert Paul recommended this request to go to Management to be started this summer.

Joe Ficek asked Bill about looking into getting new sand for all the sand traps and Bill said he would discuss this at our September meeting.

Bill asked the golf committee if it would be ok to eliminate all sand bottles from the tee boxes at both golf courses. He said that one of his workers is now taking care of that job in the morning, but also said that we as golfers can still be courteous by taking our sand bottles out of our golf carts before going to the tee boxes to also help out. The golf committee agreed to not have these bottles on the tee boxes any more.

Desmond Dakin reported that the CMGA Ryder Cup went extremely well.

The CLGA PICO tournament that was held on the 14th and 21st of April went extremely well and Desmond wanted to thank all the ladies that helped with the tournament, for it made pros job much easier.

The 9ers went to Oakwood for the return leg of the Home and Home. Desmond said that the 9ers have officially ended for the summer months, but will accommodate them until they do not want to play any longer.

Desmond mentioned that the Twilight Couples will be run by Chris their new assistant this year and will begin on the Wednesday, May 11th.

Desmond brought in a copy of a letter for each golf committee member from John Larsen who meet with the golf committee last month requesting some dates for his Cottonwood Open Men's and Women's Golf Championship Charity Tournament. It was suggested by Dick Howell and Bert Paul that we send Mr. Larsen a letter in response to his tournament dates.

Greg Tokash reported the PVLGA's Member/Member was attended by 98 players and their next event will be Tuesday, May 17th with a scramble followed by a luncheon and a meeting.

The Friday Couples, for the summer months only, will be playing in the morning shotguns only.

Twilight Couples will begin their summer season on Thursday, May 12th at 4 PM. This event will consist of 9 holes only, followed by a dinner and chits to winners.

PVMGA and the CMGA held their Ryder Cup event and Greg said that CMGA took back the title. The PVMGA's next event will be the Cotton/Verde beat the Pro/Super. which will be played on Saturday, June 25th.

Greg said that the Assistant Pro Spring Skins Game was attended by the biggest group of spectators yet since this event started. 225 tickets were sold for this event and everybody had a great time watching our assistants show off their talents.

Greg wanted to remind all golfers again that Palo Verde will be closed for aerification on 5/23 thru 5/27 and Cottonwood 6/6 thru 6/10.

Greg also reported on the rounds of golf as of April 30th and said that the golf annuals are above what was budgeted for the 2015-2016 year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Suggestion Cards:

Desmond received a comment card from Diane Edwards asking that the restrooms stay unlocked on both golf courses during the day. It was agreed by the golf committee and Bill Todd that this will take place immediately.

Set up committee to look at USGA Report:

Richard Hair asked for committee members to help with this report and Joe Ficek, Dave Florence, Rita Benfer and Richard Hair said that they will be on this committee and look at the suggestions from this report that should be considered being implemented into the next 3-5 years for golf goals.

Closing Cottonwood one day a week in June through Sept for maintenance:

Most of the golf committee members did not mind, but Desmond thought that it would be unfair to the year-around golfers to take a day away from them. Cottonwood will not be closing one day a week during the summer months.

New Business:

Exceptions for the 2016-2017 calendar year:

Joe Ficek made a motion to accept the exceptions to the golf calendar and Dick Howell second it, motion was carried.

Meetings for June, July & August:

Rita Benfer made a motion that the golf committee not meet during these summer months and Cindy Bosch second it, motion was carried.

Comments from Board Liaison:

Woody Neiman said that the remodeling of the driving range at Cottonwood had been approved by the Board of Directors.

Comments from Committee Members:

Rita Benfer asked Desmond when the CLGA hold their team play event at Cottonwood, would he consider having no other golfers in that same time slot. Desmond said that it would not be possible to grant this request.

Rita Benfer also asked Desmond about not putting B groups out on gender days for both women and men. Desmond said that would be possible depending on how many players had signed up for those gender days.

Cindy Bosch asked the pros if they could sent out an email to the 9er's to let them know which hole they will be starting on each Thursday. The pros said that it would be easier and they didn't mind if the ladies just call in the day before their event.

Richard Hair announced the status of the golf committee members, which are:

Richard Hair and Joe Ficek: terms completed

Dick Howell: needs a letter from PVCL President to continue on for another 2 years

Dave Florence: needs a letter from PVMGA President to continue on for another 2 years

Glenn Martinsen: needs a letter from the CMGA President to continue on for another 2 years.

The next meeting will be Thursday, September 1st, at 1:00 pm in the ceramics room.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Cindy Bosch