

**Golf Committee**  
**Cottonwood Palo Verde**  
**CORRECTED Meeting Minutes of April 4, 2013**

Members Present: Pat Anderson, Les Clark, Gwen Curtis, Joe Ficek, Jim Gillespie, Richard Hair, Nancy Howell, Dick Johnson, and Judy Onken  
Member Absent: Lee Brechtel  
Board Liaison: Don Hicks  
General Manager: Steve Nolan  
Staff Present: Desmond Dakin, Bill Todd, Greg Tokash

The meeting was called to order and minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Chairman, Richard Hair, introduced Les Clark as the new representative of the Cottonwood Men's Club. General discussion followed regarding the written report submitted by Brian Whitlark, USGA agronomist and the field trip taken by several committee members, Steve Nolan, and Bill Todd to Saddlebrook near Tucson to observe and experience their mini-verde greens which are not over seeded. This group came away unimpressed but felt trips to courses more like Cottonwood (same altitude) would be useful.

#### **Staff Reports**

Desmond Dakin provided a brief review of current events and upcoming activities. Golf Clinics will be finished the end of April and have proved quite popular.

Greg Tokash reported on current and future events at Palo Verde. The number of golf rounds played thus far in 2013 are down significantly at both courses presumably due to the extreme cold weather experienced this year. The number of annuals are down approximately 3 ½ percent year over year.

Bill Todd expressed the need to visit other courses and watching Mesa Country Club with their "re-grassing of greens" project.

#### **Unfinished Business**

A motion was made by Nancy Howell to table the Cottonwood greens resurfacing project for the present time. It was seconded by Dick Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **New Business**

Bill Todd explained in detail the problems peculiar to the #12

fairway at Cottonwood from the 150 yard marker to the green. It is shaped like a saucer and doesn't drain well. The problem with the approach on Cottonwood #17 is that it is shaped like an inverted saucer and simply has poor soil.

A motion was made by Jim Gillespie to ask the Homeowner's Board of Directors to commit a sum not to exceed \$25,000 in Capital Improvement to install herringbone drains in #12 fairway from 150 to green, add sand and re-sod that area and to remove 4-5 inches of soil from the approach on #17, add sand and re-sod. Les Clark seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. This recommendation will go to the Board after our May meeting since Bill will not be available for this month's Board meeting. If this work can commence near the 1<sup>st</sup> of June, the course should be fully operational by July 15.

Bill Todd requested an extra half hour on shot gun days for his crews to work without golfers on the Cottonwood course. After discussion, a motion was made by Nancy Howell to have 8:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. shotguns for November. Jim Gillespie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Greg Tokash recommended that Palo Verde establish just two sets of shot gun starts: November through March, 9:00 a.m. and 1 p.m. and April through October over seeding, 7:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. No objections were voiced.

Steve Nolan announced that Pro Shop hours are to be extended. Summer hours: June to over seeding, 5:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Winter hours: November to May 31, 5:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Onken,  
Secretary