

VILLAGE OF NORTH PALM BEACH

GOLF ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES of January 13, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Mathison at 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

A. Present:

Absent:

Stephen Mathison – Chairman

Rich Pizzolato – Vice Chairman

Curtis Witters – Secretary

David Talley – Member

Jeff Irish – Member

Jeff Egizio – Member

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Landon Wells - Member

B. Staff Members Present:

Allan Bowman, Director of Golf

Lenore Dingle, Membership Coordinator

C. Council Members Present:

David Norris

Deborah Searcy

D. Public Present:

Jerry Pierman

Don Boese

Ron Kochman

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. Minutes of the December 16, 2019 GAB Meeting were approved 6-0.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Golf Report. Allan Bowman, Director of Golf, delivered his report.

The Green Committee met last week. One role of the Committee will be long-term planning for the course. Several items were considered:

1. We continue to have problems with grass on the bunker faces and pond borders. It is now apparent that Latitude 36 is not suitable for these locations. The Green Committee is recommending that we fix those areas of the course with 419 grass, as has been done in several locations on the course. The estimated cost is \$250,000 each to replace the bunker faces and the pond borders. It is recommended that this work begin on June 1st.
2. The Committee recommends raising the fairway on Hole 3 to promote better drainage of water.

Other pending projects for the course are:

1. Pruning of some oak trees to improve their health.
2. Removal of Dodder vine from the trees.
3. Trimming of the mangroves along the waterway, adjacent to Hole 7, when a permit is issued.

Membership:

We have 205 golf members and have invited 6 more.

Memberships will be addressed at the next Village council meeting on January 23rd, including the proposed Resident Membership.

Allan is recommending a fee of 10% of the cost of membership be required of those on the golf waiting list. This fee would be applied to the cost of membership if the individual is offered membership and accepts; or refunded as a credit in the golf pro shop if they decline membership.

Allan is planning some member/guest events.

The bathrooms on Holes 3 and 14 need to be upgraded and have electricity installed, for lighting, exhaust fans, and the water fountains. One possibility for power is installation of solar cells. Allan has asked the Village Engineer to look into this matter.

Allan discussed the course condition.

Divots continue to be a problem.

Should we reinstitute the adopt-a-hole program?

Should we have a divot filling party?

Ball marks on the greens are a problem. Our Rangers will now extend their shifts by a half hour before and after each shift, with instruction to use the time to repair ball marks.

Allan hosted Mark Calcavecchia for golf on Saturday the 11th; Mark was very complimentary about our course!

V. DISCUSSION TOPICS

Rich Pizzolato brought up the subject of the members practice area and the failure of those using it to pick up and return the golf balls. Rich asked if we need to require members to fill divots and return the practice balls.

Allan is addressing this issue in his latest memo.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Jerry Pierman questioned why the Farmer's Table is not serving a sit-down breakfast.

Don Boese asked why the Farmer's Table is not serving Coke products.

Ron Kochman, who has moved into the Village, asked about the plan for Resident Memberships and what golf privileges would be attached to such a membership.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be February 10, 2020.

Minutes by Curtis L. Witters, Secretary.