

VILLAGE OF NORTH PALM BEACH  
GOLF ADVISORY BOARD  
Minutes of January 16, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

A. <u>Board:</u>	Present	Absent
Stephen Mathison – Chairman	x	
Rich Pizzolato – Vice Chairman	x	
Curtis Witters – Secretary	x	
Jeff Egizio – Member	x	
Landon Wells – Member		x
Orlando Puyol – Member	x	
Sandra Felis – Member	x	
B. <u>Staff Members:</u>		
Allan Bowman, Director of Golf	x	
Beth Davis, General Manager	x	
Lenore Dingle, Membership Coordinator		
C. <u>Council Members:</u>		
Darryl Aubrey		
Susan Bickel		
Mark Mullinix		
David Norris		
Deborah Searcy		

D. Public Present:

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. Minutes of the November 20, 2022 GAB Meeting were approved 6-0.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

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

We are holding a Wednesday shotgun for both men and women. In the most recent event, we had 32 men participating. The next shotgun will be the second Wednesday of February.

We have a new golf course superintendent with Brightview, as of December 28<sup>th</sup>, and Allan is pleased with the individual.

There is absolutely no truth to the rumor that Allan is interviewing for other positions.

Our new group play program seems to be working. All groups that play on more than one day per week had their play reduced by one day per week.

The work on the pumphouse is set for February 6-7, and as a result, we will shorten hole #14 for those two days.

Rounds and Revenue. Golf revenue was up by \$100,000 for the first quarter of the fiscal year. However, membership revenue was down by \$50,000. Revenue for the range was also down, by \$5,000.

The total rounds for the first quarter were up by 500, mostly in October.

The rounds and financial numbers are looking good for January, to date.

A member of the public suffered a heart attack while watching the Holiday Boat Parade from the golf course, and there was an issue in getting an emergency vehicle to the person. In addition we had many private golf carts entering the course to view the parade.

Before the next parade in December of 2023, we will extend the cart path on hole #6 and provide lighting to guide pedestrians and golf carts for the Boat Parade. The extension of the path will take place in October, so it will be part of the 2023-2024 budget.

Beth Davis spoke about the preliminary budget summary report for 2021-2022. The Country Club as a whole had net income of \$831,766 for the fiscal year. The first quarter of 2022-2023 is ahead of projections.

V. DISCUSSION TOPICS

Allan Bowman addressed an issue involving the membership waiting list. One individual with their name on the waiting list reached the top of the list three years ago. When offered membership, they declined and went to the bottom of the list. Now that individual wishes to go back to the top of the list. Allan and Beth said no to the request. The Board concurred with that position.

Allan told the Board that our capital plan has allocated \$250,000 in this fiscal year for the construction of an environmental center for storage of fuel and a wash station for golf course equipment. Additional projects are being considered for the summer of 2023 include: expanded tee boxes for holes #5 and #7, a member's tee box for hole #14, stabilization of the pond bank on hole #10, and drainage work on hole #4. Allan asked the Board for the use of the money allocated for the environmental center to complete the listed course projects. He pointed out that golf revenue will likely be sufficient to cover the cost of the environmental center.

The Board concurred.

The Village Council asked for recommendations from the GAB as to how the composition of the Board and terms of members of the GAB should be revised. Allan and

Beth have drafted recommendations that all members should have a two-year term. They asked the Board whether the Village should require a non-resident golf member as a member of the GAB. The Board concurred with the recommendations of Allan and Beth.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

The next meeting will be March 13, 2023.

Minutes by Curtis L. Witters, Secretary.