

VILLAGE OF NORTH PALM BEACH
GOLF ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of July 10, 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	
Landon Wells – Member	X	
Orlando Puyol – Member	X	
Sandra Felis – Member	X (By phone)	
Karen O’Connell – Member	X (By phone)	
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	X	
Deborah Searcy		

D. Public Present:

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the May 8, 2023 GAB Meeting were approved 7-0.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

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

Allan told the Board that after four and one-half years since we renovated the golf course it is in great condition and that he fully expects it to be in excellent condition by January 1st of 2024.

Pace of Play.

Data from our GPS shows that the average pace of play for a round on our course is 4 hours and 20 minutes. However, the pace of play slows to 4 hours and 40 minutes for rounds starting after 11:00 a.m.

Allan made the following recommendations.

Rules and Regulations will define a slow round as those that exceed 4 hours and 15 minutes and those will be in violation of our Pace of Play policy. There is some concern and observation that some of the golfers who walk the course fall way behind the stated pace of play. Violators may have their name(s) posted at some point in the future as violators of our policy.

To address the issue of slow play, we will create and use a pace of play card that will be administered by the starter to encourage groups to record the time when the group completes 6, 12, and 18 holes (awareness is a big part of the education process).

Going forward, our application for membership will include a reference to the pace of play issue, as well as other items, and the applicant will be required to acknowledge their understanding of the issues.

After discussion by the Board, a motion to approve Allan's recommendations was approved by a vote of 7-0.

Financial Update.

For June:

Golf fees are up by \$30,000.

Range revenue is down by \$1,000.

Merchandise revenue is up by \$3,000.

Golf rounds were up by 800, the result of going to 9-minute intervals for tee times.

The year-to-date numbers are:

Golf fees are up by \$500,000.

Range revenue is up by \$30,000.

Merchandise revenue is up by \$50,000.

With 5,750 rounds, we are up by 1,000.

V. DISCUSSION TOPICS

Ned Daffan, a former member of the Club, spoke to the Board concerning his application for membership. His letter to the Board is attached to these minutes.

The Board discussed the request of Mr. Daffan and determined that it could take no action regarding the request.

Allan spoke to the Board concerning the June projects completed on the course.

The aeration went well; the holes are healing well and the cores showed that the greens are healthy.

Tree trimming continues.

A tree was removed on hole 17.

Invasive vegetation to the right of the tee box on the 8th hole was removed.

The new white tee box on the 14th hole was sodded.

The retaining wall to the right of tee box on the 5th hole is nearly complete.

Sod is being installed on the 15th hole, on the lake bank.

The banks on the lake between the 16th, 17th, and 18th holes are being reinforced and water plants will be placed in the lake.

We intend to install a screen between the driving range and the 10th hole. It will serve to prevent errant practice shots from the range from hitting golfers on the 10th hole.

Bids for the screen are being sought.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

The next meeting will be August 14, 2023.

Minutes by Curtis L. Witters, Secretary.

Meeting with NPBCC golf committee 7/10/23

My name is Ned Daffan and I live at 818 Lakeside Drive just across route 1 from the North Palm Beach Golf course. I want to thank the committee for giving me a few minutes to make a request for your consideration.

I was a member of the NPBCC for 11 years from 2006 – 2017. During the last part of that time the previous maintenance crew began using Milorganite fertilizer which caused me repeated allergic reactions to my lower legs where the turf would spray up on my legs. I tried wearing double socks, long pants, even neoprene diving socks but nothing would prevent my legs from breaking out. I tried for over a year to have the maintenance crew tell me when they were going to apply the Milorganite but they would never inform me. The repeated exposure resulted in skin cancer on my shins which I had treated with radiation to remove. Because of this I had to resign my membership for medical reasons in 2018.

Since the new maintenance company has started at North Palm they do not appear to be using Milorganite but instead are using a different type of fertilizer. I have played the course several times with no allergic reaction. I am requesting the committee consider allowing me renew my membership based on the fact that the only reason I resigned was due to medical problems that I could not prevent.

I know there is a significant waiting list of people wanting to join the club but I feel my situation is somewhat unique and hope you agree that it deserves some consideration by your committee.

Thank you very much for your time.

Ned Daffan