

VILLAGE OF NORTH PALM BEACH
GOLF ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of August 15, 2022

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	x	
C. <u>Council Members:</u>		
Darryl Aubrey		
Susan Bickel		
Mark Mullinix		
David Norris	x	
Deborah Searcy		

D. Public Present:

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. Minutes of the June, 2022 GAB Meeting have not been prepared.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

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

A proposed fiscal year 2023 budget has been presented to the Village Council.

Personnel costs are increased in the budget by 23%, \$194,000 (includes 8% increase for full-time employees as approved by Village Council, an additional full time person in the golf shop and some increases for part-time staff). Operating costs are increased by 17%, \$415,350. We have added R&R (Repair and replace) as a line item in our budget, in the amount of \$450,000.

We will have an increase in membership cost.

Individuals - \$100.

Family - \$200.

Nonresidents will also have an increased surcharge of \$35 (\$ 1350)

41% of our members are nonresidents of the Village.

We have 204 members presently.

Our target number per the Village Council is 190.

Fee for golf carts and walking increased (18 holes = \$ 130 / \$ 17).

Lockers, pull carts and bag storage increased by 7%

We are making some changes to our overall public rate structure, with minor changes to the effective dates for the various seasons, and to the times of day when the greens fee changes.

After discussion, a motion was made to approve the budget as proposed by staff.

The Board voted 6-0 to approve the recommended budget.

V. DISCUSSION TOPICS

Rich Pizzolato opened a discussion by suggesting that there was no financial need to raise the cost of memberships for residents. The revenue of the Club is sufficient to cover the proposed budget without increased costs to our residents, many of whom are retired. The Club in fact has operated with a surplus of revenue over expenses.

Rich also suggested that we need to review our membership policies, perhaps creating different categories. A question was raised as to whether a resident member who moves out of the Village should forfeit their membership or be converted to a nonresident membership.

Discussion was had on the points raised by Mr. Pizzolato.

Golf Course Projects. Allan said the following projects are upcoming.

Week of August 22nd:

Root Pruning

Aeration

Trees Hole # 16.

The pipe from the pump house to US 1 is to be installed during the week of October 22nd. This will allow more water to be available for the golf course.

We will install new mats on the driving range in September and add artificial turf to the area behind the tees.

We will install curbing around the starter booth on the 1st tee – end of October

A retaining wall is being added to the right side of the tee complex on the 5th hole.

We will be reinforcing some additional pond bank areas on the course.

Allan suggested that our long range plans should include improvement of the turf on the driving range.

Lastly, Allan said that changes to the handicapping of the holes on the course is under consideration.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

The next meeting will be September 19, 2022.

Minutes by Curtis L. Witters, Secretary.