

Unapproved Golf Committee Minutes
April 12, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the POA Village Golf Committee was held at the Coronado Center at 4:00 pm. The proposed agenda was adopted as the order of business. The March 8th, 2011 minutes were approved as written.

ATTENDANCE: (A quorum of the Golf Committee was present)

Committee Members Present: John McGrail, John Dethardt, Jim Collins, Jim Arnold, Renee Steinpreis, Abe Stroud, Ike Harper, Cathy Walsh, Grover Scarborough, and Jack Slattery

Committee Members Absent:

Golf Department: John Paul – Director of Golf and Tom Heffer - Sectional Manager

Board of Directors: John Cooney

Press: Mel Melcher

Visitors: Jeanette Slattery, Sandy Edmunson, Frank Leeming, Keith Keck, and Jo Ann Arnold

Chairman's comments: John McGrail welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for approval of the March 8th meeting minutes. Jack Slattery motioned and John Dethardt seconded so the minutes were approved as written. Mr. McGrail announced that once the regular meeting was adjourned, a special nominating/election meeting would be conducted by Mr. Cooney to select new officers for the committee. Appointments for Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary would be made. John also stated that he concurred with the idea that Bill Krautkramer offered in the March meeting (that the committee implement a method to track issues through completion that are brought up in the monthly committee meetings) and that he would follow up with John Paul to discuss further.

REPORTS:

Golf: John Paul covered the April 2012 Golf Department Report (attached). In addition to what is covered in the report, he discussed: Mark Gallemore had been hired as the superintendent at Granada. Mark had previously been the superintendent at Cortez and that he is the strongest in the state on Bent grass greens. He stated that Bud White, a USGA agronomist would be visiting in May to look at all of the courses, including the plans for Magellan. He said that Mr. White would follow up with a report on his visit about a month after he completes his reviews. John discussed that the annual Club Championship tournaments were underway and that Ike Harper won the first event at Isabella. He said that Hot Springs Village had been selected to host the State Club Championship event this year where all 2011 winners across the state would play for two days at Granada on May 21st and 22nd. John advised the group that visitor package play is increasing quickly and that he and Tom Heffer make the time to visit with each group on their first or second day of their visit to welcome them and offer anything they need to enhance their visit. John elaborated on the bunker work that is underway at Magellan.

He stated that they are trying a new product that holds great promise for the bunkers; instead of using felt liners to line the traps, a 2" layer of pea gravel is applied first, then a chemical is applied that hardens to provide a solid surface. This is porous so it allows water to drain but it does not allow the dirt and rocks to come to the surface. John also discussed that we would not be aerating in April at Magellan as the greens did not need it, and that very little aeration would be done at Granada. He stated that we had an extra 3 weeks of spring weather that has helped rounds and revenue but that it hindered course maintenance as they have to manage without the benefit of summer help since they are still in school. John announced that Coronado tee markers are in place now for the Par 3 configuration. Scorecards and comment cards are available at the course. He encouraged everyone to play it and offer their thoughts. John Dethardt asked John Paul if any further thought had been given to the idea of doing Shotgun starts in the summer. John Paul said that he had talked to the superintendents and they said that it would be too difficult to get the course ready before. He encouraged John Dethardt to discuss with the superintendents. John Dethardt stated that he felt that it should be possible if it were done on a rotating basis. John Paul said that he did not understand that it would be on a rotating basis, so he would look at it again. Ike Harper asked if any course maintenance was occurring on the weekends (i.e., mowing greens). John Paul responded that they should either be mowing them or rolling them. He asked for specifics if it was not happening. Jim Collins asked about residents being able to join more than one league. John explained that he looked into it but that it is not a decision that he can make on his own. It is a tenet of Chapter 6. Chapter 6 is currently under review and that this topic had be suggested for revision, but that the revision process may take a few months.

Board Liaison-John Cooney: Mr. Cooney advised everyone about the new board members that were recently elected. He stated that the annual Committee reports had been received and were now posted to the website. He discussed the details of the 2012 road paving program and that it had been approved. The Board also approved a change to the bylaws regarding the POA's ability to vote on behalf of their inventory lots. The decision was to apply the votes consistent with the results of the general public votes. He stated that they had approved two conceptual plans; one for electronic message boards at the East and West gates and for a reception center at the POA administration building.

Committee Reports:

Adopt-A-Hole – Renee Steinpreis: Renee stated that there were 250 volunteers in the prior iteration of the Adopt-a-Hole program but only 78 so far in the new program.

Course Management – John Dethardt: No report.

Education – Jim Collins: The latest version of the Scuttlebutt was sent out today.

Finance – Jack Slattery: No report.

New Business:

John Paul: John offered that the group should consider changing the monthly meeting date to the third Thursday of the month, as it would allow sufficient time for completion of the Rounds and Revenue reports for delivery at the meeting. Abe Stroud motioned to change the meetings to the third Thursday at 3:00 p.m.. Following a brief discussion regarding the merits of starting at 3:00 p.m., Abe amended the motion to the third Thursday at 4:00 p.m.. Jim Collins seconded the motion and all concurred. Beginning in May, meetings will be held on the third Thursday at 4:00 p.m., same location.

John McGrail thanked Renee Steinpreis for her service on the committee and welcomed Grover to the group. He thanked everyone for supporting him during his tenure as Chairman.

Guest comments:

The guests were thanked for their attendance. No one had any additional questions or comments.

After a motion and second, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 17th, at 4:00 p.m. at the Coronado Center.

Following the Golf Committee meeting, Mr. Cooney conducted the election of officers for the Golf Committee for the year commencing in April, 2012. For the position of Chairman, John Dethardt was seated. For the position of Vice-Chairman, Jack Slattery was seated. For the position of Secretary, Jim Collins was seated.