

GOLF COMMITTEE

Frye Island Golf Course

Minutes of Meeting of May 27, 2007

- A. MEMBERS PRESENT: Laura Davis, Don Davis, Mike Hurley, Mike Mazzola, Bruce Nisula, Vic Solomini, and Mark Thomas
- B. OTHERS PRESENT: Laura Crosby, Jim Hodge, Steve Persson, and John Crosby
- C. LOCATION: Golf Club Lounge
- D. CALL TO ORDER: Director Thomas called the Meeting to order at 11:30 A.M.
- E. PRIOR MINUTES: The draft of the prior meeting (Winter Meeting) had been previously approved by unanimous vote over the internet.
- F. EXECUTIVE SESSION : None
- G. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS
 - 1. Fire Chief Persson explained that the Fire Department would like to have the Golf Irrigation pump hooked up to a hydrant that could be used to fill fire trucks in an emergency. Currently, the Firemen must fill trucks from storage tanks or from the lake, both of which entail a slower and more man-intensive procedure than using the Golf irrigation system pump. The Golf Committee was strongly supportive of sharing the pump with the Fire Department. John Crosby informed the Committee that the East Pump House, where the Golf irrigation system water intake pump is located, is being replaced due to deterioration of the Structure, and a new electricity generator is being placed on the pad of the old building. The Golf irrigation pump would have to be powered by that emergency generator to meet the requirements of the Fire Department, but while emergency operation of the Golf irrigation system is not a necessity for the Golf Course (the irrigation system has been non-operational for weeks at a time in the past without serious damage to the Course), if such a system were in place, the Golf Superintendent could use it to continue watering during power outages. After the 2007 tractor payment of \$5,470, the utility cart payment of \$2,900, the committed 2008 tractor payment of \$5,470, and the committed 2007 truck purchase of \$3,000, there is \$8,160 available in the Equipment Reserve. **A motion was made by Vic and seconded by Bruce to recommend to the Executive Committee that \$5,000 from the Golf Equipment Reserve be allocated to the construction budget of the new East Pump House so that construction can be performed in a manner that enables the Fire Department to have access to the Golf irrigation pump to fill their Fire Trucks and the Golf Course to use the**

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system during a power outage. Unanimously approved.

2. Of the 12 Tee Markers, eleven are taken and one is available. Laura Davis reported that she has a verbal commitment from a pest control firm, but they have not returned her recent phone calls. She will check with them and if they are not responsive, we will offer the marker to a firm John Crosby has identified as possible being interested.
3. The financial reports were reviewed. The operational expenses and revenues appear on target for the time of year. There is one remaining payment of \$5,470 to be made on the tractor in early 2008. Mark will contact Calvin to determine if more regular reports concerning the Pro Shop Liability Account can be included in our monthly package. It was noted that payments for Workman's Compensation were made in the first few months of the year.
4. A variety of matters pertaining to the Course were discussed. Jim reported that the equipment has been serviced, that the irrigation system is up and running well, that he has nearly completed the irrigation manual, that the course is in fine shape, but that thatch needs to be removed from the greens or problems will ensue consequent to too much thatch. A GRADEN DETHATCHER costing \$6-8000 is essentially the only machine that does this properly. He will investigate the cost of renting a machine or contracting with a company to use one in spring and fall, and report back to the Committee. With respect to the greens, it was decided that only the best sand (one containing minimal fines) would be used from now on despite additional expense. It was estimated that the additional cost would be \$1,000 for sand, but rebuilding just one green would cost quite a bit more-- \$60,000. Projects planned this year include redoing the 5th tee, improving drainage on Hole 3, improving sun exposure on the red tee on Hole 3, and forming a new red tee on Hole 9 to better define the dog-leg.
5. It was reported that Bob Miner had generously offered to purchase red, white and blue flags to better define the pin placement on the greens. Jim said he had experience working with colored flags, and using them would not add significantly to the labor demand. **A motion was made by Don and seconded by Mike M. to switch from a ball system to colored flags to denote pin positions. Unanimously approved.**
6. Mark reported that there had been a request from some young Islanders to be allowed to sell used golf balls, but the Committee felt doing this on Golf course property was inappropriate. **A motion was made by Bruce and seconded by Don that as a matter of policy selling used golf balls is not allowed on Golf Course property. Unanimously approved.**

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7. It was decided that to allow range finders in Member Tournaments would disadvantage those without such devices. **A motion was made by Bruce and seconded by Laura that as a matter of policy range finders shall not be used in Member Tournaments. Unanimously approved.**
8. **A motion was made by Bruce and seconded by Laura to recommend to the Executive Committee that at the Superintendent's discretion, the \$3,000 authorized for a utility cart may be spent instead on a small pick-up truck. Unanimously approved.**
9. The Committee expressed its thanks for Bill Gately's excellent tree line work, which will make playing out of the woods safer and easier for the Membership.
10. Don reported on the possible air conditioning strategies for the Lounge. It was decided to put in a second thru the wall unit.
11. It was decided that shotgun formats will be allowed at the following times: June 24 after the scramble; Saturday (7 and 9 AM) and Sunday (After the Scramble) the week following Labor Day, and Aug 4 Rally for a Cure.
12. Laura C. reported on several matters pertaining to the Lounge: A new, updated credit card processing machine had to be purchased for \$499; most of the bad ceiling tiles have been replaced; some of the bar stools need to be replaced at a cost of about \$100 each; a request has been made to keep the lounge open on Thursdays, which will be assessed; and it should be made more widely known that the ProShop is receptive to suggestions and requests for merchandise.
13. The Club House Expansion project was put on the back burner for now, pending clearer financial commitment on the part of the Community and Membership to support it.
14. Mike H. will give a status report on the Yardage Booklet project at the next meeting.
15. Laura noted that the next workday is June 19 after the scramble.

H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Future Meeting Dates as follows:

Sunday, July 1, immediately following the Scramble.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 PM.

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Minutes approved via the internet.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce C. Nisula
Secretary, Golf Committee