

October Golf Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: 10/17/2024
 Time: 2:00pm
 Location: Ocean Pines Golf Clubhouse

Attendees:

Member	Present
Frank Brown	X
Ann Shockley	X
Bob Beckelman	X
Bob Long	X
Bob Moulden	
Dave McGregor	
Don McMullen	X
Fred Ellis	
Fritz Lahner	

Member	Present
John Ferinde	X
John O'Connor	X
Justin Hartshorne	
Rufus Johnson	
Steve Howse	
Steve Jacobs	
Susan Morris	X
Tammy Banachowski	
Walt Lischak	

Agenda:

1. Call to Order, Frank Brown – 2:00pm
2. Public Comments-none
3. Approve Minutes: Sept. Meeting motion to approve-Don McMullen, 2nd Ann Shockley
4. Course Conditions Update, Justin Hartshorne-absent
 - a. Update from Bob Beckelman – the criteria Bob uses for sand trap consideration- Does it serve a function? Time needed to maintain a trap. Sand traps changes- #4 mid hole trap- island is gone, #5 – first left front trap-gone. #8 – short left before green-to be taken out, #13 trap behind green -to be taken out, #15-trap back of green -under consideration, #17-front trap left of green – make smaller?
 - b. Ball washer was added to #1 hole tee box.
 - c. Progress on new irrigation system- progress to date new piping has been laid on many of the holes. 10” pipe was laid replacing the old 4” pipe which allows for better control of watering the areas of the course. Next phase will begin when the irrigation system is turned off for the Winter. Pumps housed in pump buildings will be replaced. In December-January more pipe will be laid.
 Play during the irrigation project will continue with the same plan as before, that being where a hole may be closed for the day, hole 19 will be utilized.
5. Golf Management Report, Bob Beckelman -reported that revenue for the golf course for this year is above budget. “We have had a really good year.” Bob said.
 - a. Reported to the committee other projects for the course. The bridge from #3 to #4 will be redone. The floor planking will be replaced along with guide rails on either side to replace the current slats. Lanes for dropping off golf bags and for cars just passing through at the bag drop, will be better marked. Shade sails are being considered for the bagging area. Cart path replacing is hoped to be started next year, where needed. Bermuda grass sod will start to be used for tee boxes. #16 will be mowed around the pond and the bulkhead extended as far as possible. Benches will be redone this winter.
 - b. Fall outside play impact on tee times – Tee times are set for 45 min. after sunup. This gives the pro-shop a bit of time to let members go out earlier.
6. Golf Group Reports

- a. Members Council, Dave McGregor-absent
 - i. Bob Long noted that the committee is gearing up for this year's Fall Banquet and Dance that will be held on Monday, November 11th at the Yacht Club.
 - ii. The council hopes to hold the annual Pizza Party in January 2025 at the OP Community Center.
- b. OPMGA, John Ferinde
 - i. John reported that Thursday, Oct. 17 was the last day for the 2024 season. The club will now go into their Winter schedule. OPMGA had \$965 in prize money to give out for the second half of their season. Money prizes were also awarded for the full year. The men use a point system 1pt per \$; points are accrued and kept accounted for using weekly winners' scores.
- c. OPLGA, Ann Shockley
 - i. The last day of OPLGA's season is October 29 with a Halloween theme. 42 Ladies have signed up for golf (shot-gun start), 43 ladies for lunch and then the annual Fall Closing meeting where officers for the 2025 season will be elected.
 - ii. The Pink Lady Tournament was a resounding success with 93 players. Prizes were given for Pink Lady format winners as well as winners for the scramble played. 25 large themed baskets, filled with donations from members and other sources, were also bid on by silent auction, while a luncheon was enjoyed by all. The total amount raised was \$8,975.00. The money goes to the Atlantic General Hospital Foundation, to fund mammograms and other diagnostic tests for those who cannot afford these tests.

Old Business

1. Borderlinks condos update – Katy Sostak (OPLGA) (member of Borderlinks association) contacted Ann on how to get permission for house colors. Ann directed her to Public Works to apply for a permit to change the color of houses. Assuming that this means that the color/siding replacement is in the works. A complaint was lodged for the second condo in Borderlinks. Ann will contact Linda Martin, CPI-Ocean Pines to forward the complaint of debris surrounding the condo.

New Business

The GAC 2023 Annual report- Members received (via email) the GAC Annual report. Members were asked to review the report by the November meeting where it will be discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05pm. Don McMuen made the motion to adjourn, Susan Morris 2nd it and it was unanimously approved.