

Golf Advisory Committee

October 26th, 2018

Present: Larry Davies, Chair, O. Novy, J. Lynch, F. Biancaniello, F. Daley, J Malinowski, A. Jordan, J. Baily

Absent: G Fasulo (Florida until May)

Public Comments: Frank Biancaniello provided his thoughts along with a hand out detailing what he thought would be an opportunity for OPGC to host more Indian River Men's Groups outings. After a discussion which included comments from JM regarding the current play schedule for these groups which was around ten outings during 2018 at OPGC it was suggested that Frank have the schedulers for the IRMG groups contact JM to see if more dates would be available.

Minutes from September meeting accepted

Director of Golf Report

September negative variance of \$15,248 attributed to six days of rain and 3 days of misty conditions. Also, one day that the course was closed due to the Hurricane.

Budget process is been started with JB which includes marketing for 2019.

John also advised he now has help from the Administration office for clerical duties i.e. invoicing that previously was his responsibility.

Turn Grill is preparing their winter schedule.

Greens Report – Golf Course Superintend

Andre addressed the Goose grass on the greens and fairways. He feels the intense heat in August along with aeration and an employee's failure to do his responsibilities caused the problem. His recommendation is next year to hold off aeration until September when temperature will be cooler so that fertilizers also can be applied at that time. The greens were being fertilized today it would take four weeks to see any improvement.

The cut of \$40,000 of last years budge severely hurt maintenance on the course that money would have given him 6-8 part time people to work on the course. Most of his staff is part time working 16-20 hours per week.

They are continuing work on the irrigation system with many breakages of galvanized pipe breaking and needing replacement.

They will be working on the ruff to improve conditions, it will be cut further down, and a growth regulator will be used next year. Over seeding will also be done to improve conditions.

He will be over the winter plotting the courses drainage system since he is the only one who knows where they are. These drains need to be cleaned out after heavy rains.

Plans are to re-sod collars on the greens and to work on edging bunkers.

Suggestions by this committee was to better mark signs to hole 18 by moving sign up closer to the turn off.

An assistance is being hired for Andre since he is the only person that can apply Chemicals.

New Discussion:

Driving Range is now on the OPGCC app, which gives you yardage this will be e-blasted in "This Week In The Pines" and a sign was suggested for the Pro Shop. LD advised that Plantation Lakes has an artificial grass teeing area that looks and feels like grass when hitting off of it. The suggestion was made that JM should look into this type of set up as it would eliminate the need for constant grass and sod repair and reseeding.

Tee Time Utilization Report is now available committee asked John to have one for us next meeting so that we can review and be able to use it going into next season for our input on better filling tee times.

John Baily advised that we would be reviewing the first draft of the budget at our November meeting and that we may also meet in early December to finalize. The committee will have their recommendations ready for the November meeting.

Frank Daly advised the committee that this committee is the only golfing committee recognized by the BOD and suggested that we participate with JB and JM in reviewing and development of the golf budget. He also advised that he is going to make a motion at the upcoming BOD meeting that would request the funding necessary to bring the golf course back into commercially acceptable conditions. The committee fully supports this motion in hopes that the golf course can be brought back to a condition where it can be highly regarded and competitive in attracting additional outside play and new membership.

John Baily asked the committee our opinion on outsourcing maintenance of the course. All members of the committee voiced the same opinion that we would not like to see this happen we have gone though outsource at the course and it was not a success. However, we did suggest that maybe we could work with other clubs in the area to buy our chemicals to obtain better pricing.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45

Respectfully Submitted

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GAC Member

