

Willowbrook/Willowcreek Greens Committee Minutes 2 February 2023 Riverview Meeting Room

Harry Emerson called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. February 2, 2023.

Those present: Brian Duthu, Chuck Manning, Gloria Stump, Louise Sartorio, Harry Emerson, Bob Long, Gail McKinney, and Laura Horvatich.

There was a correction to the minutes stating some members from the 9 hole Willowcreek Ladies vice Willowbrook, moved to the yellow tees. With the correction Louise Sartorio moved to accept the minutes from January and Gail McKinney seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Reports:

Brian Duthu, Director of Golf, read his February report which is attached. Brian added that the state grant money for water remediation is going to North first for the Tiftuff test, and to South with the largest acreage needing to be remediated. The front nine will be closed starting 1 April. Harry asked if the greens committees from the various courses can provide input and Brian replied that he was always open to input.

The USGA annual visit is scheduled for 25 April and two members from each course are invited.

Member exchange is 13 February at 9:00 for everyone's information as golf is coming up more than in the past.

Chuck Manning, Superintendent of Willowbrook/Willowcreek read his report which is attached. Chuck talked about frost delays vs cart path only. The microclimates are different on the different courses. Some may have frost delay while others can continue with cart path only for a few hours. If it gets below freezing for a short period the greens are not compromised.

Gloria Stump, WB/WC Head Starter had nothing to report.

Louise Sartorio, WC 9 Hole President, said their tournament started February 7th. Asked Chuck to take a look at the sidewalk dropoff into the desert on the #11 Tee box as it can be unsafe at times. Chuck agreed to see what could be done.

Polly Fischette, WC Men's Club Monitor, reported via Harry that the Men's Club championship will be held March 8th and 15th.

Harry Emerson, WC Men's Club, reported there are raised plugs on holes 5, 10 and 11. Harry also reported there is some movement on the board to pay higher wages to retain good employees and not just provide a training ground for other courses. In answer to a question about water remediation Chuck answered the areas to be turned into desert landscape are stubbed for that job inside the course. The area to be worked on is in the master plan for Willowcreek and Willowbrook.

Bob Long, WC Men was introduced and reported he enjoyed the meeting.

Gail McKinney, WC 9 Hole/ Beautification was introduced and reported she is happy to join the committee.

Old Business:

Beautification: There were suggestions for the placement of the memorials, between the 1st hole and the 2nd tee box off Union Hills, the flower box by the first tee or other. There will be a meeting of all the beautification reps from the different courses with Brian in order to find some agreement that would standardize all courses. The meeting is scheduled for February 13th at 12:00 p.m.

The forms for yellow tees at Willowbrook and additional lighting around the pro shop and parking have been submitted to RCSC.

New Business:

Small Group Bookings Harry Emerson passed out a sheet to discuss the success and denial rates for various groups in October and January. 30+ is considered a small group. This seems to be a perceived and persistent problem, but is really the much larger issue of demand for golf outstripping supply in the high demand months.

Input to next Golf Advisory Committee:

- WCWB input to small group booking issue
- WCWB input to beautification policy

There being no further business Louise Sartorio moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Harry Emerson. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 a.m.

Jean Emerson