

## **Willowbrook/Willowcreek Greens Committee Minutes**

March 3, 2022 at Riverview Meeting Room

Present: Brian Duthu, Chuck Manning, Phil Bucholtz, Lisa Bragelmann, Polly Fischette, Barney Alanis, Cristi Dorsch, Harry Emerson, Mile Conrad, Mary Ann Rispoli and Jean Emerson (minutes).

Harry Emerson called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.

Harry Emerson asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of February 3, 2022. There being no corrections Mike Conrad moved the minutes of February 3, 2022 be accepted as posted and distributed. Cristi Dorsch seconded the motion and the motion to accept the minutes passed.

### **Committee Reports:**

Brian Duthu, Director of Golf, reviewed his March 2022 report. The report is attached. There was a question on cart rentals and Brian explained the only carts that are reserved are those for outside members. The outside members pay an additional \$500/year for the use of a cart. Many courses have limited cart storage so RCSC cardholders should tell the pro shop when they will be needing a cart.

Chuck Manning, WB/WC Course Superintendent, reviewed his March report, which is attached. There was a question about the number of brown plugs on the greens. Chuck explained that when the plugs are put in a bit higher than the green the mowers scalp the plugs. These scaped plugs are an increasing source of complaints. Another question on the lack of green grass around the bunkers was explained. The determination to limit the overseeding around the bunkers was made to save water. Each course will be allowed to have 90 acres of turf. At this point WB/WC have 240 acres of turf.

Gloria Stump, WB/WC Head Starter, Gloria (was not able to attend but provided comments) said all is going well and commented that the adopt-a-hole is helping the course.

Cristi Dorsch, WC Women's 18 Hole Club, reported the bunkers are in great shape. A suggestion for bigger rakes for the bunkers would be appreciated as well as some modern style pull carts to rent.

Lisa Bragelmann, WC Women's 18 Hole Club reported all is well.

Polly fischette, Men's Club Monitor, reported all is well.

Barney Alanis, WC Men's Club reported the course looks good. Barney also mentioned the brown plugs and the fact that many people are not raking the bunkers.

Harry Emerson, WC Men's Club, reported that many of the putting greens and other greens are starting to lose grass showing more bare spots. Harry thanked Chuck for top dressing the greens and par three tee boxes. Harry questioned the possibility of increasing the size of the tee boxes on the par threes, considering the amount of play on the course.

Mary Ann Rispoli, WB 18 Hole Ladies/Beautification, reported the course is in good shape and there are no issues.

#### **Old Business:**

Adopt A Hole is going well. Always can use more volunteers. There have been reports from divot fillers of lots of play after 5:00. There was discussion about the possibility of paying a ranger to patrol after 5:00. Brian stated that the return of fees collected would not cover the expense. Incident reports should be filled out. These reports can show management if there is a pattern of infractions on the courses. Pro shops have the form and the process starts thru them.

#### **New Business:**

A report from golf advisory stated that the overseeding schedule is out, along with continued spirited discussion re the decision to skip overseeding for two courses this year and next.

There is also money for upgrading the IT component for the courses and pro shops. Input has been provided to the Golf Advisory Committee RCSC board members.

Barney Alanis suggested nets up along the holes that run parallel to the driving range. It would stop balls from coming onto the fairways and speed up the time golfers looked for their balls when hitting parallel to the driving range.

There being no further business Lisa Bragelmann made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Barney Alanis and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43.

Jean Emerson