

Willowbrook/Willowcreek Greens Committee Minutes

April 7, 2022 at Riverview Meeting Room

Present: Brian Duthu, Chuck Manning, Gloria Stump, Cristi Dorsch, Polly Fischette, Barney Alanis, Mike Conrad, Harry Emerson, Mary Ann Rispoli and Jean Emerson (secretary).

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. by chairperson Harry Emerson.

Mary Ann Rispoli moved that the minutes from the March 3, 2022 be accepted as distributed and posted. The motion was seconded by Cristi Dorsch and the motion passed.

Committee Reports

Brian Duthu, Director of Golf, reviewed his April 2022 report. The report is attached. There were no questions.

Chuck Manning, WB/WC Course Superintendent, reviewed his April report, which is attached. There was a question about the plugs on the greens and Chuck said they will refocus on those. There was also a question about the barriers on 12 and Chuck said they may be removed. Another concern was trash cans at the tee boxes, especially the yellow's. This will be addressed.

Gloria Stump, WB/WC Head Starter, reported that merchandise is down, most likely due to the supply chain. Golf apparel is very hard to get.

Cristi Dorsch, WC 18 Hole Women's Golf Assn, reported that the Member/Guest Tournament went well. Everyone did a great job.

Polly Fischette, WC Men's Club Monitor, reported that there are a few less players as snowbirds start North. The monitors are working on new laptops so there is a learning curve. Polly is requesting that the men let her know when they are headed north. The no-show numbers have been about the same.

Barney Alanis, WC Men's Club, reported that the course is playing well and the dust is settling. Barney also reported that the ladies did a great job on their scorecards for the Member/Guest.

Harry Emerson, WC Men's Club, reported that the plugs remain a problem on the greens. He also said the short fairway grass seems to be filling in as the Bermuda grass comes up. There were also questions about raising the height of the grass as the Bermuda comes in. In response to a question about thin spots on the greens, Chuck said it is too late in the season to work on thin spots.

Mike Conrad, WC Men's Club, reported that there have been thin areas on the greens since overseeding and hopefully this will be addressed during the next overseeding.

Mary Ann Rispoli, WB 18 Ladies/Hole Beautification, reported all is well.

Old Business

Barney Alanis mentioned the problem with range balls on the 9th fairway. A solution could be a short net along the section of the fairway affected. Since this is a budget issue it will be taken to Golf Advisory Council.

New Business

Golf Advisory Council minutes will be mailed out to the greens committee.

The Greens Committee will meet in May and then resume in October.

Willowbrook will not be overseeded next year, and all courses are tasked to come up with solutions to reduce overall water consumption. In consideration of the necessary water reduction for all courses, the Greens Committee approved the proposal to apply any watering reductions achieved from other areas of the fairways and use that reduced area to supplement the areas around the bunkers. Right now, it is hard to get over the bunkers because of the lack of grass. In short, the proposal is to overseed the complete fringe area around the green as opposed to just the 'walk up' we have now, and overseed an area to be determined behind the bunkers tying in with the fairway. Copy of graphic used to discuss the proposal is attached. Brian acknowledged the recommendation and stated that it was being considered by the superintendents.

Mike thanked Harry and Cal Frank for providing pizza and beer to the divoters.

There being no further business Mike Conrad made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Barney Alanis and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 a.m.

Jean Emerson, Secretary