

Greens Committee Meeting - December 14

Greens Committee Members in attendance were John Valentine, Byron Hock, Kelly Davis, Suzanne Popelka, Sue Mallery, Fred Nixon and Wayne Onyx

Guests were Ron Jackson and Gary Hall

1. Watering frequency - Watering will be backed off now to every other day. Watering was necessary after overseed to establish the new grass which is now in good shape.
2. Fred Nixon gave a detailed bunker report. We have plenty of sand in bunkers, but irrigation directed towards the bunkers and the Sand Pro used is making things worse by compacting the sand. A new Sand Pro runs \$11,500. Better to hand rake along with redirecting water. Sprinklers should be changed to 180 degrees instead of the current 360 degrees. Another option is to use the Sand Pro on the day that no water was applied the previous night. Could try raking in the afternoon when things are drier. The sprinkler head exchange will take 1-2 years. Focus should be on playability of bunkers, not aesthetic. Fred is taking the lead of the bunker maintenance and will work with Brendan and the crew to do what is necessary to improve the conditions. We will be tapping into the CRAB fund to purchase some of the necessary equipment and materials. Fred will also take the lead on which bunkers will be removed over the coming years. I encouraged him to use Jack on this sub-committee as he has worked closely on this subject in the past.
3. Pump House roof—Kelly said the invoice was just returned and the receipt of materials are now 2-½ weeks out now.
4. Volunteer Help - This is making a big difference and allows us to not have to hire another person. We have a group moving tee markers pre and post mowing, line painting, algae removal, mowing and bunker rototilling. Wayne will post the accolades in an upcoming eMail blast and plan an article for the Sunbird News.
5. Sectional Gate Valve update - Wayne said Brendan estimates a cost of \$30-\$35K to replace the majority of the sectional valves. Questions raised “Do we need to do this?” Maybe do 6 instead so we can isolate some areas. The current status puts a pressure surge on the entire irrigation system after repairs are made. Wayne to follow-up with Dave and Brendan along with Julie Anderson to be sure that these donated funds are used appropriately.
6. Fill update—Jack is looking for free fill options—new swimming pools etc. So far not much luck. We may have to purchase fill material.
7. Weeds - Wayne reported that Brendan will spray weeds by #3 and #4 greens soon along with other areas on the course.
8. Duck committee—No committee or leader now—will put on hold for now and see how this impacts the playing conditions.
9. Other items – Gary Hall mentioned some animals burrowing near the homes along #18 fairway.
10. Next meeting date - Wednesday, January 12th at 9:00 on the patio.

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