

Sunbird Golf Club Annual Meeting
February 17, 2022
Sunbird Ballroom

The annual meeting of the Sunbird Golf Course was opened at 7 p.m. on February 17th. Board members attending: Dave White, president. Duane Dub, vice president. Jean Pritchard secretary, Julie Anderson treasurer, Sandy Crane, member, Wayne Onyx member and Ed Leonard member. Also present was Laurie Kelech, golf shop manager. Brendan Waddell, course superintendent was absent.

Duane Dub, nominating committee chair, introduced the candidates for the election and asked them each to give a short talk. Candidates are Julie Anderson, Jean Pritchard, and Bob Morris.

Dave White thanked the Candidates.

Dave introduced Steve Seel, who is President of the Sunbird HOA. Steve spoke about the request of the SBGC to the HOA to consider a CCR change to allow the HOA to contribute 8% of the yearly HOA dues to the Golf Course for the maintenance of the green spaces and to clean and maintain the ponds, that are used for all the runoff from the streets. There will be a Town Hall Meeting on March 22 at 7P M with the combined boards hosting the meeting and discussing the CCR changes.

Dave then thanked Julie Anderson and Jean Pritchard for their contributions to the SBGC for the last 3 years.

Dave White then gave the "State of the Golf Course Address." He stated that he feels good about the state of the golf course! A big Thank You to all the Volunteers. The hours that the volunteers have donated to the club is enormous. Their time has saved the SBGC approximately \$45,000 in labor cost. There are too many volunteers to mention, without leaving someone out. Many other donations have helped the course, some are: Bandits Golf Group, Kare Bears, Annie Hall, Gary Hall, Bob Morris, and many individuals.

Thank you to everyone.

The replaced pump has made a major difference in the overseeding. It allows for 12 feet more of spray distance of water and has cut the electrical cost in half.

Julie Anderson, Treasurer announced that we have 81 redeemable memberships. Down from 430-/+ 3 years ago. In the past year many have donated memberships through Redeeming or Reclassifying them. Julie reviewed the Financial Statement and the Profit and Loss Statement. She thanked all golfers for their support. In 2021 the budgeted cost of grass seed was \$37,715, plus we had donations for approximately \$12,000 from the overseed letter.

Gary Hall asked if there was a record of how many donations for overseed were non golfers. 110 were non golfers and 68 were golfers. Many golfers had also donated to the pump fund last year.

Dwight Mallery asked about outside play. What is the effect does this have on the course. Will we be able to seed "wall to wall" again, or seed just tees and greens or tees, greens, and fairways? Another question was regarding funds from donations and the Community Green Up...will they help to keep the whole course green?

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Laurie Kelech, Golf Shop Manager. Laurie commented on the amount of outside play. January 2021 the income from outside play was \$4415.00, January 2022 income from outside play \$43,002.

Sunbird Golf Course has a 4.4 rating on Google, Springfield has a 4.2 rating, and Bear Creek has a 3.6 rating.

Laurie thanked the Board, the Members, the Volunteers, the Maintenance Staff, the Golf Shop staff for their hard work and Bob Morris for contributing the dollars from the golf lessons he gives to the Golf shop.

Dave Thanked Laurie and stated that she does a great professional job.

Wayne Onyx, Green Committee Chairperson gave his and Brandon's report. The golf course is as green and luscious as it has ever been. The pump is working great, and the greens are great. Volunteers are working on many projects. Fred Nixon is working on the bunkers; work will be done on bridges 8 and 18 (Gary Hall). Upcoming projects include add about 60 ton of dirt on hole 9 to fill in the low spot by the lake, add sod to the bunkers on 10 and 12 that have been filled in. More sod will be added to the area by hole #9 tee box.

Upcoming:

Bandits Tournament February 23

Greens Keeper Tournament on March 19

(Jack Cooper is looking for hole and green sponsors) Funds for this will be used for another fertilizer spreader.

Let Wayne know if you see any problems on the course.

Sandy Crane announced that we have 14 new members

Duane Dub mentioned the Task Force that is working with the HOA on the CCR change

Ed Leonard is reviewing our legal documents.

Jack Cooper Announced the Election results. The new Board Members for the 3-year upcoming term are Julie Anderson and Jean Pritchard.

Question from the floor.

How much is left to pay on the Mortgage on the course? Last payment will be in 2026. In 2013 the terms of the loan were refinanced from a 7% annual interest to a 3.5% annual interest. Saving the course over \$400,000 in total. The yearly principal and interest payment is \$52,000 a year.

Green Tee boxes? will the course be rerated to incorporate these with the yellow tees or?

The plan is to evaluate the use of the green tee boxes and then decide.

Thank you, the course conditions are best ever. We are hopeful for additional donations so the whole course can be fully overseeded. The 10 new golf carts were delivered in January, the 18 other carts were leased to buy 5 years ago. All the carts are used every day, the new carts are \$896 per month, (will recharge in 4 hours) and the old carts are \$1082 a month (need to be recharged overnight)

Several questions about the wildlife on the course. the goal would be to keep them off the water and they will leave. In Arizona you can move the wildlife to get them to move, but you cannot touch them.

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The meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Pritchard
Recording Secretary
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