



RAC GOLF COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes – Club Room
September 9, 2020

Chairperson Bob Cochran called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

Members Present: Carolyn Bethea, Benny Blackshire, Bob Cochran, Joe Law, Marty O’Neill, Ted Roberts, and Frank Hinson, Director of Golf and Racket Sports

Members Absent: Dennis Bluett & Carolyn Clark (RAC Rep).

Dennis & Carolyn did not receive the meeting announcement.

Members Excused: Richard (Dick) Green

1. The roll call confirmed a quorum and the agenda was adopted by vote.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting, which was held on February 12, 2020, were presented to the members present. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as submitted. The minutes were approved.
3. **Chairperson’s Report:** Bob Cochran introduced the new members. He requested a volunteer to be secretary and getting no volunteer, Bob appointed Benny Blackshire as Secretary for the Golf Committee. Bob stated the agenda provided would be the standard agenda he would use. Bob and Frank agreed there is no need to discuss greens fees until after the course is open back up to the public. The fees will remain the same for 2020. Currently, the course is open to members only.
4. **Director of Golf Report:** Frank provided a handout of the course usage comparing the month of August in 2019 to 2020. Due to the course closure for a limited time, course usage statistics are way down as well as revenue. Joe Law ask, “How does Life Care Services look at golf?” “How do they perceive us?” Frank replied that they see us as an amenity. They are not going to sink a lot of money into it. They believe it is good for marketing and will provide the minor improvements. Freedom Plaza is the crown jewel in their portfolio.
5. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. Restrooms – There was a discussion about the poor condition of the rest rooms on the golf course. All of the fixtures are old and need to be replaced. It was recommended that a work order be submitted for the equipment and cleanliness. The chairperson should sign the work order for the committee.
 - b. Telephone in the Pro Shop – This item was completed. Frank stated to call his cell phone if the Pro Shop does not answer.
 - c. Greens Rolled – The greens have been aerated and sanded which has caused some browning. They will be rolled in the Fall when they rebound more. The new sprinkler system has been installed.
6. **New Business:**

- a. Committee Responsibilities – Bob provided a copy of the Golf Committee responsibilities to those who wanted them at the end of the meeting.
- b. Meeting Dates – There was a discussion on whether to have the committee meet bi-monthly or quarterly. The committee was in favor of meeting bimonthly. Meeting dates for the next year will be 11 Nov 2020, and for 2021 will be 13 Jan, 10 Mar, 12 May, 14 Jul, 8 Sep and 10 Nov.
- c. Course Opening – Frank stated he did not know when the course would be open again to the public. It would not be until after the restrictions are lifted.
- d. Clean Up – Bob suggested we have a clean-up day for the golf course. Especially after a storm when there is much debris on the course and cart path. Frank suggested we get a volunteer group that would want to do this. It was also mentioned that brush needed to be cut back along the cart path and something needs to be done about the bushes on hole 18.
- e. Liquor License – Bob inquired about the status of the liquor license for the Pro Shop and Plaza Club. Frank said that Dining Services is taking the lead on restoring the license.
- f. Marketing – Frank said that there could not be any demo's or clinics until the restrictions are lifted. The same is true for member tournaments.
- g. Security – There was a discussion about the unauthorized use of the golf course by individuals and dogs. Some people are turning their pets loose while walking around the golf course. Frank said this is difficult to control as there are numerous entry points to the course. It was suggested that when Freedom Plaza gets a security patrol, they could use a golf cart patrol around the course as well as driving in cars.
- h. Greens Flags – It was suggested the flags be replaced with new ones. Some of the blue flags are faded so much that it is difficult from the tee boxes to tell them from the white ones. Frank said he could do this. It was also suggested that a reflector be placed on top of the flag poles so laser finders can accurately determine distance.

7. **Committee Input:** Bob made copies of the Freedom Fairways Rules and a Golf Survey available to the committee at the end of the meeting.
8. Chairperson Bob Cochran adjourned the meeting at 2:30 pm.
9. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 11, at 1:30 pm in the Club Room.

Respectively submitted,
Benny Blackshire
Secretary

Handouts:

- Agenda
- Minutes of February 12 Meeting
- Freedom Fairways Pro Shop (Comparison of Usage for August 2019/2020)
- Golf Committee Responsibilities
- Freedom Fairways Rules
- Golf Survey "Can't Get No Satisfaction"