



**RAC GOLF COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes – Club Room**  
**March 23, 2021**

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, Carolyn Clark, RAC Liaison  
and Frank Hinson, Director of Golf and Racket Sports

**Members Absent:** Dennis Bluett

**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 September 9, 2020, were approved by email in September and submitted to the RAC Secretary. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as submitted.
3. **Chairperson’s Report:** Bob Cochran’s report included the following items:

a. Financials for Freedom Fairways.

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>NON-MEMBERS</u>	<u>GROUPONS</u>	<u>GOLF NOW</u>
Dec	\$13,663.05	1225	767	5	51
Jan	\$26,013.67	1133	1317	4	75
Feb	\$25,848.42	946	1336	4	57

Membership was 127 members at the end of Dec and 164 members as of today.

- b. Course Clean Up. Two course pick-up days were discussed at the last meeting and two occurred. Turn-out for the 1<sup>st</sup> day was 4 people and for the 2<sup>nd</sup> was three. Turn-out was disappointing. No more clean-ups are scheduled.
- c. Greens Flags. Last meeting, new flags were requested, and they have been installed.

- d. Greens Stimpmeter Readings. Thanks to Marty O'Neill, a reading and speed of greens was taken. The average stimpmeter speed was 7.3.
- e. Couples League. Meets every other Saturday with lunch after for those that want to go.
- f. Course Overseed. The overseed has worked well but starting to burn out.

**4. Director of Golf Report:** Frank discussed the set-up with Groupons and Golf Now. Groupons will be discontinued the end of March. Golf Now gets 2 tee times each day for setting up the tee time sheets. This is a good arrangement as it costs nothing.

**5. Unfinished Business:**

- a. Restrooms – At the September meeting 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. A work order was submitted for the equipment and cleanliness by Bob, but nothing has been done. Housekeeping is shorthanded so the facility supplies (paper towels, toilet paper, and soap) do not get replaced on a regular basis. FP contractor does the cleaning and maintenance of the facility. Two recommendations were made by the committee:
  - (1) Re-paint the restroom floors to make them easier to clean.
  - (2) Have facility supplies available to the Rangers so they could replace when needed.
- b. Pro Shop. Liquor license has been restored. Covid restrictions have been relaxed, however, masks and social distancing are still required in the Pro Shop.
- c. Greens Rolled. The greens will be rolled again in the summertime.
- d. Tournaments. No tournaments are scheduled at this time. Need someone to organize a tournament for members. Maybe a club championship.
- e. Welcome Banner. Needed for the summer to increase rounds played. Doubtful that it would be helpful as most people do not play in the summer afternoon.

- f. Marketing and Advertising. Frank has had discussions with Chris Hall on ideas.
- g. Golf Survey. Bob is looking into finding a good golf survey for patrons.
- h. Unauthorized use of golf course. This includes hikers, dog walkers, people fishing, and those playing without paying. Violations should be reported to the Pro Shop during operating hours and to the FP front desk after hours. Frank and Bob are going to speak with Gary Bembry about instructions for the front desk when they receive a complaint.
- i. Fees. All fee changes must be approved by the ED. A motion was made and seconded to request the fees be lower in the summer afternoon to attract more golfers. After discussion, the motion was approved. Frank will determine the lower summer afternoon fee to be submitted for approval.

**6. New Business:**

- a. Course Rating. Due to the distance requirement, only the gold tee can be rated.
- b. Dog Park Status. After discussion, it was determined this has no impact on the golf committee or the golf course and will be removed from future agendas.
- c. Meeting Dates. It was determined at the September meeting that the committee would only meet quarterly. The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 22, 2021.
- d. Committee Input. Carolyn Bethea commented that the ladies' tees on 11 & 16 need some work. There is bare ground on the tee box.

**7.** Chairperson Bob Cochran adjourned the meeting at 2:30 pm.

**8.** The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 22, at 1:30 pm in the Club Room.

Respectively submitted,  
Benny Blackshire  
Secretary