



**RAC GOLF COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes**  
June 22, 2021  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room

Chairperson, Bob Cochran called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Members Present: Carolyn Bethea, Dennis Bluett, Carolyn Clark (RAC Liaison), Bob Cochran, Dick Green, Joe Law, Marty O’Neill, Siby Thadathil.

New Members : MaryAnn Wellander was present but Molly Walker was unable to attend.

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 March 23, 2021, were approved by email 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>
Mar	\$36,028.67	1129	1754	6	66
Apr	\$28,926.10	961	1476	4	73
May	\$16,634.58	857	912	2	73

B. Suggestion was made to consider Summer Rates at the course.

C. Request was made to bill members annually(not being done currently).

D. New strategic direction is to integrate food availability.

4. **Directors Golf Report:** The current director, Frank Hinson, has retired and the new hire, Ron Larkin will be available to attend future meetings.

5. **Maintenance Report:** Siby reported that a golf course consultant, Mark Black, has been hired to make recommendations for the course. The consultants report will be shared with the Golf Committee. He also discussed aeration of the course, condition of the greens, problems caused by shade, sand content, and fertilizer.

6. **Unfinished Business:**

A. **Restrooms** - The poor condition of the restrooms was discussed at a previous meeting and a work order was submitted for the equipment and cleanliness by Bob, but nothing has been done to date. Since the last meeting, the rangers have been expected to replace the paper supplies each day as needed when they make their rounds of the course. Siby acknowledged that he is aware of the damaged roof on the restroom at #12. It was suggested that #6 restroom's roof would be fixed.

B. **Pro Shop Food Project** - Siby reported that food service is being planned at the pro shop. Currently a Fish Fry is offered on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays. Plans are to offer other items to golfers in the pro shop as well.

C. **Greens Rolled** - This is to be scheduled.

D. **Tournaments** - Management and Marketing have suggested that the course offers this option.

E. **Marketing/Advertising** - No discussion on this item except more is needed.

F. **Survey** - The possibility of a survey of the active golfers was discussed.

**G. Unauthorized Use** - Discussion about people using the course after hours, people walking their dogs, people biking on the course and fishing in the ponds. Tiby recommended that anyone noting this activity to call the Front Desk and ask that the proper authorities be called to handle this.

**H. Course Condition** - The need for the greens to be rolled was discussed. Siby agreed to follow up on this.

**I. Course Rating** - Dick Green offered to organize this and scheduled a later time for completion.

**J. New Starting Procedure** - Complaints were aired about tee times being changed without notice and the request for members to have priority in making tee times.

## 7. **New Business:**

**A. Election of Officers** - A motion was made and unanimously carried to keep the current officers for another year.

**B. Introduction of New Members** - MaryAnn Wellander was introduced. The other new member, Molly Walker, was absent.

**C. Strategic Direction** - The addition of food and possible tournaments was proposed.

8. **Committee Input:** See above.

9. **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm.

The next meeting will be determined after consulting with the new director.

Carolyn Bethea

Acting Secretary