

RAC GOLF COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes - Club Room

September 27, 2021

Prior to the meeting chairperson O'Neill requested and received an enthusiastic cheer of thanks to Bob Cochran and Benny Blackshire for their several years of service.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM

Members present: Carolyn Bethea, Carolyn Clark, Joe Law, Dick Green, Marty O'Neill, Ted Roberts, Molly Walker, Maryann Wellander. Ron Larkin, Director of Golf, Racquet Sport and Hospitality was in attendance

Members excused: Denis Bluett

1. The published **agenda** was expanded to include the Committee Mission Statement at the prior request of Carolyn Clark.
2. Approval of the prior meeting **Minutes** via eMail was confirmed.
3. After discussion, a vote was taken to **accept the present Mission Statement** without change.
4. **Ron Larkin** reported:

Website improvement...was completed to expand Freedom Plaza.com to allow tee time posting and other multiple needs of in-house golfers.

Course drainage repairs...are underway via trenches to improve drainage on holes 5,12, and 17.

Return to clubhouse for 9 hole players...is via a new path being constructed and marked. This avoids interfering with other players on the front 9.

New membership stickers for carts...are ordered to show the membership year. And, provide a standard membership year to correspond to the calendar year. Starting in January 2022.

Membership fees...were adjusted and published for all recognized category of players except that the residents over 90 years of age would not be charged. Billing will begin for January 1, 2022.

New League Agreement...document was initiated to protect the Club from "no shows" that are being encountered. Minimum league size is 8 players.

Expanded tee time intervals...to 15 minutes to prevent interference between groups

Restroom code was changed...to prevent unauthorized use or abuse, an action item from a prior Golf Committee meeting.

New pricing was posted...for greens fees, cart rental and equipment rental for nonmembers. Residents have lower membership fees, but will pay the same greens fees.

Golf cart parking...separate from cars is being monitored and considered. In the meantime cart parking on the grass behind the putting green is acceptable and recommended.

Promotional merchandise...is being procured. Some items are already available with course logo.

Special Event...A putting clinic is scheduled with a guest pro from Vinoy CC for Oct. 18th. It is intended for members.

5. Course Rating...Dick and Marty reported

Work is unofficial...the Florida State Golf Association no longer rates par 3 courses even though Freedom Fairways was rated by them in the early 1990's.

Excell Spreadsheet...now in use for the ratings can be completed but may not yield a rating due to the course length.

Course Data...was compiled on two separate work days and is being entered into the program. May be completed by the next Committee meeting.

Rating Type Data...can still be useful to adjust handicaps for members of other courses, even though not officially recognized.

6. Facility Utilization and Condition...Marty requested

Facility utilization review including storage rooms and space not in use for the original intent. Concern was that space assigned to Freedom Fairways should be actively used in a way to protect it from competing activities.

7. Need for Subcommittees...was questioned by Marty based on several unfinished items, such as rest room condition, appearing on multiple monthly reports. Committee members did not recommend any new subcommittee.

8. Unfinished Business...palmettos on hole 15-16 need to be trimmed for cart passage.

9. Meetings...it was agreed via an informal vote that meetings will be on the last Monday of each month...except they would be cancelled if the agenda was insufficient.

SUBMITTED BY RICHARD GREEN