



## **RAC GOLF COMMITTEE**

### **Meeting Minutes – Club Room**

**January 31<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM,

**Members Present:** Carolyn Bethea, Denis Bluett, Carolyn Clark, Dick Green, Joe Law, Marty O’Neill, Ted Roberts, Molly Walker. And of course, Ron Larkin, Director of Golf, Racquet Sports, and Hospitality. Member Maryanne Wellander was absent.

**Others Attending:** Angie Roher, FP Executive Director (for a special report), and Mary Mackey, Senior VP Operations for Life Care Services, observing.

1. Minutes of the November meeting were approved prior to this meeting
2. Angie Roher reported that she and Ron had addressed the Committee concern about fees for older residents who may be able to play occasionally, but may not be able to justify the cost of a full membership. She and Ron initiated the sale of punch cards with 10 plays each for either 9-hole rounds or 18-hole rounds. Price quote was \$150 for 9-hole rounds and \$275 for 18-hole rounds. This is a substantial reduction in green fees charged to the public. Should an active club member reach a truly advanced age, the committee will remain free to make a special recommendation to management.
3. Joe Law received a round of applause for efforts to organize a resident member tournament scheduled for February 7<sup>th</sup>. Twenty-four resident members are scheduled to play.
4. Ron Larkin reported:

A follow up golf seminar on iron play with a visiting lady pro from Vinoy (St. Petersburg) is planned for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter...date to be announced.

Removing Brazilian Pepper trees on the left side of number 6 hole will be a continuing issue. Some work was done, and the improvement is noted.

Logo hats and shirts are ordered and should be received shortly.

Softness of the turf at the right of number 1 green is persistent and will be investigated. The mower tires are making grooves.

Flagstick placement versus flag color was reviewed with the course maintenance staff to improve accuracy.

Distance markers to the greens were repainted.

License to sell beer (alcohol) at the clubhouse is being renegotiated by the legal staff. We hope for a resolution in late February.

Not reported (since we did not meet in December) ...Both restrooms are now completely renovated with new fixtures and fresh paint including the roofs.

5. Denis Bluett requested the return of a practice/warm up net near the golf cart parking facility. Previous net was removed several months ago. Concern was mainly for resident practice/exercise even if they may not be golf club members. After discussion, I was agreed that Denis, Marty O'Neill and Carolyn Bethea would review the situation and make a subcommittee recommendation at the next meeting. Ron recommended that expansion of the warmup and practice nets is recommended but should be at the main clubhouse. At this location we could accommodate more than one golfer at a time and provide a suitable location for lessons.
6. Dick Green and Denis Bluett requested that Ron eliminate the short gravel walking path to the 15<sup>th</sup> hole ladies' tee. It is un-slightly from the Plaza building windows. It was observed that a very low percentage of golfers use the path...probably because it is easier to walk on the surrounding turf. The gravel could be used elsewhere on the course, and the turf used for replacement would look much better.

Marty O'Neill, Committee Chair