



RAC GOLF COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes – Club Room

February 28th, 2022

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

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

Minutes of the January meeting were approved prior to the meeting via eMail.

Ron Larkin reported:

1. All residents may join the club without a fee when they reach age 90.
2. C&S has been reinstructed in placement of cups versus flag color and proper sinking of the cups.
3. Recent cold snap has done some damage to fairways and ornamental flowers. Recovery is underway.
4. The Club has welcomed some young players via “First Tee” on Saturdays. Many clubs nationwide welcome these players as their first introduction to golf.
5. Arrangements were completed for removal of gravel walking path to the ladies 15th hole tee box. Job should be completed within a week.
6. “Play with the pro” program will continue with resident members playing along with the lady pro from Vinoy on March 30th. It will be done with two separate groups at 1:00 PM and again at 2:00 PM.
7. Clubhouse hot dog machine has arrived and a cart was ordered from Amazon to facilitate the hook up.
8. Clubhouse staffing is nearly complete with the last opening being filled on March 1 by “Sabrina”.

Members requested the status of improvement to the practice area. Ron Larkin responded with a verbal description of a preliminary plan showing multiple practice slots with nets. Drawings were promised via eMail for review. Placement of the equipment is not yet decided/finalized.

Soft wet ground to the right of #1 green is not due to sprinkler system. Investigation will continue to determine a solution.

We do not have a proper return to the clubhouse for those who play only 9 holes. Most return by going backward on the 9th cart path to the Big House parking lot and then on to the clubhouse. The nature trail now has markers for clubhouse return. We don't know if anyone has used this...or how many may have been lost!

Denis Bluett reported some weeds in the flower beds near the 12th green/13th tee, and some other locations.

Chair, O'Neill requested the status of available logo hats for Freedom Fairways. Mr. Larkin reported that he is waiting disposition of a requested budget for ordering these. The economics of this is marginal unless we consider it to be "advertising".

Dick Green inquired if the Committee could receive financial data sufficient to track how the Club business is trending. Some pieces of this are now available but not all, and due to the seasonal nature of the business, it would take a year of data so that a given month would have a suitable comparison. This was not resolved.

Meeting schedule was confirmed for each last Monday of a month at 1:00 PM unless the Committee votes an exception.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:17 PM.

Marty O'Neill, Chair

