



RAC GOLF COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes – Club Room
July 25, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM,

Members Present, Carolyn Bethea, Dick Green. Joe Law, Marty O’Neill, and Marianne Wellander. And of course, Ron Larkin, Director of Golf, Racquet Sports, and Hospitality. Members Carolyn Clark, Dave Lowe and Ted Roberts were excused. Member Molly Walker did not attend.

The minutes of the June 27th, 2022 meeting were approved prior to this meeting.

1. The first order of business was to elect Marty O’Neill, chair, and Dave Lowe, secretary to these positions for the new year. This was unanimous.
2. Ron Larkin presented the new booklet for Freedom Fairways which has not been updated for several years. Copies were available at the meeting and are available to all in the clubhouse. There is a local advertiser for each hole.
3. Ron presented new “CART PATH ONLY” signs intended for use to reduce golf cart traffic on the fairways. There are flags available for handicapped who must use their carts on the fairway.
4. Ron has defined the required “trim out” maintenance and appearance issues for the clubhouse and cart barn that will be scheduled for 2023 budget.
5. The resolution of the dead tree issue is planned for 2023. A consultant assisted with defining the scope. There are multiple dead trees on the course.

6. There are four bridges on the course. The two on hole 14 are being rebuilt and a marked detour is available while number 14 is out of play for about two weeks. The starters are providing detour directions.
7. Ron is planning a 30th anniversary golf party for late Sept. or October, the date yet to be determined. This will include a golf round and a party after.
8. The C&S contract was discussed. The Committee agreed that a formally qualified “greenskeeper” or golf course trained landscaper would be desirable under a new contract. Some dedication of selective golf course landscapers may be the best choice to keep the golf course in the best playable condition.
9. It was agreed that we need better advertising for the new hot dog bar at the club house. Some potential customers do not recognize the opportunity.
10. I suggested that some golf experience/opportunity be explored for the Freedom Plaza “Signature Club” as an opportunity to increase interest in the community for golfers. Ron will consider exploring this with marketing or Administration.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 29th at 10:00 a.m. in the Club Room.

Marty O’Neill, Chair