



RAC GOLF COMMITTEE  
**Meeting Minutes – 4th floor room**  
**January 31, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM

**Members Present:** Caroly Bethea, Carolyn Clark, Joe Law, Dave Lowe, Marty O’Neill, Ted Roberts, Molly Walker, MaryAnne Wellander and Ron Larkin, Director of Golf, Racquet Sports and Hospitality. Dick Green was excused.

1. Dick Green has resigned from the committee and Don Eckerson has been approved as a new member. The committee wishes to thank Dick for his many years of past service and wish him all the best.
2. Ron Larkin provided the following updates:
3. Club membership continues to grow as does revenue. The revenue goal for December, 2023 was 100K; we did 112K. January, 2023 revenue was 43K; January, 2024 revenue was 57K. Ron provided more good news by sharing that the Larkin Weather Almanac (not to be confused with the Farmer’s Almanac) predicts that Summer, 2024 heat will never reach 90 degrees. Great news for June-September tee times!!
4. No complaints were voiced regarding members’ ability to secure tee times.
5. Ron broke down member numbers; we have 17 lifetime members, 51 regular individuals and couples, 16 October members, and 34 premium members.
6. The USGA has officially rated the course and the Pro shop will submit score cards for purpose of updating handicaps.
7. New scorecards have arrived.

8. Kristy McPherson will provide a clinic on Monday, February 6th beginning at 10 am. at holes 7-8-9. Freedom Plaza Marketing department will coordinate the event. Food and beverages will be available.
9. Tree work continues on the course. Some additional trees need to come down but new trees are, already, being planted on holes 5 and 8 with more to come. In addition, the Garden Club has been in contact and has indicated a willingness to offer ideas on beautifying the course. Welcome news! It could prove to be a great partnership.
10. Members need to police fellow members regarding course maintenance and golf etiquette. Divot repair, location of cart driving and allowing faster players to play through were several suggestions expressed.
11. There's a drop off area near the cart path next to the 7th green that presents a potential slip and fall that needs to be filled in.
12. Pro shop inventory sales are on the rise and Ron is looking to increase product offerings.
13. We are, still, awaiting the arrival of the new golf carts.
14. Fringe areas near the greens need to be trimmed.
15. The practice cage is in disrepair and needs to be replaced.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 28th 9:30 am in the 4th floor meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Lowe, Secretary

Marty O'Neill, Chairman

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