

Cottonwood Palo Verde

Golf Committee Meeting

May 3, 2023

Board Liaison present: Marty Nielsen

Management present: Steve Hardesty, Scott Anderson, Jon Griglak, and Greg Tokash, Brian Sage

Committee Members present: Pat Shouse, Diane French, Gregg Lorimor, Denise Orthen, Mike Lorimor, Jim Rumppler, Julie Collier, Chuck Carothers, Bill Bushbaum

Committee Members absent: None

Guests: Gary Alexander (Audit & Finance Committee), Teresa Roark, John Kane, Jean Nelson, Michael Moore, Bob Kaczmarek, Scott Salmonson, Deb Salmonson

Called to Order: 2:00 PM

Approve Minutes: *Minutes of the April meeting were approved.*

Agenda: Old Business:

- Jon Griglak reported that the speaker system at the CW pro shop was repaired by company techs and is now working much better.
- Steve Hardesty reported that management feels that only standard 4-wheel golf carts should be allowed on the courses after November 1 and asked the Golf Committee for their concurrence. ADA carts would be an exception. The committee voted to support this. It will be taken to the next HOA Board Meeting for first reading with a final Board vote expected in the July meeting. We will next re-write the HOA Golf Cart policy to reflect this for Board approval.
- Cottonwood is continuing a trial and evaluation of the use and cost of marshals on the course.
- Continuing the discussion of the number of events which consume both Saturday and Sunday shotgun start times, the committee feels that this should be handled by the various clubs. It was suggested that some events could be held on other days or on successive Saturdays. CW men are reducing by one, the PVMGA reported they will be reviewing their events, and other clubs will not be adding any. It was noted that all of these events generally bring in a lot of money to the restaurants and to the Pro Shops due to chits
- Scott Anderson reported that May is a difficult month for course maintenance as we transition from winter rye grass to bermudagrass. The maintenance staff plans to rework 6 more bunkers during the summer months, similar to what has already been done. The new practice mats on the driving range are now in use. Some have reported the mats are too close to where the carts park, but this would be cost prohibitive to move at this time. Suggestion was made to include moving the mats forward after they are worn and need to be replaced, probably in about 5 years. This will be added to the strategic plan. The resealing work on PV #14 lake seems to have reduced the leakage from the lake; the company doing the work says to give it more time to

completely seal. Scott reported that 350-400 sprinkler heads have now been replaced, with the work continuing for the next several weeks. The pump intake line at # 13 & 14 (CW) lake area has partially collapsed and this is affecting course irrigation. Maintenance staff are working clean out and sleeve the line to solve this problem.

- Greg Tokash reported that Twilight Couples golf will begin Thursday, May 11. There will be no Couples League golf on Friday afternoons this summer. PV Lady 9ers have concluded their season.
- Jon Griglak reported that rounds of golf are holding steady, although down slightly from last year due to weather. He has received many positive comments from golfers on the trial course marshal program. CW will begin Wednesday twilight golf for couples next week.
- **New Business/BoD Liaison:**
 - CW men's players asked Pro Shop to consider doing a Skills Challenge to engage people. Jon will evaluate the best timing so not in middle of busiest 3 months, possibly Nov.
 - Sub-committee reports
 - Water subcommittee reported their plan to have a pilot program to test reducing watering by 50% in the rough on 4 holes this summer (2 at PV and 2 at CW). Another pilot program will test the effect of not over-seeding the fairways on #4 and #16 holes at PV and #5 and #15 holes at CW this fall (except within 10-30 yards of the greens. These pilot programs are intended to demonstrate and evaluate the impact of these water conservation measures if they become necessary in the future due to legislative action. It was moved and approved by the full Golf Committee to support these programs with communication to all homeowners that this is only a trial. The water subcommittee plans to prepare prioritized steps in case a mandatory 25% water reduction is imposed; also steps if a 50% water reduction is imposed. These plans would only be implemented if necessary.
 - The strategic 5-year plan subcommittee will meet later this month.
 - The financial/structure/Chelsea/Marshall subcommittee surveyed nearby courses and prepared a rate comparison sheet which will be given to the HOA Board. Chelsea will require ongoing adjustments. Many issues brought forward by golfers after the rate hike was discussed. No resolution yet on many of these as we continue to look at options and any barriers.
 - The communications subcommittee is working with Safety and Security on improving response to 911 calls on the courses. They are also working with the Pro Shop on updating the golf communications E-Mail list for the communications to golfers.
 - Club reports
 - Mike reported PVMGA members want to re-rate the white tees with the tee boxes in their forward positions, so events can be held with the boxes in these positions. He also requested that consideration be given to adding a cart path behind #5 green, since most golfers park there anyway. This item will be added to the agenda for the 5-year strategic plan subcommittee.
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BoD/Liaison report: Marty Nielsen reported that participation in many club events this year causing Recreation to be running slightly below the budget plan. The restaurants are also running behind budget. He reported 50 home sales year-to-date versus 81 last year.

General Manager: Steve Hardesty reported that several new golf equipment purchases will be coming over the next few months.

Homeowner Guests Comments:

One guest inquired on timing for a new forward tee on #18 at PV. Scott Anderson responded that they plan to have this ready by the beginning of next season (November 1).

- Also, it was requested that PV #4 forward tee needs to be flattened. All requests like this will be added to the 5-year plan.
- Gary Alexander, as representative of Audit & Finance, reported that all 3 managers in this meeting were performing under their budgets and he wanted to make sure they were recognized for their efforts.
- One guest observed that many seasonal or guest golfers do not know where to go after they complete hole #9 and requested that directional signs be added pointing to #10.
- Another guest supported the rerating of the white tees at PV but did not feel that new tee boxes needed to be added.
- A lengthy discussion was held from several the men who would like to move up a tee box so they can enjoy their game more, and request this be reviewed We do have forward tees at this time .

Recommendations for Board:

- The golf committee and management approve the recommendations to only allow traditional 4-wheel golf carts on the course, no 2-wheel or 3-wheel carts. A new golf cart Policy will reflect this change.
- The Golf committee has approved a2 pilot programs for summer and fall and we request Board approval:
 - We will reduce water by 50% in the rough on 2 holes at CW and 2 holes at PV and monitor impact and water savings. We will not overseed the Fairways on PV #4 and #16 and #5 and #15 at CW.
 - We will monitor water usage and to review the impact on course. Not overseeding will cause a brown look instead of green but perfectly playable grass, many courses are doing this.

Recommendations for Management:

Adjourn Meeting: Meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM

The Next Meeting will be on September 6th in the Phoenix room at 2:00 PM

Submitted by:

Gregg Lorimor, Secretary

Pat Shouse, Chair