BOCA WEST
COUNTRY CLUB

MINUTES

MEETING:	Golf Committee Minutes
DATE:	June 18, 2020 via Zoom
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Steve Forman, Chair, Chuck Rosenblatt, Vice Chair, Carla Cohn, Eric Reinstein, Irv Jainchill, Jim Ginzler, Lela Cannon, Pete Kolben, Oriol Austin, Richard Wagner, Terri Axelrod
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Absent with Notice: Robin Shulman
PARTICIPANTS:	Guests: Phil Kupperman, Chairman of the Board, Charles Wolf, Board Member, J.R. Friend, Director of Golf Operations, Wes Dinsmoor, Golf Superintendent
FOR INFORMATION:	The Board of Governors
ISSUED BY:	Steve Forman
ISSUE DATE:	June 23, 2020
NEXT MEETING:	July 9, 2020

Chairman Steve Forman called the meeting to order at 3:18 pm. Minutes from the previous meeting in May were approved as written.

Chairman's Report:
Mr. Forman asked JR to proceed with his report as he was not feeling well, but thanked JR for toughing it out and attending the meeting.

Director of Golf Report: JR Friend
A touchless golf ball extractor has been ordered for use on all courses. It will replace the current lids in holes configuration. The device is attached to the flagstick and allows players to use their putter to lift the ball out of the hole and pick it up. Hopefully the device will be delivered in time for the Independence Day event.

- The Golf operation continues to base procedures on Palm Beach County Guidelines. Screens that will fit between golfers using fleet carts have been ordered and this will allow two people to use the carts. The screens will be placed on 75 fleet carts.
- Staff continues to take the temperature of anyone going into the building. There have been no problems or resistance from any of the members.

- JR has been in contact with Nicki and Nanna regarding their plans for the season. With the LPGA season resuming in July, they thought they would be returning to the U.S. in early July, however since additional tournaments have been cancelled and the initial tournaments will be elsewhere, it does not look like they will be visiting Boca West for the next few months.
- We continue to experience above normal usage of the golf courses. Rounds are up 50% from this time in previous years. New staff is being hired and trained.
- On Monday, June 22, fleet carts will have sand for divots. Lids have been taken off the sand containers and scoops will be sanitized (along with the rest of the cart) after each round of play.
- Also beginning on Monday, members will be allowed to link two groups. This is based on PB guidelines which permit gatherings of less than 10 people.
- We plan to continue to hold events over the summer. The Three Club event which was held on June 15th had 160 participants with 70 prizes handed out. For Independence Day over 200 people have signed up, which is normal participation. The goal for the summer is to have an event every two weeks to keep the members engaged.
- Starting June 25th Mike, Jon and Greg all of whom work in the Golf Studio are being transferred to Golf Operation to assist with their operations.

Director of Golf Course Maintenance Report: Wes Dinsmoor

- We have had 25 inches of rain in the past two months which presented a big challenge however, bunker work was completed. Note: the very next day BW got 5 inches of rain in a period of less than two hours. Bunker work continues.
- Staff is completing the work on Course 3 which will reopen June 22nd, next up is Course 1. Note: again, the deluge which happened on June 19th dramatically altered course availability.
- Starting next week there will be a drop in lake levels as the BWMA begins its annual herbicide treatment. This will go on for the next two to three weeks.
- Akoya is in the middle of a drainage project, which may have a minor, temporary impact on play on hole 17 of Course 1. When the project is completed the hole will look the same as before.
- Overall, maintenance continues to be a challenge with reduced staff hours and availability of overtime. This has meant that projects take longer than normal to complete.

Mr. Forman commented and the Committee concurred that both Wes and JR and their staff have done a terrific job during the Covid-19 pandemic and we are grateful for their efforts. Operations have run smoothly and the courses remain in very good shape.

Subcommittee Reports

- Tournaments (Chuck Rosenblatt, Lela Cannon) - There was an extensive discussion about the Member Guests, which are scheduled for next February and March. It was the consensus of the Committee that the Member-Guests should be cancelled for the upcoming season principally because of safety. It is simply too risky to invite hundreds of guests to Boca West and Mr. Forman will raise this issue at the Budget Committee meeting.
- Course Care (Jim Ginzler, Irv Jainchill) - Mr. Ginzler raised the issue of hazard lines on some of the holes and the fact that the lines get erased over time. This is particularly a problem on Course 3 between holes 3 and 5. This matter will be explored further.

Mr. Forman raised the issue of people continuing to disregard course driving rules, specifically parking next to greens. He has spoken with the Director of Golf Operations on this issue and beginning in July we will have more aggressive enforcement. This will include requiring people who are observed not following the rules to have monitors on their bags. If they continue to disregard the rules, the next step will be to take away preferred tee-times and if the problem continues to file a grievance with the Grievance Committee.

A question was raised about course attire. Again, rules will be enforced, but we need to send a communique to the membership about the new golf attire rules first. This will be done within the next couple of weeks.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m.