BOCA WEST
COUNTRY CLUB

MINUTES

MEETING:	Golf Committee Minutes
DATE:	October 8, 2020 via Zoom
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Steve Forman, Chair, Chuck Rosenblatt, Vice Chair, Carla Cohn, Eric Reinstein, Irv Jainchill, Jim Ginzler, Lela Cannon, Pete Kolben, Robin Shulman, Terri Axelrod, Richard Wagner
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Absent: None
PARTICIPANTS:	Guests: Charles Wolf, Board Member, J.R. Friend, Director of Golf Operations, Wes Dinsmoor, Golf Superintendent, Peter Taylor, Assistant Director of Golf
FOR INFORMATION:	The Board of Governors
ISSUED BY:	Steve Forman
ISSUE DATE:	October 15, 2020
NEXT MEETING:	November 12, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Forman at 3:02 p.m. Minutes from the previous meeting in September were approved as written.

Chairman's Report:
Mr. Forman thanked everyone for attending. He stated that based on feedback and questions at the last board meeting regarding the new golf attire rules, the Committee needed to revisit the rule regarding men's shirts—whether to allow shirts that are meant to be worn out. He also said that he wanted to review the results of the discussion he, Chuck, JR, Wes, Jim and Irv had about course care in the winter. Both discussions would be done in the course of the subcommittee reports.

Director of Golf Report: JR Friend
Mr. Forman noted that JR was calling in during his vacation time and thanked him for his dedication. He also noted that JR looked very comfortable sitting outside near some golf course. JR reported on the following:

- Operations are now back in the golf building including registration and the pro shop. Members can also store (and retrieve) their bags in the building.
- Pro-am tournaments are going well although the first one (last Saturday) was cancelled due to inclement weather.

- The Par 3 tournament on October 19th has 249 people signed up; the Luken Cup has 72 signed up; Season Opener (in November) has 312; December Twi-Nite has 253 and the Member/Member which is in early December has 138.
- The Leagues will start next week.
- Staff is sanitizing demo clubs and they will be available for use.
- Awnings on the back of the range are being replaced.
- Still waiting on international staff, but in the meantime domestic personnel are being hired to fill the gaps.
- Scorecards have been revised to reflect the new red and blue posts and provide emergency information.
- He expects to get 50 additional rental carts later this month.
- Additional Tagmarshalls have been purchased, course settings have been adjusted and updated and they are ready to start using them for people who do not follow golf course driving rules.

Director of Golf Course Maintenance Report: Wes Dinsmoor

- The deluge continues. We had seven inches of rain the first seven days in October. Wes noted that Boca Raton averages approximately 60 inches of rain a year. This year through the first week in October we have received 94 inches of rain. Last year we received 98 inches of rain so in all likelihood we will exceed that mark. Wes commented he is doing some research to figure out what a cubit is.
- Summer aerification has been completed.
- There is now a large scale effort at landscaping which because of the Covid-19 was postponed in the spring. It includes mulching and planting annuals.
- The lake bank sod work is done.
- Work on the pump stations have been completed including dredging some areas. People are still throwing bags of dog-poop in the lakes.
- Artificial turf is being installed in the area outside the pro shop. It will be used for various events including overflow from Mr. D's.
- Green tees have been painted a lighter shade to differentiate better from the silver tees which are actually gray.
- New yardage buttons are being installed marking 200, 150, 100, and 50 yards from the center of greens. They are flattering and better looking.
- Based on Palm Beach County guidelines, rakes can now be put back in the bunkers. After discussion the Committee decided unanimously not to return the rakes for safety reasons.

Subcommittee Reports

- Tournaments: Lela Cannon/Chuck Rosenblatt - Lela reported that Nanna Koerstz Madsen would be playing in the second major of the year—The Ladies LPGA Championship.

- Course Care: Jim Ginzler/Irv Jainchill - Jim, Irv, Steve, Chuck, JR and Wes had an extensive discussion about course care in light of the increased traffic due to single carts. Wes' concern was that when cooler temperatures prevail, grass growth slows down and courses do not recover as quickly. If that happens we may have to go to CPO during the winter months. Hopefully to avoid this situation we need to put the word out that everyone must strictly follow the 90-degree rule effective immediately. Wes will continue to monitor course conditions and keep the membership informed regarding status. If people do not follow the guidance and wear and tear starts to show then we will go to CPO sooner and as needed. The Committee voted unanimously to support this proposal.

- Golf Attire: Robin Shulman/Terri Axelrod: The Committee's proposal was discussed by the Board at its September meeting. Questions arose regarding men's shirts. The old dress code allowed shirts (both men's and women's) designed to be worn out to be worn out. The Committee's proposal did not allow men's shirts (regardless of design) to be worn out. After discussing the matter the Committee voted unanimously to keep the proposal as is specifically regarding men's shirts that they should all be tucked in regardless of how they are designed.

New Business

Steve Forman raised an issue for discussion that had been communicated to him regarding whether members should be allowed to refuse to play with people assigned by tee-times to their group. Specifically there was an incident where a single was assigned to a pair of players and they asked that he not play with them. Their concern was they did not know him and were nervous about COVID. It should be noted that a complaint was not raised by the single, but the situation had been observed by another person who mentioned it to one of the golf professionals.

The Committee reviewed the matter carefully and there was considerable discussion. The consensus of the Golf Committee was that members could refuse to play but they would forfeit their tee-time. It was the feeling of the Committee that we are a community, we should be nice and respectful to one-another and we should welcome one-another into our games on an ad-hoc basis if the situation called for it.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.