BOCA WEST
COUNTRY CLUB

MINUTES

MEETING:	Golf Committee Minutes
DATE:	December 10, 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
FOR INFORMATION:	The Board of Governors
ISSUED BY:	Steve Forman
ISSUE DATE:	December 15, 2020
NEXT MEETING:	January 14, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Forman at 3:00 p.m. Minutes from the previous meeting in November were approved as written.

Chairman's Report:
Mr. Forman thanked everyone for attending. He commented that there were two major items for discussion at the meeting. The first being safety of our members in light of the COVID-19 situation and the second being the condition of the golf courses now that we have emphasized the 90 degree rule for the past month and a half. He also stated those issues would be covered as part of the reports from the Director of Golf and Golf Superintendent.

Finally, he mentioned that we have continued to have group leader meetings, asking those people to help us in reminding their members about the 90-degree rule and social distancing. More will be scheduled.

Director of Golf Report: JR Friend

- The Twi-Night had 433 people participating and the Member/Member had 264. Feedback from participants on the tournaments and the food was very positive.
- Thus far 52 people are signed up for our first ever Ringer Tournament.
- The Monday Men's League has 40 people, the Wednesday Women's League has in excess of 100 players and the Thursday 9-hole League has 80 people. These are good numbers.

- JR would like to stop using the driving range to park carts when tournaments are held. It is taking its toll on the turf.
- Nanna had an interesting week on tour. She had tested positive for COVID-19 and was not allowed to participate in the event leading up to the Women's U.S. Open. However, she got retested, tested negative and was then allowed to compete. Unfortunately, her caddie tested positive so she was forced to play without a caddie. She shot 10 over in the first round, but then shot 4 under the second day and made the cut. She shot 4 under again on the third day, but faded a bit in the last round. However, considering all she went through including not having a caddie it is quite a testament to her drive and determination. We all should be very proud of her. She has qualified to play in the year-end CME Globe Tournament.
- Nicki Hansen is back in Denmark packing furniture and getting it shipped to Boca West where he and Nanna will stay during the season. This relocation makes it a lot easier for them on tour both in terms of scheduling and travel. Everyone on the Committee felt this was a great move and we are very excited at the prospect of them spending more time at Boca West. They will be here and plan to participate in the Play for Pink event.
- The teaching professionals have added new programs and incentives for those taking lessons from them including the following:
    - Game Improvement Sessions -5 weeks; players are grouped by ability; initial session will be to assess the strengths and weaknesses of people and then over the next 4 weeks work to improve their game. There will be a 6:1 ration and the cost will be $200 per person.
    - Lesson Re-wind - Anyone taking a lesson during the month will be invited to attend a review session at the end of the month to answer questions and reinforce tips given during the lesson.
    - Friday Swing Tips emailed each week.
    - Monday Game Improvement Clinics designed to address specific areas.
    - Members receive a poker chip for each half hour lesson. Accumulate 8 chips and you get a free gift from the pro shop.
- Nicki and Nanna did a video on course care that will be coming out shortly. They would like to do additional videos highlighting her experiences in preparing for tournaments.
- Staff continues to emphasize the 90-degree rule and they have started enforcing the new dress code. They are handing out monitors to those who continue to break the driving or course care rules. JR commented that while this has worked, the most effective way seems to be messages from group captains and posting reminder signs.
- JR has talked to several vendors regarding establishing a "Top Golf" type operation at Mr. D's when it is renovated. It is possible that the capability will be for all driving range bays at the south end. Discussions continue.

<u>Director of Golf Course Maintenance Report</u>: Wes Dinsmoor

- He is finding a lot of discarded masks and his staff is reluctant to touch them. Reminders need to be sent out telling people to dispose of them properly rather than just throwing them on the ground.
- We just experienced two cold snaps and the Bermuda grass is already turning brown. Expect that to continue.
- Turf is entering the winter mode and growth is slowing down. As a result, his staff is mowing fairways higher.
- Preventative White Fly treatments are being administered. These can be very destructive and must be actively controlled.

- He is losing staff and is trying to determine the reasons; there are no patterns as of yet.
- People are doing a better job in terms of the 90-degree rule, however there is still room for

improvement. There is wear and tear on the courses, especially in some spots and he is considering some variation (on a limited basis at this point) of CPO. A communication will be sent out to the membership.

Subcommittee Reports

Member Friendly - Carla Cohn and Terri Axelrod - Carla asked if the new member booklets were ready for distribution. JR replied they are almost ready.

Tournaments - Chuck Rosenblatt and Lela Cannon - Member-Guests will not be held this year because of the pandemic. As a result, an expanded Play for Pink (and potentially Purple) will be held. It will be open to all members of Boca West (only). There will be a week of activities; planning is underway.

Chuck mentioned that questions have been raised about Championship Week and why we are having women (in the Championship Flight) play from the silver tees. The objective is to identify the best woman golfer not just the best one from the green or red tees. Interest in the championship events has declined which is why we are giving Championship Week a try.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.