BOCA WEST
COUNTRY CLUB

MINUTES

MEETING:	Golf Committee Meeting
DATE:	October 14, 2021
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Chuck Rosenblatt - Chairman, Bill Berkowitz – Vice Chair, Jeffrey Getelman, Irv Jainchill, Eric Reinstein, Alan Rosenberg, Robin Shulman, Richard Wagner. Zoom: Lela Cannon, Jim Ginzler, Ellen Shapiro, Greg Friedman.
MEMBERS ABSENT:	
PARTICIPANTS:	JR Friend, Director of Golf; Wes Dinsmoor, Golf Course Maintenance
ISSUE DATE:	October 14, 2021

Chairman called meeting to order at 3:00pm.

Chairman introduced Mr. Robert Lerner and Charles Wolf as guests to Members of the Board.

Minutes from Golf Committee meeting September 14, 2021 were approved.

Chairman's Report

Chairman reported he had spent time on a couple occasions with JR and Wes separately touring our courses. Courses are improving from what he observed. Last week the weeds and foreign grasses on Fazio II were sprayed. It takes a week to ten days for the chemical to begin working. Next, the staff will begin plugging the larger areas that are too large to spray with weed killer.
Bunker work on course two should begin next week.
Courses three and four have recovered nicely from the last aerification, and the majority of bunkers are back in good shape.
Course one is in really good shape and the staff is finishing up the bunker work. It is anticipated that the courses will be in great shape season opener.

The process of interviewing Golf Course Architects continues. We had our first site visit a couple of weeks ago to Naples. We met with two designers and toured a couple of their courses. We've had some continued dialogue with them and they will be coming back to Boca West in the coming weeks for further conversation.

Our second site visits with two other designers is presently scheduled for the end of the month.
As previously circulated to the committee we will be discussing the handicapping of our golf courses. It is not the intention to have a lengthy conversation concerning which holes are harder and which are not. We will be discussing the methodology that we will use for handicapping our holes.

Director of Golf Report

- Finishing south range tee construction. South tee should open tomorrow with new range balls, new range baskets, new range boards and old bag stands on both ends of the range. New bag stands should arrive in the coming weeks. Benches, tables, chairs and umbrellas will continue to be available when open. Swing ring will return to mulch area at south tee once construction at Mr. D's is complete. InRange technology is still a few weeks away from being ready for member use.
- Ice and water machines are being moved from outside of Mr. D's to against exit doors of cart staging area.
- Looking forward to seeing the return of in state International Staff in the coming weeks and out of country International Staff in November.
- Still awaiting the arrival of the 35 extra fleet carts.
- As Mr. Rosenblatt said, we have started the interview process with golf course architect groups and will continue for the next several months. Some architects have been very open to discuss the opportunities at Boca West while others are either too busy or have signed no compete clauses so they are not permitted to work in the area.
- Finalizing Season Opener event and working through all possibilities of either tee times or staggered shotgun starts. Members will have the option to join for dinner or get a to-go meal.
- We will continue to be fluid and change/adjust golf tournaments and leagues as needed.

Director of Golf Course Maintenance Report (Wes Dinsmoor):

<u>Golf Course Work:</u>

All fall fertilizer applications have been completed.
Staff is focusing on detail work in preparation for season, including bunkers, mulching, edging, and plugging out contaminated areas on greens. Warm weather grass is still growing fairly vigorously; added fertility means lots of man hours in mowing. As this slows we will have more men to dedicate to the detail work. By early next week we will have all turf including greens at our season mowing heights. Staffs have been working overtime to get everything where we want them.

<u>Projects</u>

a. Contractors continue to work on the temporary path to Course one hole one. They should be close by the end of the week at which point they will fence off and close the existing path to the back of the pool and all traffic.
b. We completed the landscaping at the entrance to the social building.
c. Mr. D's artificial turf for the hitting bays is scheduled to begin Monday. The plan is to have the

radar system for the range, finish sodding and landscaping on the south side completed as quickly as possible.

d. The bridge on Course three, hole ten will be finished on Saturday. All cleaning and annual maintenance on the bridges was completed.
e. Outside tree trimming was completed on Courses two and three.
f. Construction has started on the GCM maintenance building.

Staffing

Continues to be a challenge. We are currently down 12 men and have been hovering in this area since our last meeting. We are interviewing nonstop but making very few new hires and basically for everyone we hire we are losing one. We have hired a new Assistant and another one temporarily filling in another open Assistant position.

Sub Committee Exception Reports

Eric Reinstein presented the committee with the gift packet guests will receive when they play at Boca West in season. The packet will contain a welcome card, golf bag name tags, tees and a poker chip ball maker designed for each golf course.

New Business

JR presented the newly designed score card with all eleven sets of tees for course four.
There was a lengthy discussion on the handicapping of the golf courses. The Chairman explained the USGA's position on hole handicapping was not to make the toughest hole the number 1 handicap hole, rather the purpose of handicapping was to create a level playing field where a high handicapper can compete with a low handicapper on an equal basis. *"The number one handicap stroke hole should be assigned to the hole where the bogey golfer needs the additional stroke in order to halve the hole with the scratch golfer*." (FORE Magazine, September/October 2009)
The USGA recommends two methods for handicapping holes. Collect score cards daily over a period of time from our members and compile the data so our professional staff can then handicap the holes based on our Member's play. The second method they recommend is go with the handicapping the USGA is now preparing for all rated golf courses. From the USGA rating of the courses each hole is assigned a degree of difficulty and from that the USGA can assign a recommended handicap number for all holes.
The committee discussed the different methods, and it was agreed that we would print our new score card using the USGA's handicapping for now. Beginning early December we would ask our members to turn in daily their score cards so our staff can begin the process of compiling data to determine the accuracy of the USGA's method. It was agreed that collection boxes would be placed on each course where members would be able to deposit their score cards after the conclusion of their round. A detailed communication will go out to our golf members in November.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50pm.