

## **GAC Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** 9/5/2023

**Attendees:**

BVSA:	Don Ciota, Duane Gore, Butch Reyburn, Fred Hicks
IGM:	Brandon Haynes
OTMGC:	Scott McKittrick, Sandy Williams, Ric Poole, Jim McCormick
OTCCWGC:	

The meeting was called to order at 8:36 am

The minutes of the August 1, 2023 meeting were accepted as written.

**Reports:**

Golf Superintendent Brandon Haynes/IGM See attached report. He reported that the pump station plc brain that has been down for 18 months has been replaced along with a new small primer pump. Fall aeration is scheduled for Wednesday 9/13 and he was asked if volunteers would be helpful on that day. He responded that it would help with seeding but would be up to Duane to make the determination.

PGA Golf Professional Duane Gore- see attached report. The new format was complemented as it is much easier to compare the current year numbers to those from the previous year.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Water Issues Update: LQC, Drainage, effluent vs Well, etc.:**

Fred reported that Four Island and Cub Lake are both 8/10ths of a foot below full pool. It is planned to core the edges of Jack's Hole in October but the bottom received too much water during the recent storms to perform more cores on the bottom. A new agreement is being drafted for water sharing and payment between the BVSA and CSD but has not been finalized.

For the new GM's awareness Scott mentioned that we had removed 168 sprinklers from the course in areas that aren't generally in play and had asked that consideration be given to adding sprinklers in areas that are in play: like sides of 5, 6 and 8. He noted that it was discussed last month this was not in the current budget and would have to wait a year or two dependent on weather and water and that if we were to use fescue, heads could be turned back off in drought years as some fescues will come back after up to 10 years of minimal watering. Fred noted that even with the removal of the 168 heads we are using the 330K gallons a night right now with the existing heads receiving a greater flow. He would like to see more data prior to future budget considerations on how the flow would be affected before adding laterals.

**Discussion on Cart Path Extensions:** Scott noted to Don Ciota that our prior GM had committed to having up to 500 feet of extensions done each year during spring and fall aerification and there was a prioritized list which will take a number of years. Butch noted that it was 200 feet at each aerification and it was discussed that these numbers might vary from the minimum based on the specific area being done.

**Update on Drainage Pipe Repair #1 Fairway:** Brandon indicated that this is being worked on and should be completed next week.

**Update on New Chipping and Putting Area:** Scott reported that he got a bid for a grading plan which was not to exceed \$4,000 and was waiting for return call from grader. If he doesn't receive a call by end of week he will reach out to different grading companies. Brandon added he is still putting together costs for irrigation materials.

**Update on Elk Deterrent:** Fred reported that he has been in contact with Fish and Wildlife. They were interested in allowing a couple of tags per year for hunting in BVS however the Board has rejected any hunting in Bear Valley. There was discussion regarding the need to communicate with valley residents and clubs the costs involved in repair of destruction caused by the elk and the projected increases in costs as the herd continues to grow. Attempts to move elk off the course and other areas where they cause damage and increased costs should be better communicated especially to those who feel these attempts constitute abuse or harassment.

**Update on Handicap Parking while on the course:** Duane indicated he is talking to those who have been parking in front of the greens and encouraging them to park on the sides or behind the greens.

## **New Business:**

**Discussion on Bunker Rakes:** The rakes with fiber glass issues will be replaced. It was also discussed that rakes should be placed in the bunkers laying toward the flag after raking.

**Discussion on Rec Desk in Pro Shop:** Don stated that the different systems in use are under review and asked that this item be tabled for the present time.

**Discussion on Promoting Youth Golf / Men's & Women's League / Tournament Participation:** Scott mentioned the upcoming Golf, Wine & Dine for players and non-players to experience the course as well as his idea for a golf stampede that would allow folks to walk the course following golfers (similar to the "horse race" that is part of the Member/Guest golf tournament) that would hopefully appeal to the broader community including equestrians that might have an interest in golf. There was discussion regarding the number of people who play golf, particularly on the weekends, that do not join the Men's or Women's golf clubs or participate in tournaments. There was discussion that there needs to be more one on one communication to these folks of the advantages of joining instead of relying just on a flyer that may never be picked up. It was also suggested to have volunteers from the club set up a table on the weekends to speak to folks about the advantages as well as answer some of the reasons for hesitation: no handicap, not good enough, how to join scga and clubs, etc.

**Discussion on Pro Shop Trophy Case:** Scott felt that with the upcoming remodel of the pro shop he would like to see an ongoing list of club champion winners posted on the outside notice box rather than an indoor trophy case which takes up much more room. There was general consensus.

Sandy mentioned the dead tree on the left side of #8 in front of the rocks and Brandon noted that it and another dead tree had been removed yesterday.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30