

## **GAC Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** 10/3/2023

**Attendees:**

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:36 am

The minutes of the September 5, 2023 meeting were accepted as written.

**Reports:**

Golf Superintendent Brandon Haynes/IGM: See attached report.

PGA Golf Professional Duane Gore: see attached report. Overall rounds were slightly down but 9 hole member rounds were up. Green fees were slightly up due to fees being increased. Duane reported that the 9 wine and dine was a big success and some of the income will be adjusted to reflect that portion of the income that was for food and beverage services. Scott reported that 37 individuals participated and that the event would be repeated in the spring. He thanked Ashley Brown for her assistance in organizing the event.

**Unfinished Business:**

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

Fred reported that the water lilies growth quadruples each year. 300 lilies were harvested during aerification with 270 being placed in Cub Lake and about 30 in 4 Island. This equates to about a 6,000 to 12,000 dollar savings if the plants had been purchased. Fewer chemical are being utilized in the lakes and the nitrate levels have improved.

**Discussion on Cart Path Extensions:** Scott reported on the cart path extension that was started to be formed but not poured by #7/16 pond. For the short term it will be taken out and reseeded to determine if it is needed or needs to be redirected. The cart path extensions to the right of # 5 green and from behind #9/18 toward the IGM maintenance building and parking lot have been completed and are nice improvements for esthetics, maintenance and erosion and dust control particularly toward the parking lot.

**Update on Pro Shop Trophy Case:** Scott reported that he had spoken to the OTMGC and OTCCWGC presidents regarding an idea to have tags that can be place in the bulletin board outside the Pro Shop to designate the yearly winners of Club Championships, Presidents Cups, etc. All felt this was a good idea as the trophies run out of room for names after a few years and will take up much needed room once the Pro Shop is reconfigured.

**Update on Tree Replacement Plan:** Brandon indicated he will bring a spreadsheet to the next meeting so the plan can be reviewed and updated to include some stump removals like the bear carving by #1 green as well as replacements for trees that have fallen or been removed more recently and consideration for a couple of areas where new plantings would be an enhancement.

**Update on New Chipping and Putting Area:** Scott reported that the grading person he's been working with indicated a lot of fill will be needed and that he can obtain it from a nearby building site which will be a significant savings of having to purchase it and have it trucked in from afar. He's working on number of short trips for trucks and trailer that will be required. Brandon said pricing for irrigation parts should be about \$10,500. Drainage costs and any required catch basin pricing is still being worked out.

## **New Business:**

**Discussion on Tree in front of #2 Tee Box:** Scott discussed that he has been approached by some players regarding removing or trimming the tree in front of the #2 red tee box. Scott indicated that the concern was that some of the men and women have difficulty hitting over it or round it. There was discussion that removal or trimming would change the course difficulty and possibly the slope rating. Some committee members seemed open to trimming the tree and some were opposed to the idea. No recommendation was made at this time.

**Other:** There was general discussion on increasing participation and fixing ball marks on the greens. Sandy noted that there have been a number of pig citings on the southwest side of the valley including one adult couple with 8 piglets and that hopefully they can be trapped before damage is done to the course again and depredation is required. There was also continuing 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.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35.