

Sunflower Hills Golf Course Advisory Board

Minutes from the meeting held Tuesday March 10, 2020

Sunflower Hills Golf Course Clubhouse

The meeting was called to order by Roger Miller, Chairman

Members present: Al Ramirez, JD Downs, George Hurtado, Jeff Manning, Dan Duncan, Matt Palcher, Chris Bergman, Bob Runnebaum, Mark Mohler, Dennis McWilliams, Kevin Jones, David McLain

Staff present: Jonathan Bennett, Jeff Johnson

Kevin Jones made a motion to approve minutes from the November 2020 meeting. A second was made by George Hurtado.

Jonathan Bennett began the meeting stating that all of the equipment has been serviced and ready to go for the season. New mowers are due within the next 4-6 weeks. Jonathan also stated that over 25 trees have been removed and a few more will be done so this spring. He also stated that all the roughs have been treated for clover and dandelions and the fairways sprayed for poa annua.

Jonathan stated that the roughs will be fertilized this spring. The greens will be aerified with deep tines and top dressed at the end of March. No cores will be pulled.

Jonathan presented a picture of the new Billy Bunker drainage system that will be used for the bunker renovation program. The liner that was used for the bunker on #9 is different from the new system. Jonathan explained that the renovation process had been delayed by the company that supplied the original liner has gone out of business and the bid process had to be redone. The contractor doing the work on the bunkers plans to start on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. They are going to do everything but putting in the new sand. That will be done by the Sunflower Hills maintenance crew. Any waste from the renovations will be used to help construct new tee boxes. The work on the new tee boxes will begin this summer. The zoysia that surrounds the greens will be done through out the summer. There are 9 holes left to go.

Jeff Johnson reported that rounds and revenue were up from 2018. Rounds were up 1% and revenue was up 3%. Jeff stated that it was a roller coaster year. The months of January, February, March, May and September were poor but the months of April, June, July and August were outstanding. December and November were average.

Jeff informed the board that the bathrooms in the clubhouse have been repainted and new drain traps installed on the men's urinals. The toilets in both restrooms have been treated to reduce the water stains. Also, the kitchen area had been cleaned and disinfected. The bathrooms on the course will be thoroughly sanitized when they are opened later this month.

Jeff stated that Great Life golf has gone through changes and raised their fees and changed some of their policies. Their new rates have gone up considerably and many of their past members are looking for new places to play. Jeff concluded his report by stating that a new league will be playing at Sunflower because of Great Life closing one of its courses to the public.

Dennis McWilliams asked about the bunker renovation process and Jonathan stated that it will take about 4-6 weeks to finish weather permitting. Jonathan stated that the goal is to complete a bunker a day. Jonathan stated that everything should be done by May 1<sup>st</sup> with a ribbon cutting ceremony scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Kevin Jones asked if the golf carts will be sanitized and Jeff explained the carts are washed before they are put away.

Matt Palcher asked if there are leagues every evening and Jeff stated that there are leagues every weekday evening except Fridays. Kevin Jones asked if there is still room for the general public and Jeff stated that both the front nine and back nine are used to accommodate all play.

Roger Miller stated he believes that the golf course is well run and complimented Jonathan and Jeff and all employees on their hard work.

George Hurtado made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Kevin Jones. All members voted aye.

Jeff informed the board the next meeting will be June 9<sup>th</sup>.