

Sunflower Hills Golf Course Advisory Board

Minutes from the meeting held Tuesday March 8, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Roger Miller, chairman

Members present: Roger Miller, Matt Palcher, Darryl Hall, Al Ramirez, Mark Mohler, Jeff Manning, JD Downs, Dan Duncan

Members absent: George Hurtado, Jake Miller, Kevin Jones, Dennis McWilliams (all excused)

Staff present: Jeff Johnson, Jonathan Bennett

Dan Duncan made a motion to approve the previous minutes a second was made by Matt Palcher. All members voted "aye".

Jeff Johnson introduced Darryl Hall as a new member of the board.

Jonathan Bennett reported that 2021 was a great year for all the types of grass on the golf course. All of the areas covered with zoysia grass were in great shape at the end of the season and the cool season blue grass was as well. Jonathan has plans to spray pre-emergents on the tees and fairways as the weather allows.

Jonathan stated that the junior course renovations are complete. All the tees at the course were sodded with zoysia. Three of the bunkers were renovated as well. Jonathan stated that we have applied again for the Hollywood Casino grant to help with further improvements.

Jonathan reported that several dead ash and dead pines were removed from the course during the winter. Also, the bathrooms on the course have been renovated. New toilets, sinks, water fountains and water bottle filling stations have all been installed. New doors were also installed. Other winter projects that were completed were general equipment maintenance and edging of the cart paths of the course. Remnants of the old asphalt cart path were ground away and will be backfilled by dirt and seeded during the spring.

This spring Jonathan plans on using a drill and fill process to aerate the greens. The process drills a hole in the green and then fills it with sand.

Jonathan plans on finishing sodding around the greens with zoysia on holes 10,12,14,15,16 and 17. He will also re-build and re-sod some of the forward tees that have seen a great deal of usage. Jonathan informed the board that he has purchased a used bed knife grinder and is in the process of purchasing a tractor.

Dan Duncan commented to the board that he thought the course was in outstanding shape at the end of the season last year.

Jeff Johnson reported to the board that 2021 was the best year at course since 2001. 37,627 rounds were played which is up 8% from 2020. Total green fee and cart revenue went from \$808,596 to \$972,156 which represented a 17% increase and the largest revenue year in the history of the course.

Jeff stated that a full schedule of junior golf classes are available this season as opposed to the restricted class schedules from the previous two years. Jeff also stated that both senior leagues are full and they both start the week of March 14th.

Finally, Jeff reported that the parking lots have been striped/painted. Jeff also stated that new toilets and urinals for the restrooms downstairs are scheduled to be installed this week.

Roger Miller asked about any new tournaments coming to the course for 2022 and Jeff stated that since Deer Creek golf course was closing this year, two new tourneys were picked up. The tournament schedule is otherwise full for the season.

JD Downs asked if the talk of a new clubhouse had been tabled. Jeff responded by informing the board that currently no plans have been made to build a new clubhouse. Jeff stated that he has requested that some cosmetic repairs to the front entrance be done. A lively discussion about the clubhouse followed with many ideas and suggestions mentioned.

Jeff informed the board the next meeting is June 14th at 10 am at the clubhouse.

Jeff Manning made a motion to adjourn and a second was made by Darryl Hall. All members voted "Aye".