

Sunflower Hills Golf Advisory Board

Minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday, June 12, 2018

Sunflower Hills Golf Course Clubhouse

The meeting was called to order by Jeff Johnson

Members present: Al Ramirez, Jeff Manning, Roger Miller, David McLain, Mark Mohler, Dennis McWilliams, JD Downs, Jesse Rocha, Bob Runnebaum, Dan Duncan

Members absent: Kevin Jones (excused), Chris Bergman (excused), Matt Palcher (excused)

Staff present: Jeff Johnson, Jonathan Bennett

Dennis McWilliams made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 2018 meeting. A second was made by Mark Mohler.

Jeff introduced new board members, Bob Runnebaum and Dan Duncan.

Jeff informed the board that a new chairman and vice chairman would need to be elected.

David McLain nominated Roger Miller for chairman and a second was made by Dennis McWilliams all members voted aye.

Dennis McWilliams nominated Jeff Manning for vice-chairman and a second was made by David McLain all members voted aye.

Roger Miller proceeded to chair the meeting by asking Jonathan Bennett for the maintenance report.

Jonathan reported that the course was in good shape and that a few greens were experiencing some localized dry spots. These spots are traditional spots that need extra care during the heat. In particular, the practice putting green and the green on #15 are always troublesome.

Jonathan reported that the zoysia is thick and growing. He plans to apply fertilizer to the tees next week. Jonathan reported that the rough was thick but starting to slow down with the heat.

Jonathan reported that he will not be adding any more sand to the bunkers this season. Jonathan explained that the drains and liners in the bunkers are not working so if the course incurs any major rainstorm any new sand placed in the bunkers would be washed away.

Jonathan reported that the greens on the junior course have been a struggle and he plans to aerate and apply a peat to help the greens hold water better.

Jonathan reported that several projects are under way and should be completed by the end of summer. Mulch has been used at different locations, new ball washers have been mounted to the tee signs, tree canopies have continued to be raised, back filling along the cart paths has begun and the railroad tie wall on #16 tee is scheduled to be removed.

Jonathan presented the board a plan to upgrade the bunker's lining and drainage system and to add new forward tees. Jonathan explained that the number one complaint that is made about the golf course is the bunkers. A new lining system and drainage system would allow the bunkers to drain properly and not lose sand which is currently the case.

Jonathan also explained that many golfers are wanting to play golf courses at a shorter length and new forward tees might attract more players to the course. The length of the course is a current detriment to many players who play the course.

The plan calls for new linings and drains in all of the bunkers and new forward tees for all of the holes. Jonathan estimates that this can be done for \$150,000. Many aspects of the plan can be done in house while some parts of the plan will need contractual help.

Jeff Johnson explained to the board that the procedure for asking for funds is that a vote by the board would need to be taken approving the plan and if approved by the board a letter would be drafted by Roger Miller, chairman of the board, and then presented to Doug Bach and Joe Conner, for their approval.

JD Downs had concerns about not putting any new sand in the bunkers. Jeff explained that it was just not worth the expense when the current bunker drainage system is in such a bad way.

JD Downs also asked if any other course in town has the new liner system. Jonathan commented that this is a west coast development and the best known course to have the liners is Riveria CC in Los Angeles. Mr. Downs also asked if we were going to test the product before installing and Jonathan stated that he will probably do so.

Dennis McWilliams made a motion to approve the plan and a second was made by Jeff Manning. All members voted "aye". Jeff Johnson stated he and Roger Miller would draft a letter to be sent to administration.

Jeff informed the board that rounds and revenue from Jan. 1st to April 30th, were down 14% from the same time frame in 2017. However, the month of May saw a rebound in rounds and revenue of 20% from the same time frame of 2017. The rounds and revenues from May were able to help surpass the yearly totals from 2017 by 2%. The month of May saw the best totals in 6 years. Jeff also reported that the first eleven days of June have been outstanding and the revenue is up close to \$12,000 over the first eleven days of June 2017.

Jeff informed the board that the next meeting would be Tuesday Sept. 11th.

Dennis McWilliams made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Jeff Manning.