A regular meeting of the Golf Advisory Committee (GAC) was convened by the Chairman, John McDonnell, at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, August 13, 2018, in the Board Room at Gateway Complex.

Present, in addition to the Chairman, were William L. Herrick, Vice Chairman, Mary Jane Hargrove, Mary Hufford, Michael D. Wener, Michael Weisenberg, and Susan Williamson. Stephen D. Roath, ex-officio member and GRF Board representative and Dickey Nitta, Chief Golf Course Marshal were excused. Also attending were Mark K. Heptig, Director of Golf; and Blake Swint, Golf Course Superintendent.

The report of the Committee’s regular meeting held on July 13, 2018, was approved as written.

The Chairman reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

There was no correspondence.

No residents spoke at the Residents' Forum.

There was no GRF Board report.

Ms. Hufford, representing the Women's 18-Hole Club, had nothing to report.

Ms. Hargrove, representing the Women's 9-Hole Club, reported the following: the Club currently has 160 members. At its July 19th General Club meeting, a vote was held to delete the Niner Bylaw prohibiting Niners from belonging to the 18-hole Club. Although the Niners were advised that the Rossmoor 18ers voted against changing their Bylaws, 84% of the Niners present voted to approve the change. The Club’s annual Summer Scramble was yesterday, and the Club will have a Guest Day on September 20th.

Dr. Weisenberg, representing the Rossmoor Men’s Golf Club (RMGC), reported the following: the RMGC gained five new members, and currently has a total membership of 361. The Club discussed new ways to get its members more active in the golf events. The Club is going to try to be more involved with new members. Finding their needs and wants is important along with invitations to play with Board members and more frequent new member "Meet and Greets". The direction of the Invitational is also an issue. The Club decided to keep it in June on a Friday. Sponsorship issues and the condition of the course in September were the main concerns. The Club has to ramp up its publicity and is thinking about altering the format of the event to attract more participation. The Club had its Past Presidents dinner this past Tuesday. There were ten past Presidents attending and ten Board members. The Club is planning to add an additional Twilight event next year in October. The Club discussed the situation of cart traffic leaving the Creekside area. The situation where delivery trucks are blocking the view of the oncoming cars is of concern.
The Club would like to see these trucks stop further from the entrance area or have a prominent type "stop" sign for traffic to protect carts when entering the street. There is concern regarding the change in the Marshall program, about the process of dealing with discipline on the golf course. Will it be GRF, the GAC, the Golf Course Marshall Committee, or the Director of Golf and how will that process work? The other concern is speeding the process up so that it gets to those responsible in a timely manner.

Ms. Williamson, representing the Happy Hackers, reported the following: the Club has 178 members as of August 17. The Club has been considering doing away with its March Scramble as it always gets rained out. The Club's August clinic had 16 people sign up and 14 actually attended. The August Scramble will be held tomorrow (August 18), and it will be hot! The Hackers have supported Meals on Wheels as its charity for a number of years.

Mr. Heptig presented the financial reports, which are attached. The financials continue to show it is a good year.

Mr. Swint's Golf Course Superintendent's report is attached.

During Unfinished Business, The Committee continued discussion on the proposed Golf Course Marshall Committee Charter.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Committee will be held on Friday, September 14, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at Gateway Complex.

John McDonnell, Chairman
Golf Advisory Committee

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