GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

REGULAR MEETING
FRIDAY, JULY 12, 2019, AT 9:00 AM

A regular meeting of the Golf Advisory Committee (GAC) was convened by the Vice Chair, William L. Herrick, at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, July 12, 2019, in the Board Room at Gateway Complex.

Present, in addition to the Vice Chair, were Sara Buehrer, Mary Hufford, Michael D. Weener, Michael Weisenberg, Susan Williamson, and Kenneth Anderson, ex-officio member and GRF Board representative. John McDonnell, Chairman, was excused. Also attending were Robert D. Kelso, President, GRF; Timothy O’Keefe, CEO; Jeffrey P. Matheson, Director of Resident Services; Mark K. Heptig, Director of Golf; and Dickey Nitta, Chief Golf Course Marshal.

The report of the Committee’s regular meeting held on June 21, 2019, was approved as written.

The Vice Chair distributed Policy 201.2, Conflict of Interest, to the Committee members and requested that the completed forms be sent back to the GRF Board Office.

There was no Correspondence.

There were no Resident Forum speakers.

Mr. Anderson briefly described some of the golf related items on the upcoming GRF Board agenda.

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

Ms. Buehrer, representing the Women’s 9-Hole Club, reported that the Niners currently have 150 members, two associate members, and two more new members are being processed.

Mr. Weisenberg, representing the Rossmoor Men’s Golf Club (RMGC), reported that the Club has 3 new members, for a total of 350. A September 11 scramble is being scheduled to substitute for Guest Day. The Club is considering approaching the 18ers and 9ers about joining this event as it did on the Par-3 tournament. This will be confirmed next month, but the Club would like some input as to the interest by the women’s groups on this. However, the Club does not have the Event Center for a luncheon on that date. The Club has some difficulty with its Home and Home events where there are more guests from visiting clubs than members playing with carts. The Club was wondering if the Pro Shop could give a discount on cart fees, for this problem, when it occurs. It would be better to get some cart revenue than have to turn away players from other clubs because of lack of carts for these events. Many of the clubs look forward to playing at Rossmoor and feel disappointed that our Club has to limit their participation. The newspaper is planning to run a feature article about
the RMGC in the near future. The Club would like to see more variation of hole positions left and right in the greens, rather than always be in the center of the greens. The Club is wondering if it was always necessary to have a front, middle, and back sequence as it currently is. In order to make play more interesting, the sequence could vary as long as there are 6 red flags, 6 white flags, and 6 gold flags on the course at any given time. An idea was suggested that the Club have a drop area on the 14th hole over the bridge for any ball that goes into the penalty area or out of bounds. Questions arose about the areas of dormancy in the fairways. What is the cause of this, the types of grass, lack of water, or summer weather?

Ms. Williamson, representing the Happy Hackers, reported that the Club currently has 194 members. The July clinic will be held on July 17 and the scramble will be held on July 20.

Mr. Heptig presented the financial reports and his staff report, which are attached.

Mr. Heptig presented the Golf Course Superintendent’s report, which is attached.

Mr. Nitta reported that things are quiet on the golf course.

During Unfinished Business, Mr. Heptig indicated progress in controlling the parking of delivery vehicles near the entrance/exit driveway on Stanley Dollar Drive.

During New Business, the landscaping of a small piece of the Dollar Ranch hole #6 was a topic of conversation between the abutting mutual and Mr. Heptig. A review of Dollar Ranch 5th hole golf ball damage to mutual property is ongoing. Mr. Heptig discussed the golf related rate changes that he will be presenting to the GRF Board. The changes are all in an upward direction.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Committee will be held on Friday, August 9, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at Gateway Complex.

William L. Herrick, Vice Chair
Golf Advisory Committee

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