



# La Grande Country Club Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, January 18, 2023

**Board Members in Attendance:** Tiffany Sherman, Guy Weishaar, Bob Butler, Eric Yundt, Julie Hickerson, Mark Goss, Ron Arritola, Steve Wilcox (by phone), Charlene Counsell, and Joleen Moeller

**Others in Attendance:** Stuart Smart, Brent Austin, and Katy Budlong

The meeting was brought to order at

## **Meeting Minutes:**

- Bob Butler motioned for the November Board Meeting Minutes to be approved. Ron Arritola seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the Meeting Minutes were approved.

## **Finance Committee:**

- Adjustments to the budget need to be made, and the 2023 budgets will be submitted for approval at the next board meeting.
- The 2022 balance sheet and P&L look good for year-end.
- The Annual meeting will tentatively be held on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 6:00 pm, and the board will ask Mike Poe to present for the financials.

## **Greens Committee:**

- Brent has hours on all equipment to be updated when Steve Wilcox returns.
- The budget is completed unless any adjustments need to be made.
- The new mower will be delivered and paid for in full this spring.
- The new greens mower from John Deere has been ordered for 2024.
- Miller Tree Service provided a bid for the cable tree removal in the amount of \$5,000.
  - Bob Butler motioned to approve the bid and proceed with the tree removal. Guy Weishaar seconded the motion. All were in favor.

## **House Committee:**

- No meeting has been held for three months.
- Acoustic tiles are up, and Becky Collman is looking into redoing the golf prints on canvas to help with soundproofing.
- The painting of the back of the clubhouse is still on the schedule for 2023 and will be budgeted in.
- Four barstools will be brought back up for the bar top. New ones will eventually need to be ordered as they are getting old and uncomfortable.
  - The bar stools will be removed for tournaments and large events.
- It was mentioned that sodas are not being filled to the top, and staff retraining to ensure that they are filling them to the top needs to occur.

## **Membership Committee:**

- Tiffany Sherman and Julie Hickerson have been contacting members receiving paper statements to see if they want to switch to electronic statements. The number of paper statements has decreased from approximately 140 to 115.

## **ANNUAL MEETING AND VOTING:**

- The annual meeting will be held (tentatively) on April 26<sup>th</sup> and a nominating committee will need to be selected. Bob Butler and Eric Yundt volunteered to head up the nominating committee and will recruit two non-board members to be on the committee.

- The following board members' terms are up:
  - Bob Butler: Not returning
  - Eric Yundt: Not returning
  - Guy Weishaar: Running for another term.
- Nominated board members must be submitted to Katy by March 31<sup>st</sup> to be included in the April Divot.

**Policy and By-Laws Committee:**

- None

**Tournament Committee:**

- The 2023 Tournament List has been finalized.
- Demo Days still need to be determined
- The LG Amateur Tournament will be a two-day tournament instead of three days.
  - There is a discussion on introducing a Par 3 Challenge on Friday.
- Tournament Schedules and Forms will be updated and sent out via email, FB, and the LGCC website.
- Men's League will run for eleven straight weeks, with no Men's Nights.
  - This is due to the lack of daylight towards the end of the season with 72 players.
  - A handicap for senior members is being negotiated to give everyone a fair and competitive tournament.
- The Ladies Association will cook burgers for the LG Amateur; costs will be included in the entry fee.

**Ladies Association:**

- The Ladies are trying to determine if their annual fundraiser will return to the crab feed or continue as last year, with the prime rib dinner. The board supports either decision.
- A letter was drafted by the bridge players requesting a policy leniency regarding allowing subs only to play Bridge twice per year, as it is hard to find subs, and without a guarantee that they will play all month, they do not want to join as a social member.
  - The board agreed that they could not bend the policy for them without doing it for every tournament or event, and the policy would be enforced.

**NOTE:** Event rental prices were brought up, and it was suggested to re-evaluate them for an increase, as well as create an event drink price list with non-member pricing.

**Pro Report:**

- OTEC replaced the pole that caught on fire during the wind storm.
- Mike Becker will be putting in the telephone poles along the fence line.
- The new cart barn build will begin at the end of the month.

**Old Business:**

- Water rights – this is still being looked into.
- Insurance: The insurance agents have submitted requests to eleven companies, and all but two have declined coverage for various reasons.
  - There is a possible bid from Specialty Insurance Solutions for 30-35K, and Philadelphia is working on a quote.
  - Ron Arritola acquired the current replacement costs of the buildings and equipment, and it has been submitted to the insurance agents.

**New Business:**

- There is a potential member market for pickleball players, but the courts will need to be fixed, as they are unsuitable for proper play. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm