



La Grande Country Club Board Meeting Minutes August 17th, 2022

Board Members in Attendance: Tiffany Sherman, Guy Weishaar, Bob Butler, Eric Yundt, Julie Hickerson, Mark Goss, Ron Arritola, Steve Wilcox, Terry Hughes, Charlene Counsell, and Joleen Moeller

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

The meeting was brought to order at 6:00 pm

Meeting Minutes: Bob Butler moved to have the July Board Meeting Minutes approved. Guy Weishaar seconded the motion. All were in favor. The July Board Meeting Minutes were approved.

Old Business:

- New Member Orientation in the Policy Manual is currently not being followed:
 - **Indoctrination:** *Indoctrination for all new members shall be held within a month of joining. The President, Vice President, and Membership Committee chairpersons are responsible for the indoctrination of new members.*
 - It was suggested that only one orientation be held in the fall, but new members are not fully informed on LGCC and golf policies and etiquette.
 - Instead, it was suggested that an LGCC representative meet with each new member individually or in groups, and a new member handbook be created to give all new members rules, regulations, and relevant information.
 - Suggestions of information to go in the handbook from Board Members are to be sent to Katy to compile said handbook.
 - Ladies Association information to be included in the handbook.
 - Proper staff training on all information will need to be done as well.
- Liberty Mutual off old business.
- Ice Machines:
 - Scotts Heating: \$5,900 + \$400 freight.
 - Pepsi \$6,000 + freight.
 - Need a quote Josh Treat.
- Asphalt: Sealing will be completed September 12-14 for \$18,000.
 - Notification will need to be sent out to members.
 - Tiffany Sherman will confirm the days for sealing.

New Business:

- New Cart Shed Build:
 - Building 12 new cart sheds, in the same manner as the last ones, for \$55,800.
 - Members will purchase a cart shed for \$4,650 for an 11-year lease (\$35.23 per month).
 - Steve Wilcox moved that if eight sheds are able to be sold, then it is agreed to proceed with the build, and LGCC will cover the difference (\$18,600). Terry Hughes seconded the motion based on the quote.
 - An official bid will need to be submitted to the Board for the build. No other contractors are available for this project, so no additional bids will need to be made.
 - All were in favor, and the motion passed.
- Employee Appreciation Day will be Monday, August 22nd.
 - Help will be needed to cook. Steve and Bob offered to cook.
 - Stuart will get salads from Kathleen, and Katy will purchase food.
- Another quote for painting the back of the Clubhouse needs to be obtained.
 - Tiffany Sherman will reach out to We Paint La Grande.
- A new TV for upstairs needs to be purchased – a range of \$900 to \$1200 would be acceptable.

- Question regarding leftover Horse Race Money- it is held over or used to tip the staff.
- Member(s) were offended by notices that were sent out, the handicap letter, and the dress code letter as they felt they were directed at them. Caution will be taken with wording and formatting in the future.
- A Member/Golfer complained about Alan Keffer monitoring after-hour play, but his presence is important to make sure people are following the rules and handling themselves professionally on the course.
- Improper dress code for people watching golf was addressed. If they are not playing, do they need to adhere to dress code policies? If a non-golfer is riding in a cart, do they need to adhere to the dress code?
 - In the Policy Manual: *Dress Code: Members and guests shall wear appropriate golf attire at all times.*
 - It was agreed that spectators can wear non-golf attire.

Finance Committee:

- The mower payment arrangement will be finalized upon delivery. They may be partially financed.
- The money looks good.
- Food and beverage prices need to be evaluated and adjusted.
- A plan for a dues increase needs to be made.
 - M. Poes suggested a two-year proposal at the most due to inflation fluctuations, etc.
- Budgets for next year need to be thought about and completed as soon as possible.
- It was questioned why the land value did not change. Poe can address it better, but it is book value and not changed.

Greens Committee:

- The course is in great shape.
- Sanding has made a big difference.
- Mowers are still on schedule.
- Fall projects for the Member Work Day on October 15th
 - Installation of the new LGCC sign in between the #1 and forward tees on the bank
 - New sand in and reshape the #6 sand traps and move the old sand into the #2 traps
 - Install another French drain on the #2 fairway
 - Removal of two walnut trees, one on the right side of #2 and the right side of #3 (one removal and one dead top trim)
 - Open to other suggestions
- Bunkers are reshaped to redistribute soil, clean them up, and make them more playable.
- By 2024 a new greens mower will need to be purchased – and orders need to be placed now to secure one.
 - Approval was given to start looking.
- Rooftop ventilation:
 - The original plan will not work; a humidifier would be another fix.
 - Electrical improvements will need to be made first.

House Committee:

- Meetings will be held on the second Thursday at noon.
- Ciara commented that she is proud of her staff and they are doing a great job.
- The mirror above the fireplace was questioned, and removing and hanging a piece of art was suggested, possibly something that is sound absorbent. Possible Ladies fundraiser project?
- The deck rail and benches cause splinters and obscure the view. A cable rail system was suggested instead, as long as it is built to code. Ron Arritola will get a quote.

Membership Committee:

- It was suggested to move New Business to the end of the agenda, as many committee topics are covered there at the beginning of the meeting.

Policy and By-Laws Committee:

- No

Tournament Committee:

- The payout for the LG AM was good.
 - Two new members were acquired during the tournament.
 - Increasing tournament participation needs to be looked at for next year.
 - Address super senior group.
 - Possibly do away with the Friday portion.

Ladies Association:

- Burgers were made for the LG AM, and will be cooked for the Two Man Best Ball.
- Burritos were made Sunday and will be done again for the Two Man.
- The Ladies Stagette will be held on September 28th

Pro Report:

- Items were covered in new business.
- The Junior Program has been great and will end the year with Shave Ice and a pizza party.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm

Respectfully Submitted by

Katy Budlong
Secretary-Treasurer