

River Strand Golf Activities Committee
November 9, 2017 @ 3:30 pm

In attendance were committee members Pat Braeger, Lee Morris, Mike Pecora, Mattie Watson, Linda Lemon-Steiner, Diana Shollenberger, Randy Clark, Tom Schultz, Rob Hood, Jim Moline, and Mark Dunham. Also in attendance were Chuck Glasser, Anita Tierney, Jay Blackwell and Oscar Parks. There were 12 resident attendees.

Minutes from the meeting of 10/12/17 were approved as submitted.

Handicap Committee Overview

Tom Schultz explained the duties and responsibilities of the Handicap Committee and accompanied it with a handout. Communication and peer pressure are two primary tools that will be utilized in the encouragement of members to post timely and accurate scores. Procedural steps were outlined in the handling of complaints and violations of the system. The Compliance Committee may be involved if issues are not resolved and require additional review. Discussion with other clubs suggests this is rarely needed, as collegial intervention is quite successful.

Documenting Email Votes

Previously approved by email vote, the GAC agreed to continue offering reciprocal play with Heritage Oaks, through 11/17 since their course is still under reconstruction. They will offer River Strand golf members reciprocal golf once the course opens in late November through the end of the year.

Also approved by email vote by the GAC was the decision to host an FSGA Tournament on June 23-24, 2018. We are currently awaiting approval by the BOD and the Food and Beverage Director. Greens Committee will target having all 3 courses open during this time.

Update of Board Meeting of 11/6/17

Chuck Glasser advised the committee of the following BOD decisions:

- Golf cart GPS systems approved with a budget of \$65,000
- Walking fee of \$4.00 per round was defeated
- During November and December, Sanctuary residents can get tee times 2 days in advance of play and pay a guest fee; they may also use the practice facilities during this time frame
- Adjusting golf rates was tabled until GAC gives recommendations

High Season Golf Guidelines

- High Season Golf is noted as November 1 - April 30
- Motion to limit social members to 3 rounds per month is tabled until system is redesigned to provide accurate categories of players

- Social member able to make tee times up to 2 days prior to play date during high season was passed 8-3
- GAC is recommending that social members cannot use practice facilities during the months of January through March unless they have a tee time due to the heavy use of the practice facilities during those months; passed 9-2
- High Season Guidelines were approved as written 11-0; recommendation will be sent to BOD
- Unaccompanied guests will be handled by the Pro Shop on an individual basis; it is a rare occurrence; passed 11-0

2018 Golf Rates

- No “Unaccompanied Guest” rate
- Add “Big Summer Card” rate May - October; use same rates as 2017
- Member suggested to consolidate the spreadsheet into 4 sets of rates: January-March; April, November, & December; May & October; June - September
- Rates were approved 10-1, as written

Procedure for Outside Tournaments

Parameters were discussed regarding the GAC approval of outside tournament play. The following standards were added to draft from meeting of 10-12.

- 128 maximum participants
- one day event
- players are expected to abide by all golf course rules and regulations

This procedure was passed 11-0. If approved by the BOD, it will give GAC authority to approve golf events during low season. Food and Beverage Director will be included in decisions with Pro Shop and GAC chairperson when necessary.

Relationship of GAC and Leagues

Pat brought up policy of Icon that adds \$1.00 charge to cart fees during league play. This added fee is passed on to cart/bag service staff for that day. Previously, it had been subsidized by the club, due to the extraordinary number of participants, who did not tip the staff on the league days. This issue was decided to be a “league issue” and not an issue for GAC to offer recommendation for change.

Pat also requested feedback from GAC members regarding the relationship with leagues (Men’s, Ladies 18 & 9 Hole). GAC will not monitor the leagues, but transparency is needed. Budgets for each league should be posted on website. Further discussion on this topic will be held at the next GAC meeting.

Resident Comments

Steve Peroni: felt that Sanctuary residents should not be allowed to play since they are not members. He feels his membership has been reduced in value because of this decision.

Paul Martin: An investor with 8 properties. Thanked the GAC for the hard work. Feels that several tenants have been offended by rumors of potential decisions by the GAC and BOD. Believes that anything that “discriminates against even one is not good.

On a final note, it was discussed that perhaps the residents should be allowed to speak at the beginning of the meeting. GAC decided to try that at the next meeting. The process for this will be developed by the chair.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Schultz