

River Strand Golf Activities Committee
December 14, 2017 @ 3:30 pm

In attendance were committee members Pat Braeger, Lee Morris, Mike Pecora, Mattie Watson, Christine Veator (substitute for Linda Lemon Steiner), Diana Shollenberger, Randy Clark, Rob Hood, Jim Moline, and Mark Dunham. Also in attendance were Chuck Glasser, Jay Blackwell and Aaron Merritt. There were two additional Board members and one homeowner present.

Minutes from the meeting of 11/09/17 were approved as submitted.

There were no comments from homeowners.

Update on GAC proposals discussed at 12/4 Board meeting

2018 Golf Rates

The annual review of golf rates with the following changes were submitted to the Board

- Members pay .5423 of the 18-hole rate for 9 holes. All other 9-hole rates are .5 of the corresponding 18-hole rate (guests, social only members, outside public play, etc.). GAC recommended charging .5423 of the corresponding 18-hole rate for these other categories.
- River Strand social only members pay the guest rate for playing golf. Their guests also play at that rate. GAC recommended charging a higher rate for guests of River Strand social only members.
- Guests of reciprocal members pay the same rate as reciprocal members. GAC recommended charging a higher rate for guests of reciprocal members.

The Board rejected GAC's proposal 2 to 5. The current 2017 rates will be used for 2018.

Discussion ensued that when a club has high volume traffic on the course, it is the right time to initiate changes like this. GAC will have future discussion on this topic.

Outside Event Approval Process

GAC developed a set of guidelines that would allow GAC, the Head Pro and the Food & Beverage Manager to approve golf events requested by outside groups during low season (the months of May through October). Any event not meeting the guidelines would need Board approval. High quality outside events held during low season are a good source of income for the club and have been held at River Strand since the course opened. The purpose of the proposal was to speed up the approval process by not having to wait for an upcoming Board meeting for approval since many groups want a quick response.

The Board rejected GAC's proposal 2-5. The Board agreed to set up a one topic Board meeting to discuss any outing that needs a response before the next Board meeting.

High Season Golf Guidelines

GAC documented golf guidelines that the Pro Shop has been following during high season (November through April) and recommended a few changes. The Board unanimously approved the guidelines with the following amendments:

- GAC proposed prohibiting social only members without tee times from using the golf practice facilities during the months of January through March due to the high volume of use during those months. The Board amended the proposal to allow use of the practice facility by social only members without tee times after 3:00 during the months of January through March.

- GAC proposed prohibiting outside public play during high season. The Board agreed to prohibit outside public play during the months of January through March but amended the proposal to allow outside public play 24 hours in advance during the months of November, December and April.

These guidelines will be posted in the near future on the River Strand website.

Relationship of GAC and Golf Leagues

Each River Strand golf league now has a representative on GAC. Guidelines for communication requirements for the leagues and decision-making boundaries for leagues vs GAC were approved. It was agreed that in addition to the 18-hole men's and women's leagues, the 9-hole women's league and the men's and women's interclub leagues, the men's 9-hole league should be included in the guidelines.

GAC agreed that it needs to discuss guidelines for requests to form additional leagues. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

Gratuity Tipping Policy

At the December 4 Board meeting the addition of a \$1 tip for the outside golf staff being added to shotgun golf events was discussed. The Board has asked GAC to do an analysis of tips received by outside golf staff. Aaron mentioned that we are starting to lose good outside staff to other clubs due to the amount of tips they receive and the high pace of the job here at River Strand. Rob Hood and Lee Morris agreed to work on this topic and will present their findings at our next meeting.

Handicap Policy Proposal

The Handicap Subcommittee reviewed a draft of the policy that they have developed. One of the sections of the policy dealt with the type of handicap that would be required for tournament play. The committee agreed that this section should be deleted and be a part of the Tournament Subcommittee policies. The handicap policy, minus the section noted above, was unanimously approved by GAC. It will be published in the near future.

Tournament Subcommittee Update

The Tournament subcommittee gave an update on the items the subcommittee is discussing. They are: the type of handicap required for RS events, when a tournament score should be used, what the minimum age for a senior event should be, and if we should have a Junior championship.

Charity Event Tee Time Proposal

The Charity Event chair reviewed the latest proposal to auction off a reserved tee time. Their latest proposal auctions the reserved tee time by month. During the month of January, a silent auction will be held for a reserved February tee time. In February, for a reserved March tee time and in March, for a reserved April tee time. There will be a \$200 minimum bid. This will allow us to learn as we go. If there is not enough interest in the January silent auction or there are administrative issues or issues with tee times for other golfers, then adjustments can be made for the following month. GAC unanimously approved the proposal. It will go to the Board for final approval.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

Due to time constraints, GAC did not discuss this topic. The GAC chair will solicit topic ideas and get priorities from GAC members and bring the prioritized list to the next meeting for discussion and final prioritization.

Next meeting is January 11, 2018 at 3:00 – please note the earlier starting time.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Braeger – Golf Activities Committee Chair