

Golf Activities Committee

Agenda for 01/11 /2018 meeting

3:00 – Main Clubhouse Conference Room

- **Establish quorum** – Committee members attending were: Pat Braeger, Randy Clark, Mark Dunham, Chuck Glasser, Rob Hood, Linda Lemon-Steiner, Jim Moline, Lee Morris, Mike Pecora, Tom Schultz, Diana Shollenberger, and Mattie Watson.
- **Resident comments on current meeting discussion topics** – limited to 3 minutes per person. Concerns were expressed regarding the lack of financial discounts for junior golfers.
- **Approve minutes of previous meeting** Minutes of the December 14, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.
- **Approval of outside event – Golf Getaway Group Orlando** – Approval has been granted (by GAC and the Board) for a group outing April 18-20. Aaron will notify GAC if the event is scheduled and finalize the outing.
- **Publishing GAC approved proposals to RS residents prior to Board meeting** – Unanimous decision to publish all committee proposals that will be submitted to the Board to inform residents in a timely manner should they wish to attend the board meeting to voice their support or concerns.
- **Tippling policy update** – Aaron has been losing staff recently to other courses due to workload issues and a reduction in tip revenue. Compensation was determined to be the driving force in loss of personnel. Aaron shared with the committee that more rounds are being played but tip revenue has been decreasing as we have less public play. Aaron and Jay contacted 10 other clubs and concluded that our basic financial compensation was in line with all but one club that does not allow tipping but have a \$2.00 charge to every round for the cart staff. Aaron expressed the \$0.15 raise in the Florida minimum wage will help a little. Aaron will address the issue with members in an upcoming newsletter that will hopefully increase tipping. Concerns were expressed that transfer members do not receive newsletters. Additionally, Aaron will develop other options that could increase staff retention. He will review the options with GAC at our February meeting.

- **Junior golf guidelines and rates proposal** – Aaron provided the committee with the current policy regarding junior golfers and two additions he was recommending. The committee approved his proposals with modifications to the age limits. Aaron will rewrite the proposal to include the modifications and forward to Pat. These changes will be submitted to the Board for their approval.
- **Non-playing rider cart fee** – Aaron expressed there is no specific standard fee for a non-golfer cart rider. The committee expressed there should be a consistent fee but it should be nominal. Aaron will determine a fair fee to be implemented for consistency.
- **Review of prioritized future agenda topic list** – feedback from the committee was gathered by Pat to prioritize future agenda topics. Decision made were to combine “Review of golf rules and regulations” with “procedures for violations of golf course rules” and to combine “walker’s fees” and “transfer fees” under “review of golf fees.” Topics were adopted as prioritized. A subcommittee (Randy and Mike P.) was organized to begin looking at scorecard formats. The possibility of allowing private carts on the course was added to the future topics list.

It was announced the contract for adding GPS to our carts was expected to be finalized in the next few days with the actual GPS implementation to be made soon. It was recommended to Aaron to develop information for the members to be available just prior to the GPS rollout. We do not expect new carts until the fall. Concerns were expressed about current carts regarding battery issues, failing Velcro on the club covers, and poor brake locking. Aaron will check with the Club Car.

Aaron brought up an issue in the golf rules that state “no gym shorts” listed under proper golf attire and an issue with a member. It was suggested the club pro has the authority to determine when attire is inappropriate. This issue will be addressed when all rules are reviewed.

- **Review golf rates for transfer members per request of RS Board** – Pat will chair a subcommittee (Pat, Tom, Linda, Mike P., Mark) to work on this issue. Data has already been collected from other courses. Concerns were expressed this was a request from our Board to consider but the exact charge from the Board is unclear. Concerns were also expressed about the potential of Board changes with the upcoming election. Pat will seek direction from the Board before proceeding further.
- The meeting was adjourned at 4:56.

Respectfully submitted

Randy Clark – Minute Taker