

River Strand Golf and Country Club
Golf Greens Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: June 6, 2017

Time: 2-4 pm

Place: Main Clubhouse Conference Room

All Cell Phones Must Be Turned Off

1. Call to Order – meeting called to order at 2:00 PM
2. Establish Quorum – 7 committee members present and three participants by phone.
3. Approval of Minutes from May 1, 2017 – May 1 minutes approved as posted.
4. Open Forum for non-committee attendees – no input was provided.
5. Update from Renze Berg, Superintendent (Estimates on Bridge repairs, ISTRC results/progress, and aerification.

ISTRC – (core sample analysis of greens) waiting on report to arrive.

Bridge Repairs – painted bridge behind Tributary #4 as a test using deck treatment. Cost is approximately \$180 per 5 gallon. Bridge used about 15 gallons. Currently replacing rotten boards on bridges with pressure treated boards. Bridges are to be evaluated in the Reserve Study. Wait until results of the study before moving forward.

Aerification – on Tributary went well; working on Estuary at this time.

Bunkers – working on routine repairs and maintenance. Renze is adding 2 dozen more wide rakes. Discussed estimated cost of \$8,000 to renovate greenside bunker on Estuary #9; Renze to get updated estimate. This need had been brought up to Lennar. Looking at the possibility of adding this to Lennar negotiations.

Project Budget – Renze has a \$44,000 budget for projects. Recommended for the committee to develop a list of potential course updates/improvements with estimated costs to determine a priority list.

Cart Path Indicator Stakes – discussed the need to develop a consistent system for golfers to follow. Renze to develop.

Range Practice Mats – suggested looking into adding slots to existing mats that are designed for tees. Renze to check.

6. Delta Engineering reserve study update – preliminary report due to be received by the end of July with final report due 30 days later.

7. Forward tee placements and discuss new combo tees for men – Sam working with Renze and Corey to provide a set of temporary forward tees. Plan to change red tees to black and new forward tees to silver. Temporary tees will be trial basis to determine future need to build new permanent tees. Also discussed developing a new men's

combo set of tees at about 5,800-6,000 yards using white and green tees. Any changes would require new course rating and changes of scorecard.

8. Re-rating course – courses are traditionally rated every 10 years so we are due. Sam has been gathering required data to submit. Discussion of the possibility of rating the holes in 18 hole increments instead of each 9 individually. It was also suggested to add slashes to new scorecards for recording net scores.

9. Impact of public play on course – concerns were expressed with negative impact of public play including taking care of the course, coolers, etc. It is not clear at this time exactly how much revenue is generated by public play. Questioned whether we use GolfNow and was determined that we do.

10. GPS Project Update – Pat Braeger’s team is working on this project. It was pointed out that GPS is not just about yardage but also improves pace of play and control of where carts go.

11. What can we recommend doing to make our course better at minimal expense right now?

a. Rakes in or out of bunkers – the committee approved a policy that rakes should be placed in the bunker with the handle outside of the bunker. Discussed how best to advertise this to the golfers.

b. Adopt a hole program – promote to the membership, probably best time would be in-season.

c. Other ideas? It was suggested to convert the bunker in front of the tee on #8 Estuary to a waste bunker to speed play. Renze will get a cost estimate.

12. Closing Remarks

13. Adjourn Meeting at 3:34 PM
