

River Strand Golf and Country Club
Golf Greens Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: October 3, 2017

Time: 2-4 pm

Place: Main Clubhouse Conference Room

All Cell Phones Must Be Turned Off

Attendees:

Samara Paice

Tommy Clark

Russ Elliott

John Moscon

Renze Berg

Mike Brinales

Jack McCauley

Chuck Glasser

Approximately 6 residents also attended.

1. Call to Order – meeting called to order at 2:00 PM
2. Establish Quorum – 6 committee members present, Renze Berg, Superintendent, Chuck Glasser, Board Liaison.
3. Approval of Minutes from September 5, 2017 – minutes approved as posted.
4. Open Forum for non-committee attendees

Nina Bullard asked about the golf maintenance crew and the hours they work on the course on behalf of Terrace 4. The terrace sits on Sanctuary 5 and 6 and residents are complaining that the pre-dawn lights from the machinery is bothersome.

Renze Berg explained that work starts at 5:30 every day. The work on the 3 courses is rotated so the same homeowners aren't impacted early all the time. In addition, the

courses are under aerification currently and the 2 week rotations mean residents are seeing early morning work more frequently as one of the courses is closed. In addition, the crew tries to get the course ready on league days, Tuesday and Wednesday which may impact the hours of operation.

Apologies were offered. Suggestion made to try blackout curtains.

Matt DeFano stated our greens are in lesser than normal conditions for this time of year.

Renze Berg explained that the aggressive aerification procedures used this summer impacted the recovery of the greens.

It was suggested Sanctuary opened too early and should have remained closed until it had healed more. Renze stated he reopened due to the pressure of opening on time to prepare for the seasonal residents.

He also stated that the cooler weather will tighten the turf and we should be seeing changes shortly.

There was discussion over summer maintenance vs. 12 month maintenance. Why do the full-time residents have to pay the price in the summer months? Perhaps a 12 month maintenance program would be better suited to our courses.

A suggestion was made to close 9, do 2 rounds of aerification, wait for it to heal then reopen and do the same on the next 2 courses. That way we always have 2 courses in good condition vs. 3 that have been through aerification but are played to keep the course open.

It was agreed future aerification procedures will be on a future agenda.

5. Update from Renze Berg, Superintendent

Estuary will open and Sanctuary will close on the October 9th.

The crew is pulling stumps from the fallen trees due to the hurricane.

Estuary 8 waste area is done. There was enough sand to add to Estuary 4 as well. Rakes will be pulled and signage to prevent carts from driving through.

6. Update on 8 Estuary conversion and DryJect

8 Estuary covered above in Renze's update.

Dryject dates are 11/13-11/15.

7. 2018 Special Projects Budget Re-Prioritization Results

Bridge repair as deemed necessary

Estuary 9 bunker – Convert to Better Billy Bunker

Address Tributary 8 fairway bunker

Storm Shelters – 1 on each 9

Rakes and sand buckets are not special projects

Landscaping behind clubhouse – still some question as to why the golf crew is doing this and not Truscapes

There was additional discussion about the Better Billy Bunkers. Heritage Oaks just completed their renovations for approximately 2.1M. This was everything included Better Billy Bunkers.

Founders converted to BBB's and Sara Bay will be putting them in summer 2018.

The man hours on bunkers is approximately 2 guys and 3 hours every day plus the cost of sand.

8. Update on Reserve Study

The first draft was sent back for corrections.

The second draft has separated golf and social. Sam has a copy of the second draft but was dissatisfied with the report. There are no square footage estimates in the report, the number of bridges were incorrect. They took a dollar estimate provided by Renze and applied it across all 3 courses.

Tim Curran suggested we need the square footage figures and Renze agreed to provide these by Monday, October 9th.

There was additional discussion regarding the reserve study as it seems we spent a lot of money as a community for a product that did not concentrate on the golf course.

9. Closing Remarks

We should start pulling together an RFP for a course architect for the future renovations. Renze can provide a few contacts. Sam asked for volunteers to help pull this together. John Moscon volunteered to help.

The forward tees are being used. Red blocks will be made black. Gold tees moved to where red used to be. Can the forward tees be leveled as many are uneven? Renze agreed to give them a look and see what could be done.

The drop zones on Sanc 4 and Est 5 will be moved so we have a dedicated silver tee box for each instead of sharing with the drop zone.

Driving range will be done next week.

Meeting adjourned 3:30 pm.

Approved November 7, 2017
