

Riverbend Golf Club Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting - Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2025

The BOD meeting was called to order at 3:01 pm by Joseph Anania, Secretary.

Present: Kevin Kennelley, John Melson, Ken Kotansky, Bill Barry, Joseph J Anania, Jr., Rosalie Deitz and MaryAnn Devine.

Joseph Anania, Secretary confirmed the meeting was properly warned and a quorum was present.

Minutes Approval: A motion was made to accept the minutes of November 18, 2024, Golf Board meeting. This motion was made by John Melson and seconded by Bill Barry. The minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

President's Report (Kevin Kennelley) – The golf season is in full swing. Your Golf Board is focused on developing work plans and a budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. This plan will be finalized in February and discussed at the Annual meeting in March of 2025. Some items we have already identified for next year include a new lightning alarm system for the Golf Course/Riverbend club house and a phased-in replacement of our sprinkler system on the course.

I am pleased to report to you at this time that we have only a couple of golf memberships left to be filled. The addition of new members is a big enabler for us to improve our course while maintaining strict financial discipline. I'd like to recognize and thank Rosalie Deitz as our Membership Chairperson for her leadership and hard work that has enabled such a successful outcome.

I encourage all our members to visit the Riverbend Golf website at www.riverbendgolffl.com. This website empowers us to become more socially visible as a club, to attract new members and to provide us all with information that is relevant.

Treasurer's Report (John Melson) - The financial statements for December 2024, the ninth month of our fiscal year, reflect a net profit of \$68,757. This is primarily due to greater than budgeted Membership Sales and less than budgeted Shared Expenses with the Condo Association. To date, October quarterly maintenance fees have been paid by all but 10 of the membership. Nine of these accounts are in collections. Payment is expected from two members by the end of January. The Golf Club has total cash on hand of \$494,472 on December 31, 2024.

Current membership statistics:

		Statistics		
Members		Current	YTD	Prior YTD
	18 holes	844	6216	6332
	9 holes	503	4033	3709
Guest				
	18 holes	98	985	1059
	9 holes	59	492	431
Total	18 holes	942	7201	7391
	9 holes	562	4525	4140

Total Membership numbers to date are:

RB 311

NP 41

FM 121

Full Memberships remaining to be sold: 2

Greens Committee Report (Bill Barry)- We are experiencing the coldest January in a decade. Cooler weather is forecasted to extend into February with some very chilly nights. The reduced sunlight, persistent cloud cover, and plunging temperatures is not healthy for our 50-year-old Bermuda grass. It really challenges growing conditions. The weed population is thriving under these adverse growing conditions and without competition from vigorously growing Bermuda grass the weeds are becoming more abundant and noticeable. To manage this, herbicides will be applied to all the Roughs while the Bermuda grass approaches dormancy. This may cause the grass to take on a yellowish-brown hue temporarily, but it will gradually return to its usual green color as temperatures rise over the coming months. Greens, Tees, Collars, Approaches and Fairways will routinely receive extra fertilizer to help retain its green color and health through this unseasonably cold winter.

To help protect our Bermuda grass, we ask that members and guests stay on the cart paths whenever possible. When entering and exiting the turf, please follow the 90-degree rule to minimize damage. Be sure to avoid roped-off areas and remember to refill any divots with the provided green sand. For disabled cart drivers, please stay off slopes.

Understandably, we're getting a lot more activity at the practice facility, especially the chipping area. You're encouraged to vary your location to help improve your game and prevent excessive wear in the same spots. The entire facility includes approximately 2,500 square feet of new chipping area, providing ample space for practice. Please remember to fill & smooth your divots.

Golf Course Landscape (Rosalie Deitz) – nothing to report

Pro Shop Report (Rosalie Deitz) - We are now requesting that all members and guests playing golf or getting a bucket of balls come into the pro shop and check in where you will receive a chit that can be given to the cart staff or ranger. When you check in you will also receive any

instructions on play, such as cart path only etc. Please take advantage of booking your tee times online for non-league play. The pro shop is being re-stocked with shirts, hats, gloves and balls. All inventory will be out by the end of January.

Ranger Report (Rosalie Deitz) - Thursday, January 23, at 4pm, a Ranger meeting was held at the Club House where new policies and pertinent information were provided to all our rangers. On January 7, 2025, Larry Magar informed to the golf board that "It is time for me to spend the rest of my retirement with my family". We will surely miss his presence and thank him for his many years of dedication to his ranger duties.

Documents Committee (Ken Kotansky) - We continue to make good progress with our goal of being more socially visible to Riverbend members while attracting new members. Members, via a password (par64), can easily view our webpage bulletin board for updates on events like today's meeting announcement, last week's Italian scramble, or how to apply for the next term board. The website buildout is now on our club history so that information about the people and events of the past 50 years of Riverbend will forever be at your fingertips. I would encourage any member who feels they have information about our history or simply something that would be interesting, to reach out to me directly.

We have learned that Facebook can be a great tool for members and non-members to see what is happening in real time, compared to the website which is great for more static information. We officially launched Facebook to the members on January 7 and are quickly approaching 100 followers. These entries captured a Hole in One by Jack Bennett, and a near ace by Phil Duffy. Just recently we posted photos of our two standing club champions, Ed Miller and Linda Barry, along with reference to our club champions dating back to early 90's. We should have a lot of good content for upcoming tournaments. We are now evaluating Facebook advertising to aid us in finding new potential summer members. Additionally, over the next 60 days we will be complementing our Facebook content with another social platform called Instagram.

In anticipation of our annual meeting, we will be reviewing and reconciling the language that makes up our bylaws with rules and regulations to make sure any inconsistencies are corrected.

Membership/Marketing/Summer Program (Rosalie Deitz) - As we approach our full memberships for outside members (164 as our by-laws state), a wait list will be put in place. From this list, applicants will be considered for acceptance on a first come first served basis. We continue to receive robust of inquiries pertaining to our Full and Summer Program memberships. Since November 1, 2024, a number of Full Members have enrolled: 6 were members from our 2024 Summer Program; 1 from Turtle CC (referral); 4 from referrals from present members; and 1 from an inquiry received via our website. Two Summer Program inquiries were processed with information and applications being sent out.

May 1st

This year's Summer Program will begin on May 5th and end on October 31st. Working in conjunction with Ken Kotansky and Lorraine Doyle, the 2025 Summer Program information and enrollment capabilities is ready and awaits the approval of the Board of Directors.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business –Noe

Comments from the Membership – Ray Bushnell praised the work of the board, and the efforts put in by Jeff and John. Sean Flynn provided additional names to the petition submitted at the last meeting by John Flynn referring to fountain repairs. The board responded by stating that this is being taken into consideration as part of the 2025/2026 budget session.

The Meeting adjourned at 3:43pm

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph J Anania, Jr.
Secretary