

Riverbend Golf Club Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting - Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2024

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 the October 14, 2024, Golf Board meeting. This motion was made by Rosalie Deitz and seconded by Ken Kotansky. The minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

President's Report (Kevin Kennelley) - We had a couple of acts of vandalism on the golf course in the past couple of weeks in which ropes on our fairways appear to have been intentionally cut. Ropes on the golf course are there to protect the wet, low-lying turf and an area roped off should not be driven on. If you observe any incidents of vandalism, please report them to the Pro Shop immediately.

The fall was exceptionally wet and there have been areas roped off for some time. Once the turf recovers and overseeding is complete our Golf Superintendent and grounds crew will endeavor to remove the ropes from these fairway locations, where possible.

The Golf Board wants all members to have an enjoyable and safe golfing experience so please take a bit of time as the season gets started to review the golf rules and regulations posted on our new webpage. If there is an incident or accident that happens on Golf Course Property, the involved parties need to contact the Pro Shop immediately so that they can respond and render assistance. This is extremely important for the health and safety of our membership.

Treasurer's Report (John Melson) - The financial statement for October 2024 reflects a net profit of \$13,433. October quarterly maintenance fees have been paid by all but 31 of the membership. Eight of these accounts are in collections. Approximately six of these members made golf payments to the Condo Assoc's bank in error. We have been in contact with the association to return the funds.

Discussions took place to amend the number of directors having signatory authority over our banking accounts. With the onset of electronic banking the need for manual checks is limited. A motion was made to limit the director's signatory authority to only officers. John Melson initiated the motion, which was seconded by Joseph Anania. All directors were in favor of this change.

Current membership statistics:

Members	Statistics		
	Current	YTD	Prior YTD
18 holes	552	4438	4544
9 holes	267	2962	2788
Guest			
18 holes	70	791	856
9 holes	35	378	3542

Total Membership numbers to date are:

RB 311

NP 41

FM 113 (Francisco, Goodwin, Sorge, Nicolaisen and Cramer joined) AS 5

Full Memberships remaining to be sold: 10

Greens Committee Report (Bill Barry)- The Season has begun and it's nice to see so many friendly faces back at Riverbend. Jeff Heward and his crew have the Golf Course in excellent shape. All planned projects have been completed, the turf is in prime condition and our new chipping green is getting lots of use. New course hardware has been installed; flags, flag sticks, and cups. Plastic cup liners have been replaced by Hole-in-White paint and we're moving pin positions 4 times per week.

Greater participation in filling our divots would be appreciated, especially at the new Chipping Green Facility and the Driving range.

Golf Course Landscape (Rosalie Deitz) – nothing to report

Pro Shop Report (Rosalie Deitz) - John Bolton has given guidance to all seasonal league chairpersons. Adhering to reminders, members are checking in the clubhouse for golf, range balls, and on tournament days. Members are filling out the Golf Club Storage Agreement forms at a slow rate.

The ball washer had a small electrical fire and will be replaced. The replacement is estimated to be approximately \$1300. We are also in need of replacement shoe cleaners at the range area on the east and west side of the Halfway House. A new printer scanner has been purchased plus a new and larger information bulletin board, which will be placed outside of the pro shop.

Jeff Heward celebrated his 2nd anniversary here at Riverbend Golf Club in September and he and his crew have been very busy bringing the facilities back from the wet fall. The Pro-shop is looking to fill a vacancy for additional staff member.

Lastly, Pro Shop merchandise of Foot Joy men's shirts, men's and ladies' shoes, socks, glove fill have arrived. Ladies apparel is expected to arrive this coming week, and hats and towels have been ordered.

Ranger Report (Rosalie Deitz) - On November 12th, Rangers were invited to a meeting in which they were each given a packet consisting of procedures and rules that the rangers could use as a guide to perform their duties. All 16 volunteers of our Ranger team attended (Snacks and various beverages were provided). The cart staff is fairly staffed at this time, but we will be seeking an additional person in January.

Documents Committee (Ken Kotansky) - Over the next 60 days we will begin to upload Riverbend history onto the website. By using the password par64, historical facts like past presidents, past golf champions, hole in ones, and past people memorable to our club, like Gardner Dickinson our first golf director, will be available for all members to read. We are also now reviewing how we can streamline application processing for our summer member program. It is currently a manual process. Implementing a capability to allow a summer member to submit their application with payment will potentially eliminate much of the manual processing effort on our side and immediately capture a new summer member.

Membership/Marketing/Summer Program (Rosalie Deitz) - We are continuing to receive calls for membership. The new webpage will be the source for summer membership inquiry and registration in time for the 2025 summer season.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – It is that time of year when the nominating committee needs to be reconstituted. John Melson moved the question and appointed Rosalie Deitz as the chairman of the nominating committee. MaryAnne Devine seconded the motion. All directors voted in favor of the appointment.

Comments from the Membership – John Flynn, Lakewood A raised a question about the repair of the fountains within the lakes on the 12th and 17th holes. A discussion was held to address both esthetics vs need. Costs associated with each fountain can approach \$5,000. This will be taken into consideration as we approach the 2025 budget session.

The Meeting adjourned at 3:11pm

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph J Anania, Jr.
Secretary