

Riverbend Golf Club Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting - Meeting Minutes
February 17, 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 is present.

Minutes Approval: Rosalie Deitz motioned to accept the minutes of January 27, 2025, Golf Board meeting. This motion was seconded by Mary Ann Devine. The minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

President's Report (Kevin Kennelley) – Your Golf Board has been focused on developing work plans and the budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. The 2025-2026 budget will be approved as part of this February board meeting, and we will present the full budget at the Annual meeting in March. Kevin reported we have only a couple of golf memberships left to be filled. The addition of new members is a positive contribution towards improving our course, while maintaining strict financial discipline.

Kevin recognized and thanks Rosalie Deitz, our Membership Chairperson, for her leadership and hard work that has enabled such a successful membership drive. Further both Bill Barry and Jeff Heward were recognized for the exceptional planning and work performed on our fairways and greens through this difficult winter.

The board encourages all our members to visit the Riverbend Golf website that is available on both your laptop/computer or phone at www.riverbendgolffl.com. This website is an enabler for us to become more socially visible as a club, to attract new members and to provide us all with the ability to find information that is relevant so please visit the site frequently.

Treasurer's Report (John Melson) - The financial statement for January 2025, which is the tenth month of our fiscal year, reflects a gain of \$122,302. The Golf Club had total cash on hand of \$748,107 on January 31, 2025. This is primarily due to greater than budgeted Membership Sales and less than budgeted shared expenses with the Condo Association. To date, January quarterly maintenance fees have been paid by all but 27 of the membership. Six of these

accounts are in collections. Payment is expected from two collection account members by the end of February.

Current membership statistics as of the end of January:

		Statistics		
Members		Current	YTD	Prior YTD
	18 holes	1153	7369	7602
	9 holes	735	4768	4406
Guest				
	18 holes	164	1112	1224
	9 holes	63	555	521
Total	18 holes	1317	8481	8826
	9 holes	798	5323	4927

Total Membership numbers to date are:

RB 311

NP 41

FM 121

Full Memberships remaining to be sold: 2

Greens Committee Report (Bill Barry)- Jeff Heward, Our Golf Course Superintendent, and his team have the course in excellent shape. All the scheduled maintenance during the Summer months is paying off this Winter. The West end driving range is seeing lots of activity. The membership for the most part is following the divot patterns and repairing their divots.

We recently had a ruptured pipe on the 7th green bunker, that we were able to catch before significant damage was done. A temporary fix was done and this Summer we'll proceed with a permanent solution. We have a similar issue on hole 12 that will be remediated this summer. With our aging infrastructure, exposed irrigation pipes in bunkers near our green surfaces will all have to eventually be relocated. As part of our remediation plans, parts have been ordered to repair/replace water feature on hole 12.

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. Handicap designated cart drivers, please stay off slopes and areas marked "No Carts." Also, a reminder, keep all 4 wheels on the cart path and Par 3's are cart path only.

Golf Course Landscape (Rosalie Deitz) – nothing to report

Pro Shop Report (John Melson)- The Pro Shop is adapting to changes as Cindy leaves Riverbend to go into full retirement and Leo has left us from the cart barn to pursue his career in construction. We are happy to announce Kevin Ohrn has joined Riverbend Pro shop as an Assistant to the Pro. Please stop in and introduce yourself to Kevin and welcome him on the

team.

The scheduled Vegas Tournament has a good turnout with 92 players participating. The member/guest tournaments are scheduled for Ladies on Feb. 27, and the men on March 1. Club Championship qualifying is under way. The Club Championship will be held on March 20.

The Pro Shop has new inventory, including Golf Shoes.

Ranger Report (Rosalie Deitz) – no ranger report.

Documents Committee (Ken Kotansky) - We continue to make good progress with our goal towards being socially visible to Riverbend members. Along with Facebook, we have just started to implement Instagram.

We will begin to utilize these social outlets to promote our club to summer members. To date, we have received information requests from approximately 40 new potential members. Beginning in March, we will be advertising on Facebook and are anxious to see how this new advertising opportunity plays out for us.

The website buildout is now focusing on our club history so that information about the people and events of the past 50 years of Riverbend will be available to the membership. Any member who feels they have information about our history or have other information (such as photos, programs, newsletters, etc., that would be of a historical nature), please reach out to Ken Kotansky or Mary Ann Devine directly.

Lastly, we have been busy reconciling and clarifying the language regarding our golf rules and regulations. These will be presented during our Annual Meeting and have been included in the year-end meeting packet.

Membership/Marketing/Summer Program (Rosalie Deitz) - Inquiries continue to be numerous pertaining to the Full and Summer Program memberships. With Lorraine Doyle and Ken Kotansky working with us, the capability to obtain information and application via our website for the Summer Program will soon be available. Our anticipated launch date will be sometime the first week in March. This year's Summer Program will begin May 31st and end on October 1st. In addition to using the website and Facebook, advertising in the "Living Magazine", which reaches local residents in Hobe Sound, Tequesta, Jupiter and Palm Beach Gardens area. A new banner being placed on our white metal fence announcing our Summer Program. Past members that will be sent information and applications via email. Current marketing tools to be used to inform potential members to this year's 2025 Summer Program.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business

– **2025-2026 Budget.** John Melson presented the 2025-2026 Riverbend Golf Club budget for review and approval. The budget reflects a 3.4% increase in Quarterly Maintenance Fees over last year's budget if paid by check or with credit card. There will be a less than 1% net increase in Quarterly Maintenance Fees if members use ACH or the Payment Portal. Expenses are projected to increase 4% primarily due to multiple special projects needed this year such as replacing the lightning warning system, the irrigation control system and exposed irrigation pipes. At the conclusion of discussion Bill Barry motioned to approve the 2025-2026 budget as presented. Ken Kotansky seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the budget as presented.

-Nominations for Board positions. Rosalie Deitz presented three candidates to fill the two board positions for election. Both positions are Riverbend designated positions.

-Pond remediation at Hole 1. Keven Kennelly addressed the concern with the potential of overflow resulting from the remediation of the pond wall at Hole 1. His concern centers around the proximity of certain electrical transformers within a possible water overflow area. This matter was brought to the Condominium Association as an item for further review.

Comments from the Membership –Sean Flynn thanked the board for its attention given to repairing/replacing the water feature on hole 12.

The Meeting adjourned at 3:25pm

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph J Anania, Jr.
Secretary