

Riverbend Golf Club Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting - Meeting Minutes
Monday-May 22, 2023

The BOD meeting was called to order at **3:01** pm by President Kevin Kennelley.

Laurie Zabel, Secretary, Pro Tempore, confirmed the meeting was properly warned and we had a quorum present.

Present: Kevin Kennelley, Rosalie Deitz, John Melson, Ken Kotansky, Bill Barry, Chuck Howard (Board of Directors) and Laurie Zabel (Secretary Pro Tempore). Absent: Liz Haney

Minutes Approval: The minutes of the April 17, 2023, meeting were approved as submitted.

President's Report:

- The Riverbend Golf Course 50th Anniversary party was held on April 21st at the Clubhouse. There was a brief history of the golf course. This was a great event, and I would like to thank Cristin Weber and her committee for all the hard work and planning that they did for the event.
- Our Superintendent, Jeff and his crew have been hard at work on the summer improvement plans.
- Financially the club is in good shape and John Melson, our Treasurer, will provide more information on this.
- Our Summer golfers' program is in full swing. We continue to sign up Summer members.
- We have also had success in increasing our Full Memberships.
- All our members should have received a letter in the mail pertaining to the changes to our rules regarding children on the golf course. Revisions were made to help address issues we have had on the course and to help provide more clarity to our golf membership what is and is not permitted with children under the age of 16 on the golf course and driving range.

Treasurer:

- The most current financials are from March of 2023 which was the end of our Fiscal Year. We had a surplus for the year of \$8693.00. The golf course had total cash on hand of \$598,322 on March 31, 2023.
- To date the quarterly maintenance fees have been paid by all but 3 members, 1 account is in foreclosure and payment is expected on the other 2.
- Our play for the year was up approximately 10% year over year.
- Our revenues were over budget and our expenses were higher than expected. Specifically with regards to fuel, petroleum, chemicals, fertilizers, and insecticides.

Greens Committee:

- We are ahead on the 17th hole cart path project.
- The project on hole #9 is completed. The sod has been put down and the cart path has been moved to the left.
- The remainder of the summer will be used to complete the projects discussed in our last meeting.

Pro-Shop:

- The weather has been great for the last month. Our rounds have taken a slight dip, but this is due to pushing back the start date for the Summer Membership.
- We are now only open on Mondays for members with a walking pass or a personal cart.
- We will continue with all leagues, except for the Monday league and the ladies Saturday league, throughout the summer. If there are any Summer Members interested in getting integrated into any of these leagues, please see Michael in the Pro Shop.
- We have three reciprocal courses this year, Sand Hill Crane, Miles Grant Country Club and Little Club. Please see the Pro Shop if you are interested in playing any of these courses to set up tee times.
- We continue to stress the importance of cart safety to all of our members.

Landscaping:

- Nothing to report.

Membership/Marketing/Summer Membership

- To date the total membership numbers are as follows.
 - RB – 311
 - NP – 42
 - FM – 110
 - AS – 5
 - SM – 87 (40 Single, 47 Family memberships. There are 6 applicants for processing)
 - We are confident that with our advertising and banner we will reach our goal of 100 by mid-July.
- There are 12 Full Memberships available.

Rangers Report:

- The Rangers would like to welcome Donna Best, Barbara Caldwell, Charlene Porter, Chris Redman, Jo and Leo Steel. We have 15 local Rangers and are in a good place to manage summer play.
- The focus will be on covering the course on the weekends and evening play between 5:00 and 7:00pm.
- There are currently no incidents to report.
- Larry Magar will continue to manage the schedule. In Ken's absence over the summer Chuck will be available to assist with anything needed.

Historian Committee:

- Jonathan Kantor is the first member of our Historian Committee. He has played a significant role in gathering photos to document our 50 years of success. With his expertise we are hopeful to develop specific methods to capture Riverbend History.

Documentation Report:

- Today begins our new rules regarding children.

New Business:

- MOTION: Bill Barry made the following motion: **To prohibit single riders in Riverbend carts when playing as twosomes and foursomes.** Chuck Howard seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
 - Discussion:
 - If there is a threesome playing of course the single rider in this group will not be required to pay the 2-person cart fee. This motion pertains to foursomes and twosomes.
 - There are instances where a member takes a cart to the Driving Range and then just joins his/her foursome without returning the cart and joining another member of their foursome. The Rangers could enforce this policy.
 - During the open member discussion on this topic, it was brought up about someone out playing and they are unsure if they will be able to complete their round due to the heat so they ask for their own cart. In this instance the member can call into the Pro shop and they will send out a Ranger or someone to pick them up and bring them in.
 - We will not require a Riverbend member to pair up with another member who owns a personal cart.
 - This rule change will be mailed out to all of the membership.
- MOTION: Chuck Howard made the motion: **Change our current lightning alert system, which is opposite all the other lightning alarms in the surrounding area, to 1 long blast to clear the course when lightning is in the area and 3 short blasts when it is clear to return to the course.** Bill Barry seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
 - Discussion:
 - This would be changed after further approval from the Condo Board as this impacts the pool and tennis/pickle ball courts as well.
 - We will need to get new scorecards as well.
 - A suggestion was made to utilize the alert system lightning when Jeff has the course closed for specific maintenance. This can be looked into, but the club did just purchase new signs that will be used at the entrance to the course to notify members that the course is closed.

Membership Comments and Questions: (Members have 3 minutes, per question, per person to discuss their topic.)

- Scott Street, Merion G – I would like to commend Jeff and the Board for all of the great changes to the course, and also the Ranger program. I have been coming down to Riverbend for over 30 years and the Ranger program used to be the Security people, having the Rangers program we have now is a great improvement. I am noticing that people are not replacing their divots on the tee boxes. Some members are confused about whether or not they are supposed to replace divots on the tee boxes, as over a year ago there was a period of time when we were instructed not to replace them.
 - Michael was asked to remind all members about replacing their divots on the tee boxes in his next email to the membership and also make an announcement to the leagues.

- Bob Gottheld - Why do we feel it is necessary to charge a 6 year old for a walking pass?
 - Every person walking and playing golf on the course is required to have a walking pass. If the child is unable to play 9 or 18 holes, there is the option to take them to the driving range. ‘
- Bob Gottheld – Both the tees and the greens have lots of weeds, what is being done about this?
 - Over the next three weeks we will be “bombing” all of the tees and greens. You will see them turn brown after this occurs. We have also been spot spraying.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:48 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth M. Haney
Secretary